
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 30, 2019

Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

Select Area Fisheries

The following fisheries were adopted by Compact action in concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters and by the state of Oregon or Washington in state waters:

Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 70)

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods:	7 PM Tuesday August 6	to	7 AM Thursday August 8	(36 hours)
	7 PM Tuesday August 13	to	7 AM Thursday August 15	(36 hours)
	7 PM Tuesday August 20	to	7 AM Thursday August 22	(36 hours)
	7 PM Monday August 26	to	7 AM Tuesday August 27	(1 night)
	7 PM Wednesday August 28	to	7 AM Thursday August 29	(1 night)
	7 PM Monday September 2	to	Noon Thursday October 31	(58 days)

Area: The Youngs Bay Select Area is defined as waters of Youngs Bay and Youngs River southeasterly of the Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the regulatory marker(s) at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers, including the Walluski River downstream of the Highway 202 Bridge, and the Lewis and Clark River north (downstream) of the overhead power lines approximately 500 feet south (upstream) of Barrett Slough:

During the fall season, Youngs River upstream of the regulatory marker at Battle Creek Slough is closed. If the marker at Battle Creek Slough is not in place, the boundary is defined by a line projecting northeasterly from a point (46°6'35.6"N latitude 123°47'42.0"W longitude) on the southern bank of Youngs River immediately downstream of the mouth of Battle Creek Slough to a point (46°6'41.6"N latitude 123°47'36.9"W longitude) located on the northern bank of Youngs River.

Gear: Gillnets with a maximum mesh size restriction of 9¾-inch through August 22, and a 6-inch maximum thereafter.

Maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline may not exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed between markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough, in the lower Walluski River from the first dock near the mouth upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge, and in the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead power lines approximately 500 feet southerly (upstream) of Barrett Slough.

A red cork must be placed on the corkline every 25 fathoms as measured from the first mesh of the net. Red corks at 25-fathom intervals must be in color contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.

See additional Gear Regulations, Allowable Sales, and Reporting Rules on page 5.

Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 71)

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods:	7 PM Monday August 26	to	7 AM Tuesday August 27	(1 night)
	7 PM Wednesday August 28	to	7 AM Thursday August 29	(1 night)
	7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following week:			
	Monday September 2 - Friday September 6			(4 nights)
	4 PM to 10 AM (18 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:			
	Monday September 9 - Friday September 13			(4 nights)
	Monday September 16 - Friday September 20			(4 nights)
	Monday September 23 - Friday September 27			(4 nights)
	Monday September 30 - Friday October 4			(4 nights)
	Monday October 7 - Friday October 11			(4 nights)
	Monday October 14 - Friday October 18			(4 nights)
	Monday October 21 - Friday October 25			(4 nights)

Areas: The Tongue Point Select Area is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Tongue Point (midway between the red USCG light "2" at the tip of Tongue Point and the northern-most pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility) to the flashing green USCG light "3" on the rock jetty at the northwest tip of Mott Island, a line from a regulatory marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the northwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker located on the Oregon shore approximately 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island.

(i) If the marker on the eastern shore of Tongue Point is not in place, the downstream boundary is defined by a line projecting from a point (46°12'31.1"N latitude 123°45'34.0"W longitude) on the eastern shore of Tongue Point to the flashing green USCG light "3" on the rock jetty at the northwest tip of Mott Island.

(ii) If the marker on the Oregon shore is not in place, the upstream boundary is defined by a line projecting from a point (46°10'57.7"N latitude 123°44'35.3"W longitude) on the Oregon shore approximately 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on Lois Island.

The South Channel Area is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the Oregon shore at John Day Point projecting northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker on Settler Point projecting northwesterly to the flashing red USCG light "10" then projecting westerly to the eastern tip of Burnside Island.

Gear: Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net length of 250 fathoms.

In the Tongue Point Select Area, the lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom; however, unstored gillnets legal for use in South Channel may be onboard.

In the South Channel Select Area, there is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight and anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.

See additional Gear Regulations, Allowable Sales, and Reporting Rules on page 5.

Blind Slough (Zone 74) and Knappa Slough (Zone 73) Commercial Fisheries

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods:	7 PM Monday August 26	to	7 AM Tuesday August 27	(1 night)
	7 PM Wednesday August 28	to	7 AM Thursday August 29	(1 night)
	7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following week:			
	Monday September 2 - Friday September 6			(4 nights)
	6 PM to 10 AM (16 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:			
	Monday September 9 - Friday September 13			(4 nights)
	Monday September 16 - Friday September 20			(4 nights)
	Monday September 23 - Friday September 27			(4 nights)
	Monday September 30 - Friday October 4			(4 nights)
	Monday October 7 - Friday October 11			(4 nights)
	Monday October 14 - Friday October 18			(4 nights)
	Monday October 21 - Friday October 25			(4 nights)

Areas: The Blind Slough Area is defined as those waters of Blind Slough and Gnat Creek from a north-south line formed by regulatory markers at the mouth of Blind Slough to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge.

The Knappa Slough Area is defined as those waters of Knappa Slough, Calendar Slough, and Big Creek Slough bounded to the north (upstream) by a line projecting from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Karlson Island to the northernmost regulatory marker at the mouth of Blind Slough and bounded to the west (downstream) by a line projecting southerly from a regulatory marker on the southwestern tip of Karlson Island through markers on the western tips of Minaker Island to a marker on the Oregon shore.

The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed.

Gear: Gillnets with a maximum mesh size restriction of 9¾-inch through September 6, and a 6-inch maximum thereafter. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight and anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.

See additional Gear Regulations, Allowable Sales, and Reporting Rules on page 5.

Deep River Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 80)

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods: 7 PM Monday August 26 to 7 AM Tuesday August 27 (1 night)
7 PM Wednesday August 28 to 7 AM Thursday August 29 (1 night)
6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights during the following weeks:
Monday September 2 - Saturday September 7 (5 nights)
Monday September 9 - Saturday September 14 (5 nights)
Monday September 16 - Saturday September 21 (5 nights)
6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:
Monday September 23 - Friday September 27 (4 nights)
6 PM Monday September 30 to 9 AM October 1 (1 night)
6 PM Wednesday October 2 to 9 AM Thursday October 3 (1 night)
6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:
Monday October 7 - Friday October 11 (4 nights)
Monday October 14 - Friday October 18 (4 nights)
6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights during the following weeks:
Monday October 21 - Saturday October 26 (5 nights)
Monday October 28 - Saturday November 2 (5 nights)
5 PM to 8 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and Friday nights during the following weeks:
Monday November 4 - Saturday November 9 (5 nights)
Monday November 11 - Saturday November 16 (5 nights)
5 PM to 8 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:
Monday November 18 - Friday November 22 (4 nights)
Monday November 25 - Friday November 29 (4 nights)

Area: The Deep River fishing area includes all waters from West Deep River Road Bridge at the town of Deep River downstream to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.

Gear: Gillnets. Maximum mesh size restriction is 9¾-inch through September 7, and a 6-inch maximum thereafter. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. No weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gillnet gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. "River, stream, or channel width" is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations that conflict with it.

See additional Gear Regulations, Allowable Sales, and Reporting Rules on page 5.

• **The following applies to each Select Area commercial fishery adopted above:**

Gear: Nets not specifically authorized for use in a specific fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (except Chum), white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

Reporting Rules: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Zone 6 Commercial Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

Season: 12:01 AM Thursday August 1 through 6:00 PM Tuesday December 31
Area: Zone 6

Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.

Sanctuaries: Standard sanctuaries in place for these gear types.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon of legal size may be sold if landed during the open area and period for the setline fishery within that pool, otherwise sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Yakama Nation Zone 6 Commercial Tributary Fisheries

Season: 12:01 AM Thursday August 1 through 6:00 PM Tuesday December 31 and only during days and times open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.

Areas: Drano Lake and Klickitat River.

Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.
Gillnets may only be used in Drano Lake.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp, may be sold or retained for subsistence use.
Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length may be kept for subsistence.

Commercial Platform and Hook and Line Fishery Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Season: 12:01 AM Thursday August 1 through 11:59 PM Thursday October 31.

Areas: As defined in tribal/state MOUs/MOAs.

Participants: Enrolled members of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes when lawfully permitted by Treaty regulations under provisions of the agreements with the states of Oregon and Washington. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.

Gear: Hook and line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence.
Sturgeon may not be retained in fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam. Sales of fish are not authorized on COE property downstream of Bonneville Dam. Fish must be transported elsewhere for sale.

The following rules regarding Allowable Sales, and Washington Reporting Rule apply to all Treaty Indian seasons adopted above:

Allowable Sales: Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.

Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Monday August 12 at the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife office (5525 S 11th Street, Ridgefield, Washington 98642) to consider treaty Indian and non-treaty mainstem commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 30, 2019 Fall Fact Sheet #1 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp