
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 11, 2020

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 7)

- Adopted seasons as follows:

Winter Season

Youngs Bay	6 AM Monday February 17 - 6 AM Tuesday February 18	(24 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Wednesday February 19	(12 hours)
	6 AM Thursday February 20 - 6 AM Friday February 21	(24 hours)
	6 AM Monday February 24 - 6 AM Tuesday February 25	(24 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Wednesday February 26	(12 hours)
	6 AM Thursday February 27 - 6 AM Friday February 28	(24 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Monday March 2	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Wednesday March 4	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Thursday March 5	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 10 AM Monday March 9	(4 hours)
	7:30 AM - 11:30 AM Wednesday March 11	(4 hours)
	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM Friday March 13	(4 hours)
	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM Monday March 16	(4 hours)
	3 PM - 7 PM Wednesday March 18	(4 hours)
	4 PM - 8 PM Thursday March 19	(4 hours)
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Monday March 23	(4 hours)	
Upper Youngs Bay Area	7:30 PM - 11:30 PM Thursday March 26	(4 hours)
	10 PM Monday March 30 - 2 AM Tuesday March 31	(4 hours)
	2 PM - 6 PM Thursday April 2	(4 hours)

Spring Season

Youngs Bay	5 PM - 9 PM Monday April 20	(4 hours)
	7 PM - 11 PM Thursday April 23	(4 hours)
	10 PM Tuesday April 28 - 2 AM Wednesday April 29	(4 hours)
	11 PM Thursday April 30 - 3 AM Friday May 1	(4 hours)
	4 PM - 8 PM Monday May 4	(4 hours)
	5 PM - 9 PM Tuesday May 5	(4 hours)
	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Wednesday May 6	(4 hours)

Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery continued

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Thursday May 7	(4 hours)
6 AM Monday May 11 - Noon Friday May 15	(4 days)
6 AM Monday May 18 - Noon Friday May 22	(4 days)
6 AM Monday May 25 - Noon Friday May 29	(4 days)
6 AM Monday June 1 - Noon Friday June 5	(4 days)
6 AM Monday June 8 - Noon Friday June 12	(4 days)

Summer Season

Youngs Bay	6 AM Tuesday June 16 - Noon Friday June 19	(3 days)
	6 AM Monday June 22 - Noon Friday June 26	(4 days)
	6 AM Monday June 29 - Noon Friday July 3	(4 days)
	6 AM Tuesday July 7 - Noon Thursday July 9	(2 days)
	6 AM Tuesday July 14 - Noon Thursday July 16	(2 days)
	6 AM Tuesday July 21 - Noon Thursday July 23	(2 days)
	6 AM Tuesday July 28 - Noon Thursday July 30	(2 days)

Area:
Youngs Bay 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 winter season, the upstream boundary in the Lewis and Clark River is the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark Bridge).

Upper Youngs Bay Area The Upper Youngs Bay Area includes all waters within the Youngs Bay Select Area upstream of the old Youngs Bay Bridge.

Gear: Gill nets may not exceed 1,500 feet (250 fathoms) in length.
Lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom except the use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the lead line is permitted in these areas:

- 1) Youngs River upstream of regulatory markers located approximately 200 yards southerly (upstream) of the mouth of the Walluski River.
- 2) In the lower Walluski River from the first dock near the mouth upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge.
- 3) In the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead powerlines 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.

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

- Adopted seasons as follows:

Winter Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Tongue Point and South Channel	Monday February 17 - Tuesday February 18	(1 night)
	Wednesday February 19 - Thursday February 20	(1 night)
	Thursday February 20 - Friday February 21	(1 night)
	Monday February 24 - Tuesday February 25	(1 night)
	Wednesday February 26 - Thursday February 27	(1 night)
	Thursday February 27 - Friday February 28	(1 night)
	Monday March 2 - Tuesday March 3	(1 night)
	Thursday March 5 - Friday March 6	(1 night)

Tongue Point	7:30 PM - 11:30 PM Monday March 9	(4 hours)
	8:30 PM Thursday March 12 - 12:30 AM Friday March. 13	(4 hours)
	1 AM - 5 AM Tuesday March 17	(4 hours)

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

South Channel	Monday March 9 - Tuesday March 10	(1 night)
	Thursday March 12 - Friday March 13	(1 night)
	Monday March 16 - Tuesday March 17	(1 night)
	Wednesday March 18 - Thursday March 19	(1 night)
	Thursday March 19 - Friday March 20	(1 night)
	Monday March 23 - Tuesday March 24	(1 night)
	Thursday March 26 - Friday March 27	(1 night)
	12 AM (midnight) - 4 AM Tuesday March 31	(4 hours)
	3:30 AM - 7:30 AM Friday April 3	(4 hours)
	7 PM - 11 PM Monday April 6	(4 hours)
	10 PM Thursday April 9 - 2 AM Friday April 10	(4 hours)
12:30 AM - 4:30 AM Tuesday April 14	(4 hours)	

Spring Season

South Channel	4:30 AM - 8:30 AM Friday April 17	(4 hours)
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Tongue Point and South Channel	6 PM - 10 PM Monday April 20	(4 hours)
	7:30 PM - 11:30 PM Thursday April 23	(4 hours)

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Tuesday April 28 - Wednesday April 29	(1 night)
Thursday April 30 - Friday May 1	(1 night)
Monday May 4 - Tuesday May 5	(1 night)
Wednesday May 6 - Thursday May 7	(1 night)
Thursday May 7 - Friday May 8	(1 night)
Monday May 11 - Tuesday May 12	(1 night)
Wednesday May 13 - Thursday May 14	(1 night)
Thursday May 14 - Friday May 15	(1 night)
Monday May 18 - Tuesday May 19	(1 night)
Wednesday May 20 - Thursday May 21	(1 night)

Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Salmon Fishery continued

Thursday May 21 - Friday May 22	(1 night)
Monday May 25 - Tuesday May 26	(1 night)
Wednesday May 27 - Thursday May 28	(1 night)
Thursday May 28 - Friday May 29	(1 night)
Monday June 1 - Tuesday June 2	(1 night)
Wednesday June 3 - Thursday June 4	(1 night)
Thursday June 4 - Friday June 5	(1 night)
Monday June 8 - Tuesday June 9	(1 night)
Wednesday June 10 - Thursday June 11	(1 night)
Thursday June 11 - Friday June 12	(1 night)

Summer Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Tongue Point and South Channel	Tuesday June 16 - Wednesday June 17	(1 night)
	Thursday June 18 - Friday June 19	(1 night)
	Monday June 22 - Tuesday June 23	(1 night)
	Thursday June 25 - Friday June 26	(1 night)
	Monday June 29 - Tuesday June 30	(1 night)
	Thursday July 2 - Friday July 3	(1 night)

Area:
Tongue Point

The Tongue Point Winter-Spring Subarea is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from the end of the southern-most pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility projecting in a straight line through flashing red USCG light "6" to the shore 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. If the marker on the Oregon shore is not in place, the upper boundary is defined by a line projecting easterly 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 to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island.

For summer fisheries, the open waters include the entire Tongue Point Select Area as described in OAR 635-042-0170(1)(a) and WAC 20-301-010 (11)(c). 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.

South Channel

The South Channel Select 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: The maximum net length is 1,500 feet (250 fathoms).
 In the Tongue Point Select Area and the Tongue Point Winter-Spring Subarea, 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.

Blind Slough (Zone 74) and Knappa Slough (Zone 73) Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted seasons as follows:

Winter Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough	Monday February 17 - Tuesday February 18	(1 night)
	Wednesday February 19 - Thursday February 20	(1 night)
	Thursday February 20 - Friday February 21	(1 night)
	Monday February 24 - Tuesday February 25	(1 night)
	Wednesday February 26 - Thursday February 27	(1 night)
	Thursday February 27 - Friday February 28	(1 night)
	Monday March 2 - Tuesday March 3	(1 night)
	Wednesday March 4 - Thursday March 5	(1 night)
	Thursday March 5 - Friday March 6	(1 night)
	Monday March 9 - Tuesday March 10	(1 night)
	Wednesday March 11 - Thursday March 12	(1 night)
	Thursday March 12 - Friday March 13	(1 night)
	Monday March 16 - Tuesday March 17	(1 night)
	Wednesday March 18 - Thursday March 19	(1 night)
	Thursday March 19 - Friday March 20	(1 night)
Monday March 23 - Tuesday March 24	(1 night)	

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Blind Slough	Thursday March 26 - Friday March 27	(1 night)
	Monday March 30 - Tuesday March 31	(1 night)
	Thursday April 2 - Friday April 3	(1 night)
	Monday April 6 - Tuesday April 7	(1 night)
	Thursday April 9 - Friday April 10	(1 night)
	Monday April 13 - Tuesday April 14	(1 night)

Knappa Slough	9:30 PM Thurs. March 26 - 1:30 AM Friday March 27	(4 hours)
	12 AM (midnight) - 4 AM Tuesday March 31	(4 hours)
	3:30 AM - 7:30 AM Friday April 3	(4 hours)
	7 PM - 11 PM Monday April 6	(4 hours)
	10 PM Thursday April 9 - 2 AM Friday April 10	(4 hours)
	12:30 AM - 4:30 AM Tuesday April 14	(4 hours)

Spring Season

Blind Slough 7 PM Thursday April 16 - 7 AM Friday April 17 (12 hours)

Knappa Slough 4:30 AM - 8:30 AM Friday April 17 (4 hours)

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough	Monday April 20 - Tuesday April 21	(1 night)
	Thursday April 23 - Friday April 24	(1 night)
	Tuesday April 28 - Wednesday April 29	(1 night)
	Thursday April 30 - Friday May 1	(1 night)
	Monday May 4 - Tuesday May 5	(1 night)
	Wednesday May 6 - Thursday May 7	(1 night)
	Thursday May 7 - Friday May 8	(1 night)
	Monday May 11 - Tuesday May 12	(1 night)
	Wednesday May 13 - Thursday May 14	(1 night)
	Thursday May 14 - Friday May 15	(1 night)
	Monday May 18 - Tuesday May 19	(1 night)
	Wednesday May 20 - Thursday May 21	(1 night)
	Thursday May 21 - Friday May 22	(1 night)
	Monday May 25 - Tuesday May 26	(1 night)
	Wednesday May 27 - Thursday May 28	(1 night)
	Thursday May 28 - Friday May 29	(1 night)
	Monday June 1 - Tuesday June 2	(1 night)
	Wednesday June 3 - Thursday June 4	(1 night)
	Thursday June 4 - Friday June 5	(1 night)
	Monday June 8 - Tuesday June 9	(1 night)
Wednesday June 10 - Thursday June 11	(1 night)	
Thursday June 11 - Friday June 12	(1 night)	

Summer Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough	Tuesday June 16 - Wednesday June 17	(1 night)
	Thursday June 18 - Friday June 19	(1 night)
	Monday June 22 - Tuesday June 23	(1 night)
	Thursday June 25 - Friday June 26	(1 night)
	Monday June 29 - Tuesday June 30	(1 night)
	Thursday July 2 - Friday July 3	(1 night)

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

- Knappa Slough** The Knappa Slough Select Area is defined as 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 regulatory 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.
- Prior to May 2, the downstream (western) boundary in Knappa Slough is a north-south line projecting through the easternmost tip of Minaker Island and regulatory markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore.
- Gear:** Gill nets may not exceed 600 feet (100 fathoms) in length. There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight or anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.
- Note:** Catch reporting codes have been established for Blind Slough and Knappa Slough to facilitate separation of landings and sampling
- In accordance with OAR 635-006-0210(2)(h) and WACs 220-69-2301(1)(i) and 220-22-010(9)(a-b), commercial fishers are expected, and fish dealers are required, to report landings for winter-spring fisheries in Knappa and Blind Slough separately.
- Fish dealers are requested to keep harvest from these two sites separate to aid in sampling.

The following Gear, Allowable Sales, Miscellaneous Regulations, and Reporting Rules applies to all Select Area commercial seasons adopted above.

- Gear:** 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during winter seasons.
- 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during spring and summer seasons.
- Nets not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a 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.
- Allowable Sales:** Salmon (except chum) and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be sold or possessed by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.
- Miscellaneous Regulations:** Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.
- Reporting Rules:** Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.
- 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, per WAC 220-352-315 except landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Winter Season Commercial Gillnet Fishery

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

Season: 6 AM Wednesday February 12 through 6 PM Monday February 17 (5.5 days)

Area: John Day Pool only

Sanctuaries: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to the fisheries above are in effect.

Gear: Gillnets (no minimum mesh restriction).

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.

Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold after the period concludes.

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

Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries

Bonneville Pool (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam)

- Effective 12:01 AM Friday February 14, 2020 the retention of white sturgeon in Bonneville Pool and adjacent tributaries is prohibited.

The Dalles Pool (The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam)

- Effective 12:01 AM Tuesday February 18, 2020 the retention of white sturgeon in The Dalles Pool and adjacent tributaries is prohibited.

For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, catch limits, seasonal sturgeon spawning sanctuary closures, and other restrictions in the 2020 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year, including catch and release angling allowed during periods closed to sturgeon retention.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday February 19, 2020 at the Shilo Inn (11707 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR) to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the February 11, 2020 Winter Fact Sheet #2a & 2b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp