
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 2, 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 and/or modified 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 the following periods:

Winter Season

Upper Youngs Bay	5 PM – 9 PM Monday April 6	(4 hours)
	7:30 PM – 11:30 PM Thursday April 9	(4 hours)

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.

South Channel Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 71)

- Modified the hours for previously adopted periods. Modifications in **bold**:

Winter Season

South Channel	2:30 AM - 6:30 AM Friday April 3	(4 hours)
	6 PM - 10 PM Monday April 6	(4 hours)
	8:30 PM Thursday April 9 - 12:30 AM Friday April 10	(4 hours)
	11:30 PM Monday April 13 - 3:30 AM Tuesday April 14	(4 hours)

Spring Season

South Channel **3:30 AM - 7:30 AM** Friday April 17 (4 hours)

Area: 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 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.

Knappa Slough (Zone 73) Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Modified the hours for previously adopted periods. Modifications in **bold**:

Winter Season

Knappa Slough	2:30 AM - 6:30 AM Friday April 3	(4 hours)
	6 PM - 10 PM Monday April 6	(4 hours)
	8:30 PM Thursday April 9 - 12:30 AM Friday April 10	(4 hours)
	11:30 PM Monday April 13 - 3:30 AM Tuesday April 14	(4 hours)

Spring Season

Knappa Slough	3:30 AM – 7:30 AM Friday April 17	(4 hours)
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Area: 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is currently scheduled for 10 AM April 15 to consider recreational spring Chinook fisheries. The Joint Staff will continue to monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the April 2, 2020 Winter Fact Sheet #6 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp