
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 8, 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:

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

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods:	7 PM Thursday July 9	to	7 AM Friday July 10	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 13	to	7 AM Tuesday July 14	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 16	to	7 AM Friday July 17	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 20	to	7 AM Tuesday July 21	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 23	to	7 AM Friday July 24	(12 hours)

Areas: The Tongue Point and South Channel fishing areas are open.

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.

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.

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 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: Gillnets with a 9¾-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 3.

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

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods:	7 PM Thursday July 9	to	7 AM Friday July 10	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 13	to	7 AM Tuesday July 14	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 16	to	7 AM Friday July 17	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 20	to	7 AM Tuesday July 21	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 23	to	7 AM Friday July 24	(12 hours)

Areas: The Blind Slough and Knappa Slough fishing areas are open.

The Blind Slough Select 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 upstream to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge.

The Knappa Slough Select 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. 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 3.

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:** Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.
- 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

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

Summer Commercial Gillnet Fishery

- Season:** 6:00 AM Monday July 13 to 6:00 PM Thursday July 16 (3½ days)
- Area:** All of Zone 6.
- Sanctuaries:** All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not in effect.
- Gear:** Set and drift gillnets. No minimum mesh size restriction.
- 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 sold. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence use. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
- Additional:** 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-180 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.
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Joint State Action

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

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Shad Fisheries

Bonneville Pool (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam)

- Closed the following fishery:
 - Effective 12:01 AM Thursday July 9, 2020 through Wednesday July 15, 2020 angling for, and retention of, shad in the mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam is prohibited.

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Summer Chinook Fisheries

- Adopted the following fishery:

Tongue Point-Rocky Point Line to Oregon/Washington Border

Dates: Thursday July 9, 2020 through Wednesday July 15, 2020

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point-Rocky Point line upstream to the OR/WA Border (upstream of McNary Dam).

Catch Limits: Retention of hatchery Chinook (adults and jacks) is allowed. The daily adult bag limit is two hatchery Chinook. Retention of sockeye and steelhead is prohibited.

- Current regulations are available at:
<https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>
- All other permanent regulations, including bag limits for jack Chinook, in the 2020 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact/Joint State Hearing is scheduled for 2:00 PM Wednesday July 15, 2020 to consider treaty commercial and recreational summer Chinook fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 8, 2020 Summer Fact Sheets #2a&b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp