
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 23, 2021

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 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 70)

- Modified (modifications in bold) the following previously adopted winter season fishing periods:

Youngs Bay	4:30 PM – 8:30 PM Thursday March 25	(4 hours)
	7 PM – 11 PM Monday March 29	(4 hours)

Tongue Point Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 71)

- Adopted the following winter season fishing periods:

Tongue Point	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Thursday March 25	(4 hours)
	8 PM – 12 AM (midnight) Monday March 29	(4 hours)

South Channel Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 71)

- Modified (modifications in bold) the following previously adopted winter season fishing periods:

South Channel	8 PM – 12 AM (midnight) Monday March 29	(4 hours)
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Knappa Slough Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 73)

- Modified (modifications in bold) the following previously adopted winter season fishing periods:

Knappa Slough	7 PM Monday March 29 - 7 AM Tuesday March 30	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday April 1 - 7 AM Friday April 2	(12 hours)

- All other previously adopted regulations remain in effect.
- Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

Joint State Action

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

Recreational White Sturgeon Fisheries

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Below Wauna Powerlines (Estuary)

- Adopted a retention season as follows:

Season:	Monday May 10, Wednesday May 12, Saturday May 15, 2021	3 days
	Monday May 17, Wednesday May 19, Saturday May 22, 2021	3 days
	Monday May 24, Wednesday May 26, Saturday May 29, 2021	3 days
	Monday May 31, Wednesday June 2, Saturday June 5, 2021	3 days

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (river mile 40) downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries

Allowable Catch: Up to 2,960 white sturgeon.

Legal size: 44-inch minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length. (Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat under the fish).

The daily bag limit is one fish. The annual bag limit is two fish (applicable to any/all 2021 retention fisheries).

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Additional Regulations: On days open to white sturgeon retention, angling for sturgeon (including catch and release) is prohibited after 2 PM. All other permanent regulations in the 2021 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect.

Wauna Powerlines to Bonneville Dam

- Adopted a retention season as follows:

Season:	Saturday September 11, 2021	1 day
	Saturday September 18, 2021	1 day

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (river mile 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River.

Allowable Catch: Up to 1,230 legal-sized white sturgeon.

Allowable Catch: Legal size: 44-inch minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length.
(Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat under the fish).
Daily bag limit is one fish. The annual bag limit is two fish (applicable to any/all 2021 retention fisheries).
Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Additional Regulations: All other permanent regulations in the 2021 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect.

Current regulations are available at: <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No hearings are scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the March 23, 2021 Winter Fact Sheets #6 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp