
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 1, 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 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 Monday July 5	to	7 AM Tuesday July 6	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 8	to	7 AM Friday July 9	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 12	to	7 AM Tuesday July 13	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 15	to	7 AM Friday July 16	(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 (located at 46°12'31.1"N latitude, 123°45'34.0"W longitude) on the eastern shore of Tongue Point (midway between the red USCG light "2" at the tip of Tongue Point and the northernmost 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 at 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 the southwest shore of 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 Monday July 5	to	7 AM Tuesday July 6	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 8	to	7 AM Friday July 9	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 12	to	7 AM Tuesday July 13	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 15	to	7 AM Friday July 16	(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.
- 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 ongoing 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact is scheduled for 9:00 AM Thursday July 8, 2021 to consider summer Treaty commercial fisheries. The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as necessary.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 1, 2021 Summer Fact Sheet #2 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp