
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season:	9 PM Monday August 9	to	6 AM Tuesday August 10	(9 hours)
	9 PM Wednesday August 11	to	6 AM Thursday August 12	(9 hours)
	9 PM Monday August 16	to	6 AM Tuesday August 17	(9 hours)
	9 PM Wednesday August 18	to	6 AM Thursday August 19	(9 hours)
	9 PM Monday August 23	to	6 AM Tuesday August 24	(9 hours)
	9 PM Wednesday August 25	to	6 AM Thursday August 26	(9 hours)
	9 PM Monday August 30	to	6 AM Tuesday August 31	(9 hours)
	9 PM Wednesday September 1	to	6 AM Thursday September 2	(9 hours)

Area: Zones 4-5. The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 is defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation Buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore.

Sanctuaries: Washougal and Sandy river sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: Drift gillnets only. 9-inch minimum restriction.
Multiple net rule **not** in effect, which means nets not authorized for this fishery may not be onboard. Lighted buoys required.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (except Chum), shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of **four** 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). This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.

Reporting Rules: Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington buyers, per WAC 220-352-315.

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 70)

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods:	7 PM Monday August 23	to	7 AM Tuesday August 24	(1 night)
	7 PM Thursday August 26	to	7 AM Friday August 27	(1 night)
	7 PM Monday August 30	to	7 AM Friday September 3	(3.5 days)
	7 PM Monday September 6	to	Noon Friday October 29	(53 days)

Area: 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 fall season, Youngs River upstream of the regulatory marker at Battle Creek Slough is closed. If the marker at Battle Creek Slough is not in place, the boundary is defined by a line projecting northeasterly from a point (46°6'35.6"N latitude 123°47'42.0"W longitude) on the southern bank of Youngs River immediately downstream of the mouth of Battle Creek Slough to a point (46°6'41.6"N latitude 123°47'36.9"W longitude) located on the northern bank of Youngs River.

Gear: Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction.

Maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline may not exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed between markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough, in the lower Walluski River from the first dock near the mouth upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge, and in the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead power lines 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.

Reporting Rules: Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

See additional Gear Regulations and Allowable Sales on page 5.

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

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods: 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday and Thursday nights from (2 nights)
Monday August 23 – Friday August 27

7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, (4 nights)
and Thursday nights from Monday August 30 – Friday
September 3

4 PM to 10 AM (18 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, (32 nights)
and Thursday nights from Monday September 6 – Friday
October 29

Areas: 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.

(i) 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.

(ii) 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 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 6-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.

Reporting Rules: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

See additional Gear Regulations and Allowable Sales on page 5.

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

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods: 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday and Thursday nights from (4 nights) Monday August 23 – Friday September 3
6 PM to 10 AM (16 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, (32 nights) and Thursday nights from Monday September 6 – Friday October 29

Areas: The Blind Slough 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 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 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.

Gear: Gillnets with a maximum mesh size restriction of 9¾-inch through September 3, and a 6-inch maximum thereafter. 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.

Reporting Rules: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

See additional Gear Regulations and Allowable Sales on page 5.

Deep River Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 80)

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods: 6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from Monday September 13 – Friday October 15 (20 nights)

5 PM to 8 AM (15 hours) on Monday and Wednesday nights from Monday October 18 – Thursday November 25 (12 nights)

Areas: The Deep River fishing area includes all waters from West Deep River Road Bridge at the town of Deep River downstream to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.

Gear: Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. No weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gillnet gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. "River, stream, or channel width" is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations that conflict with it.

Reporting Rules: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

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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), shad, and white sturgeon. 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 applies to all Select Area fisheries.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

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

Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line Commercial Fishery

Season: 12:01 AM Sunday August 1 through 6:00 PM Friday December 31
Area: Zone 6
Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Sanctuaries: Standard sanctuaries in place for these gear types.
Allowable Sales: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Downstream of Bonneville Dam Platform and Hook and Line Commercial Fishery

Season: 12:01 AM Sunday August 1 through 11:59 PM Sunday October 31.
Areas: As defined in tribal/state MOUs/MOAs.
Participants: Enrolled members of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes when lawfully permitted by Treaty regulations under provisions of the agreements with the states of Oregon and Washington. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.
Gear: Hook and line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.
Allowable Sales: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be retained in fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam. Sales of fish are not authorized on COE property downstream of Bonneville Dam. Fish must be transported elsewhere for sale.

The following rules regarding Allowable Sales and Washington Reporting Rule apply to all Treaty Indian fisheries referenced above:

Allowable Sales: Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.
Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is tentatively planned for 11:00 AM Wednesday August 11 via teleconference to consider treaty Indian commercial fisheries. The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as necessary.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 27, 2021 Fall Fact Sheet #1 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp