
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 4, 2023

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 70)

- Adopted the following periods:

Winter Season

Upper	7 AM – 11 AM Thursday April 6	(4 hours)
Youngs Bay	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM Monday April 10	(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	7 PM Thursday April 6 - 7 AM Friday April 7	(12 hours)
Channel	7 PM Monday April 10 - 7 AM Tuesday April 11	(12 hours)

7 PM Thursday April 13 - 7 AM Friday April 14 (12 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 Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 73)

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

Winter Season

Knappa Slough	7 PM Thursday April 6 - 7 AM Friday April 7	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday April 10 - 7 AM Tuesday April 11	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday April 13 - 7 AM Friday April 14	(12 hours)

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.

Through May 5, 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.

Deep River Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 80)

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

Winter Season

Deep River	7 PM Thursday April 6 - 10 AM Friday April 7	(15 hours)
	7 PM Monday April 10 - 10 AM Tuesday April 11	(15 hours)
	7 PM Thursday April 13 - 10 AM Friday April 14	(15 hours)

- Area: The Deep River Select Area is defined as those waters of Deep River from the lower boundary line, at USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore, upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge.
- Gear: Net restricted to a maximum length of 100 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets are not allowed to fully cross the navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gill net longer than three-fourths the width of the stream (WAC 220-20-015 (1)).
- It shall be unlawful in any area to use, operate, or carry aboard a commercial fishing vessel a licensed net or combination of such nets, whether fished singly or separately, in excess of the maximum lawful size or length prescribed for a single net in that area, except as otherwise provided for in the rules and regulations of the department WAC 220-20-010 (17).
- Miscellaneous Regulations: Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by WDFW staff.
- During the winter and spring seasons fishers are required to call 360-846-5268 to confirm the location and time of 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Joint State Action

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

Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries

- Modified the following fishery with modifications in **bold**:

Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Dates:	Wednesday March 1 through Tuesday April 11, 2023	42 days
Area:	Buoy 10 line upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline. Legal upstream boat boundary defined as: A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse One) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock.	
Catch Limits:	Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, only one of which may be a Chinook. Shad may also be retained.	

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will continue to monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the April 4, 2023 Winter Fact Sheet No.7 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp.