
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 18, 2023

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 Wednesday August 9	to	6 AM Thursday August 10	(9 hours)
	9 PM Monday August 14	to	6 AM Tuesday August 15	(9 hours)
	9 PM Wednesday August 16	to	6 AM Thursday August 17	(9 hours)
	9 PM Monday August 21	to	6 AM Tuesday August 22	(9 hours)
	9 PM Wednesday August 23	to	6 AM Thursday August 24	(9 hours)
	9 PM Sunday August 27	to	6 AM Monday August 28	(9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 29	to	6 AM Wednesday August 30	(9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 31	to	6 AM Friday September 1	(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 mesh size 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) and shad.

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 21	to	7 AM Tuesday August 22	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday August 24	to	7 AM Friday August 25	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday August 28	to	7 AM Friday September 1	(3.5 days)
	7 PM Monday September 4	to	noon Tuesday October 31	(58 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 Monday August 28 to 7 AM Tuesday August 29 (12 hours)
7 PM Thursday August 31 to 7 AM Friday September 1 (12 hours)
4 PM to 10 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (33 nights)
nights from September 4 – October 31

Area: 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 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 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.

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 Monday August 28 to 7 AM Tuesday August 29 (12 hours)
 7 PM Thursday August 31 to 7 AM Friday September 1 (12 hours)
 6 PM to 10 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (33 nights)
 nights from September 4 – October 31

Area: 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 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 6-inch maximum mesh size. 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: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 4 – October 13 from 6 PM – 9 AM (24 nights)
Monday and Wednesday nights from October 16–26 from 6 PM – 9 AM (4 nights)

Area: 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.

See additional gear regulations and allowable sales noted below

The following gear and allowable sales regulations apply 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) and shad.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

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

Zone 6 Commercial Platform and Hook-and-Line Fishery

Season: 12:01 AM August 1 through 6:00 PM 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.

Yakama Nation Tributary Commercial Fisheries

Season: Beginning 12:01 AM August 1 until further notice, and only during those days and hours when the tributaries listed below are open under lawfully-enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members and when commercial sales are authorized for Zone 6 platform and hook-and-line fisheries.
Area: Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River.
Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line. Gillnets may only be used in Drano Lake.
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 may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Downstream of Bonneville Dam Commercial Platform and Hook-and-Line Fishery

Season: 12:01 AM August 1 through 11:59 PM October 31.
Area: 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’s 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 scheduled for 10:00 AM Wednesday August 16, 2023 via teleconference to consider treaty Indian commercial gillnet fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 18, 2023 Fall Fact Sheet No.1 at: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp.