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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 4, 2024

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## 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	6:30 PM to 10:30 PM Monday April 8	(4 hours)
Youngs Bay	8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Thursday April 11	(4 hours)

#### **Spring Season**

Upper	1:30 PM to 5:30 PM Tuesday April 16	(4 hours)
Youngs Bay		

Area: The Upper Youngs Bay Area includes all waters within the Youngs Bay Select Area upstream of the old Youngs Bay Bridge.

Gear: 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.

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

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

**Winter Season**

South	<b>7PM</b> Thursday April 4 to <b>7AM</b> Friday April 5	(12 hours)
Channel	<b>7PM</b> Monday April 8 to <b>7AM Tuesday April 9</b>	(12 hours)
	<b>7PM</b> Thursday April 11 to <b>7AM</b> Friday April 12	(12 hours)

**Spring Season**

South	<b>7PM</b> Tuesday April 16 to <b>7AM</b> Wednesday April 17	(12 hours)
Channel	<b>7PM</b> Thursday April 18 to <b>7AM</b> Friday April 19	(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: 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.

**The following Gear, Allowable Sales, Miscellaneous Regulations, and Reporting Rules apply to all Select Area commercial periods adopted above.**

Gear: Gill nets may not exceed 1,500 feet (250 fathoms) in length.  
7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during the winter season.  
9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during the spring season.  
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. 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 more than 24 hours.  
24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, per WAC 220-352-315.

## **Joint State Action**

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

### ***Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Spring Chinook Fisheries***

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

#### **Downstream of Bonneville Dam**

Dates: Friday March 1 through **Tuesday April 9, 2024**

Area: Buoy 10 line upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus only bank angling 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.

Daily bag limit: Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, but only one may be a Chinook.

Shad may also be retained. All other permanent regulations apply.

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

For information concerning these decisions see the April 4, 2024 Winter Fact Sheet No.9 at: [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp).

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## **Future Meetings**

No Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time.

Joint staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed. A Joint State hearing may be needed on Tuesday April 9 to consider the mainstem recreational salmon fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam.