

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 1
Columbia River Compact
July 26, 2007**

Fisheries Under Consideration:	Non-Indian Commercial Mainstem Treaty Indian Setline Sturgeon and Platform Sales Non-Indian Select Areas
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STOCK STATUS

- Fall Chinook salmon returns in 2007 are expected to total 347,500 adults, comprised of 271,800 brights (78%) and 75,700 tules (22%).
- The 2007 forecast is 82% of the 2006 return, and 68% of the recent 10-year average. The URB component represents 53% of the total return, which is similar to the 2006 proportion.

Summary of 2006 Actual and 2007 Forecasted Returns of Adult Salmonids to the Columbia River			
Species, stock	2006 Return ¹	2007 Forecast ¹	Comments
Fall Chinook	422,400	347,500	Over-all good return, although most components are down from recent years
Lower River Hatchery (LRH)	58,300	54,400	2/3 rd s of 10-year average
Lower River Wild (LRW)	18,100	10,000	2/3 rd s of 10-year average
Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH)	27,900	21,300	Poor return, 25% of 10-year average
Upriver Bright (URB)	230,400	185,200	Good return, 75% of 10-year average
Mid-Columbia Bright (MCB)	80,400	69,100	Good return, 80% of 10-year average
<i>Bonneville Upriver Bright (BUB)</i>	41,600	36,600	
<i>Lower River Bright (LRB)</i>	3,600	2,500	
<i>Pool Upriver Bright (PUB)</i>	35,200	30,000	
Select Area Bright (SAB)	7,200	7,500	Good return, greater than 10-year average
Upriver summer steelhead	329,200	314,600	Good return, similar to 10-year average
Skamania index (May 1 - June 30)	9,900	16,700	4,400 wild
A-run index (length <78 cm)	245,100	241,500	41,600 wild
B-run index (length ≥78 cm)	74,200	56,400	10,800 wild
Coho	384,100	366,900	Less than 10-year average
Early stock	236,900	293,700	Similar to 10-year average
Late stock	147,200	73,200	Less than half of 10-year average

¹. Columbia River mouth return, except summer steelhead is Bonneville Dam return.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Salmon/Steelhead

- The "2005-2007 Interim Management Agreement for Upriver Chinook, Sockeye, Steelhead, Coho and White Sturgeon" provides specific fishery management guidelines for fall season fisheries in the mainstem Columbia River and Select Areas under *U.S. v Oregon*.
- The 2005-2007 Management Agreement provides that the 31.29% URB impact rate is allocated 23.04% for treaty Indian fisheries and 8.25% for non-Indian fisheries.

- Through the 2007 North of Falcon (NOF) process, Columbia River fisheries were allocated 4.9% of the total 42% LRH Chinook exploitation rate (ER) allowed by NMFS. The 42% ER is a 14% reduction from the 49% ER allowed during 2002-2006.
- For 2007, coho management guidelines are designed to ensure the ER on wild/natural LCR coho in combined ocean and Columbia River non-Indian fisheries does not exceed 20%. Based on preseason planning, the states anticipate that about 6.7% of the total ER will occur in Columbia River fisheries.
- Impacts to summer steelhead are limited to 2% during the fall season and impacts to chum salmon are limited to 5% of the run.
- LCR wild Chinook (naturally-produced LRH) and wild coho are the two major stocks constraining ocean and Columbia River fisheries in 2007.
- Non-Indian fisheries occurring during the 2007 fall season will be managed in accordance with the "2007 Non-Indian Columbia River Fall Fishery Chinook Allocation Agreement" completed through the NOF negotiation process.

Excerpts From the 2007 Non-Indian Columbia River Fall Fishery Chinook Allocation Agreement

- ✓ The preseason **LRH** impact allocations are **52% sport and 48% commercial** and the **URB** impacts are allocated **51% sport and 49% commercial**. The total Chinook mainstem catch expectation is **44% sport and 56% commercial**.
- ✓ Total fall Chinook catch expectation in the mainstem Columbia River downstream of the Snake River (excluding tributary sport and commercial Select Areas) is 35,000 fish. Sport fisheries are expected to harvest 15,300 Chinook (44%) and the commercial fisheries are expected to harvest 19,700 (56%). These catch estimates are based on preseason abundance forecasts and fishery stock composition. Actual harvest sharing will be influenced by stock-specific fall Chinook abundances and relative harvest rates by each respective fishery.
- ✓ The Columbia River Compact/Joint States will use impact allocations as guidance for making in-season management decisions concerning Columbia River sport and commercial fisheries. Actual impacts in the fisheries may differ from preseason estimates based on fishery catches, stock composition, and run size updates. The U. S. v. Oregon TAC will update the URB run size beginning in mid-September.
- ✓ Expectations for the commercial fishery include:
 - An early August salmon fishery during the first two weeks of August (modeled dates were **August 2, 6, 9**). Mesh size is 9-inch minimum and area is Zones 1-5. The goal is to have all five zones open during this fishery if possible. LRH allocation for this fishery is 0.8% or 35% of the total commercial LRH impacts of 2.3%. **Total catch expectation is 2,100 Chinook.**
 - **No mid-August salmon fishery** is expected to occur.
 - The **late August fishery** is expected to occur in Zones 4-5 beginning **the week of August 20** (modeled dates were August 23 and 28). Mesh size is 9-inch minimum. The LRH impact associated with this fishery is 0.3% (13% of the total commercial allocation). Total catch expectation is **2,000 Chinook**.
 - The late fall fishery is expected to begin the week of September 16. Catch expectation for all late fall fisheries is 15,600 Chinook, including 5,400 Chinook for September Chinook-directed fisheries (Zones 4-5), 6,600 Chinook for September coho fisheries and 3,600 Chinook for October coho fisheries. The LRH impacts associated with these fisheries are 1.2% or 52% of the commercial allocation. Coho harvest is expected to include 12,100 coho harvested during September and 11,700 coho for October fisheries.
 - Directed coho fisheries should occur at least one day per week during mid-September and October. The coho fishery will generally occur in Zones 1-3 during daylight hours with an unslackened 6-inch maximum mesh size net.

- Based on 2007 preseason run size forecasts and NOF negotiations, the catch expectation for August commercial fisheries is 4,100 Chinook, including 1,050 URBs and 950 LRHs.

- The expected Chinook catch in 2007 August commercial fisheries (4,100 fish) is 40% of the actual 2006 August landings (10,100 fish), despite the 2007 fall Chinook forecast being 82% of the 2006 actual fall Chinook return.

Sturgeon

- The harvestable number of 40,000 white sturgeon is allocated 80% (32,000 fish) recreational and 20% (8,000 fish) commercial with specific size limits in place for both user groups.
- At the December 14, 2006 hearing the Compact adopted protocol regarding white sturgeon retention in Columbia River commercial fisheries during 2007.

<i>Excerpts from 2007 Protocol For Management of White Sturgeon in Commercial Fisheries</i>	
✓	Fisheries should be managed for white sturgeon catch expectations of 1,800 for the winter-spring timeframe (January-June 15) with 1,600 for winter sturgeon and 200 for winter salmon, 500 for the summer timeframe (June 16-July 31), 2,000 for the early fall timeframe (August) plus all rollover of any remaining allocation from winter-summer seasons, and 3,150 for the late fall timeframe (September-October).
✓	Landings during SAFE fisheries are not to exceed 400 white sturgeon for the entire year with winter/spring/summer fisheries not to exceed 300.
✓	The allocation reflects a total of 7,850 fish, in response to a 300 fish overage from the 2006 season.
✓	Allow some level of incidental sturgeon harvest to occur during all target salmon seasons.
✓	Conduct target sturgeon fisheries during October if necessary to access commercial allocation.
✓	Adopt white sturgeon possession and landing limits if necessary to remain within season-specific catch expectation or to provide white sturgeon for harvest during subsequent salmon seasons.

2007 FISHERIES REVIEW

Non-Indian Commercial Sturgeon

- Landings of 1,471 white sturgeon during the 2007 winter/spring mainstem fisheries were within the 1,800 allocation established in the white sturgeon management protocol.
- Summer season landings totaled 414 white sturgeon, compared to the 500 fish summer allocation.
- Through July 20, SAFE fisheries have landed 257 fish compared to the 300 fish allocation for the winter/spring/summer seasons. A total of 143 fish are available for harvest in remaining 2007 Select Areas fisheries.

<i>2007 Lower Columbia River Commercial White Sturgeon Catch Summary</i>			
Fishery	Guideline	Catch	Remaining
Mainstem Winter/ Spring Gillnet	1,800	1,471	329
Mainstem Summer Gillnet	500	414	86
Select Area Gillnet (thru 7/20)	400	257	143
August Gillnet	2,000	--	2,000
Mainstem Late Fall Gillnet	3,150	--	3,150
Sum	7,850	2,142	5,708

- The adjusted guideline for August fisheries is 2,415 white sturgeon, given the rollover of 415 un-harvested fish from winter and summer mainstem fisheries.

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

Washington State Quick Reporting Rule

- Washington State’s quick reporting rule (WAC 220-69-240) is being revised, and the revisions effect Columbia River fisheries reporting practices.
- The interim rule described below will be used until the rule becomes permanent:
 - During any Columbia River fishery opening that is designated by rule as “quick reporting required,” it is unlawful for any wholesale dealer acting in the capacity of an original receiver to fail to report all purchases of salmon and sturgeon, or for a direct retail endorsement (DRE) holder to fail to report all salmon offered for retail sale.
 - The report must include dealer or DRE holder name and purchasing location, date of purchase, *each* fish ticket number, including alpha, used on the purchasing date, and the following catch data for each fish ticket used: Gear, catch area, species, number, and total weight of each species purchased.
 - When quick reporting is required, Columbia River reports must be submitted within 5, 8, 12 or 24 hours of closure of the designated fishery.
 - The time frame for submitting reports will be established by WDFW at the time of adoption of the quick reporting fishery.
 - Adoption and communication of the quick reporting regulations for a given fishery will occur in conjunction with the adoption of said fishery through the Columbia River Compact.
- Columbia River Quick Reporting contact information remains the same.

Washington State Sturgeon Possession on Commercial Vessels

- ODFW has adopted the following rule: It is unlawful to fail to return to the water immediately and unharmed, any green sturgeon, any white sturgeon not of lawful size, or any white sturgeon taken in excess of any commercial catch or possession limits prescribed by Department rule.
- WDFW is in the process of adopting the following rule: It is unlawful to fail to return immediately to the water any sturgeon taken in excess of any commercial catch or possession limits prescribed by the Department rule. The interim rule described here will be used until the rule becomes permanent.

2007 NON-INDIAN MAINSTEM FISHERY RECOMMENDATION

<i>Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Fall Salmon Fishery</i>	
Season:	7 PM Thursday August 2 to 7 AM Friday August 3 (12 hours) 7 PM Monday August 6 to 7 AM Tuesday August 7 (12 hours) 7 PM Thursday August 9 to 7 AM Friday August 10 (12 hours)
Area:	Zones 1- 5
Sanctuaries:	Grays River, Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal, and Sandy Rivers
Gear:	9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restriction.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of 12 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries only.
Expected Catch:	2,100 Chinook 1,800 white sturgeon
Miscellaneous Rules:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers. Multiple Net Rule: It will be legal to have onboard a commercial vessel more than one net, as long as the nets are of legal size for the fishery, or the net has a minimum mesh size of 9 inches. The length of any one net cannot exceed 1,500 feet in length. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this 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.

- ✓ The proposed fishery is consistent with the 2007 Fall Management Agreement and results of the NOF negotiation process.
- ✓ The proposed weekly sturgeon retention regulation is consistent with the white sturgeon protocol and should maintain total sturgeon landings within the adjusted 2,415 fish allocation for August fisheries.
- ✓ Use of 9” gear will reduce handle of under-sized sturgeon.
- ✓ Closed days between fishing periods allow for fishery checkpoints.

2007 FALL TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

Treaty Indian Commercial Sturgeon

- Under permanent Compact rules the commercial sturgeon setline fishery was open January 1-31, 2007.
- The Compact also adopted a winter gillnet fishery, (February 1 through March 21). The majority of sturgeon harvested to date occurred during this gillnet fishery.

<i>2007 Treaty Indian Sturgeon Commercial Harvest</i>			
Pool	Catch	Guideline	Remaining
Bonneville	285	400	115
The Dalles	607	550	-57
John Day	228	335	107
Total	1,120	1,285	222

2007 TREATY INDIAN MAINSTEM FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

<i>Treaty Indian Sturgeon Setline Fishery</i>	
Season	6 AM Wednesday August 1 through 6 PM Saturday August 18 (or when guideline is met)
Area:	John Day Pool
Sanctuaries:	Standard sanctuaries applicable to this gear type are in effect.
Gear:	Setlines with a minimum hook size of 9/0. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks.
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon between 48-60 inches in John Day Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use. Platform hook and line caught sturgeon between 48-60 inches in John Day Pool may be sold during the open setline fishery.
Miscellaneous Rules:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.

<i>Treaty Indian Platform/Hook and Line Fishery</i>	
Season	12:01 AM Wednesday August 1 through December 31, 2007
Area:	All of Zone 6.
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types are in effect.
Gear:	Hoopnets, dipnets, and hook-and-line.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp and shad. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be kept for subsistence use. Sturgeon may not be sold except during open sturgeon setline fishing periods in the John Day Pool. Sturgeon between 48-60 inches in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 45-60 inches in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.
Miscellaneous Rules:	Fish caught during Yakama Nation's scheduled open tributary fishing periods in the Klickitat and White Salmon rivers may be sold when the sale of platform and hook-and-line fish is allowed. 24-hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.

2007 FALL SELECT AREA FISHERIES

Management Considerations

- In 2006, production of Select Area Bright (SAB) fall Chinook was relocated from ODFW's Klaskanine Hatchery to Clatsop County's S.F. Klaskanine Hatchery. Adults will return to both facilities in 2007. An escapement of about 550 females is required to maintain the current 1.5 million smolt production goal.
- Approximately 3,000 fall Chinook (LRH) are required to achieve the minimum broodstock goal for Big Creek Hatchery which typically requires an escapement of about 3,600-4,000 fish to the mouth of Big Creek to account for in-stream mortalities and natural spawn. Due to this year's anticipated low return of 2,400 adult Chinook to Big Creek, additional protection measures are recommended to maximize hatchery escapement.

2007 Fishery Expectations and Returns

- Average returns are expected for both Blind Slough and Deep River in 2007. Expected returns to Youngs Bay and Tongue Point are below average due to decreased 2006 releases at these sites.
- The predicted harvest of 3,300 SAB fall Chinook in 2007 is similar to the actual 2006 Youngs Bay fall Chinook harvest (3,900).

<i>Expected Salmon Returns to Select Area Fishing Sites During Fall of 2007</i>		
Select Area	Expected Adult Return To Select Areas	Harvest Potential
Youngs Bay	23,300 early coho 4,000 SAB fall Chinook	23,300 ≤3,300
Big Creek Hatchery	<2,400 tule fall Chinook	0
Tongue Point	5,000 early coho	5,000
Blind Slough	3,000 early coho	3,000
Deep River	3,300 early coho	3,300

- A public meeting was held June 6 in Astoria prior to developing fall SAFE fishery proposals; however, regulations and season structure proposed for 2007 are generally consistent with those adopted since 2001.

SELECT AREA RECOMMENDATIONS

Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery

- All waters in this fishing area are concurrent jurisdiction waters and require Compact action.
- A license from either Oregon or Washington is required to participate in this fishery.

<i>2007 Select Area Fall Season - Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery</i>	
Season:	<p>Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 4 through September 14 (6 nights) <u>and</u> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 17 through October 26 (24 nights)</p> <p>Open 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) from September 4 through September 21 and 4 PM – 8 AM (16 hours) thereafter.</p>
Areas:	<p>Tongue Point and South Channel areas open entire season.</p> <p>The Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker midway between the red USCG navigation light #2 at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility, to the flashing green USCG navigation light #3 on the rock jetty at the west end of Mott Island, a line from a marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a marker on the northwest tip of Lois Island, and a line from a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island westerly to a marker on the Oregon shore.</p> <p>The South Channel area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point through the green USCG buoy #7 to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island upstream to an upper boundary line from a marker on Settler Point northwesterly to the flashing red USCG marker #10, northwesterly to a marker on Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.</p>
Gear:	<p>In the Tongue Point fishing area, restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum length of 250 fathoms, and weight not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom.</p> <p>In the South Channel fishing area, restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.</p> <p>Participants in the Tongue Point fishery may have stored onboard their boats gill nets with leadline in excess of two pounds per any one fathom.</p>
Allowable Sales:	<p>Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.</p>
Miscellaneous Regulations:	<p>Special transportation permits are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation rules are in effect.</p>

- ✓ Fishing periods during late September through October open earlier to provide additional daylight fishing opportunities as previously requested by industry.
- ✓ Staff will monitor LRH fall Chinook abundance in mainstem fisheries through early September to determine if the Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area fishery should proceed as recommended.

Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and encompass all of Knappa Slough and require Compact action.
- Oregon State waters extend upstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and require Oregon State action.
- An Oregon license is required in Oregon State waters and either an Oregon or Washington license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

<i>2007 Select Area Fall Season - Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery</i>	
Season:	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 4 through September 14 (6 nights) <u>and</u> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 17 through October 26 (24 nights) Open 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) from September 4 through September 21 and 6 PM - 8 AM (14 hours) thereafter.
Areas:	Blind Slough area only during September 4 through September 14 and both Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas during September 17 through October 26. The Blind Slough fishing area includes all waters from markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek located approximately ½-mile upstream of the county road bridge, downstream to markers at the mouth of Blind Slough. The Knappa Slough fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from the north marker at the mouth of Blind Slough, westerly to a marker on Karlson Island, downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore. Markers define an area closure of about a 100’ radius at the mouth of Big Creek.
Gear:	In both fishing areas, restrict gear to a 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Special transportation permits are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

- ✓ The proposed two-week delay in Knappa Slough should minimize interception of fall Chinook destined for Big Creek Hatchery.
- ✓ Similar to Tongue Point, fishing hours increase after late September to maximize harvest opportunity.
- ✓ The 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction will focus the fishery on coho and reduce Chinook harvest.

Deep River Fishery

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Compact action.
- Washington state waters extend upstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Washington state action.
- A Washington license is required in Washington state waters and either a Washington or Oregon license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

<i>2007 Select Area Fall Season - Deep River Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 3 through October 26 (32 nights) Open 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) from September 3 through September 21 and 4 PM – 8 AM (16 hours) thereafter.
Area:	The Deep River fishing area includes all waters downstream of the town of Deep River to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.
Gear:	Restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and 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.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Special transportation rules are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

- ✓ Four fishing periods per week throughout the season as requested by industry should increase effort and harvest potential.
- ✓ Proposed fishing hours are concurrent with Tongue Point/South Channel.

Youngs Bay Fishery

- All waters in this fishing area are Oregon State waters and require Oregon State action.
- An Oregon license is required to participate in this fishery.

<i>2007 Select Area Fall Season - Youngs Bay Fishery</i>	
Season:	6 AM Wednesday August 1 to 6 PM Thursday August 2 (36 hours) 6 AM Wednesday August 8 to 6 PM Thursday August 9 (36 hours) 6 AM Wednesday August 15 to noon Thursday August 16 (30 hours) 6 AM Wednesday August 22 to noon Thursday August 23 (30 hours) 6 AM Tuesday August 28 to 6 AM Friday August 31 (3 days) 7 PM Tuesday September 4 - noon Wednesday October 31 (57 days)
Area:	The Youngs Bay fishing area includes all waters from the new Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at Battle Creek Slough; except for closed waters southerly of the alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark River).
Gear:	8-inch maximum mesh size restriction through August 23 and 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction thereafter. Restrict net to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed upstream of markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River. Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Special transportation rules are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

- ✓ Youngs Bay August fishing periods are designed to provide some commercial harvest opportunity on SAB fall Chinook while allowing for escapement to both Klaskanine hatcheries and tidewater recreational fisheries.
- ✓ Relocating the upper fishing boundary to Battle Creek Slough is intended to protect SAB fall Chinook that congregate in the upper tidewater area.
- ✓ Continuous fishing after Labor Day is intended to maximize harvest of net-pen produced coho.
- ✓ The 8-inch maximum mesh size restriction targets the fishery on Chinook during most of August and the 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction beginning in late August targets the fishery on coho as their abundance begins to peak.

Select Area Sport Fisheries

- As per permanent regulations, Youngs Bay and Select Areas are open the entire year for retention of Chinook and adipose fin-clipped coho with a two fish bag limit in any combination. Chinook retained during January 31 – July 31 must be fin-clipped in Youngs Bay and associated tributaries, and adipose fin-clipped in Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Areas and tributaries.

Note: An error in the 2007 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulation Pamphlet unintentionally restricts harvest of Chinook in Youngs Bay to retention of adipose fin-clipped fish only during January through July. The error will be corrected to allow retention any fin-clipped fall Chinook (i.e. SAB fall Chinook) during January-July 2008.

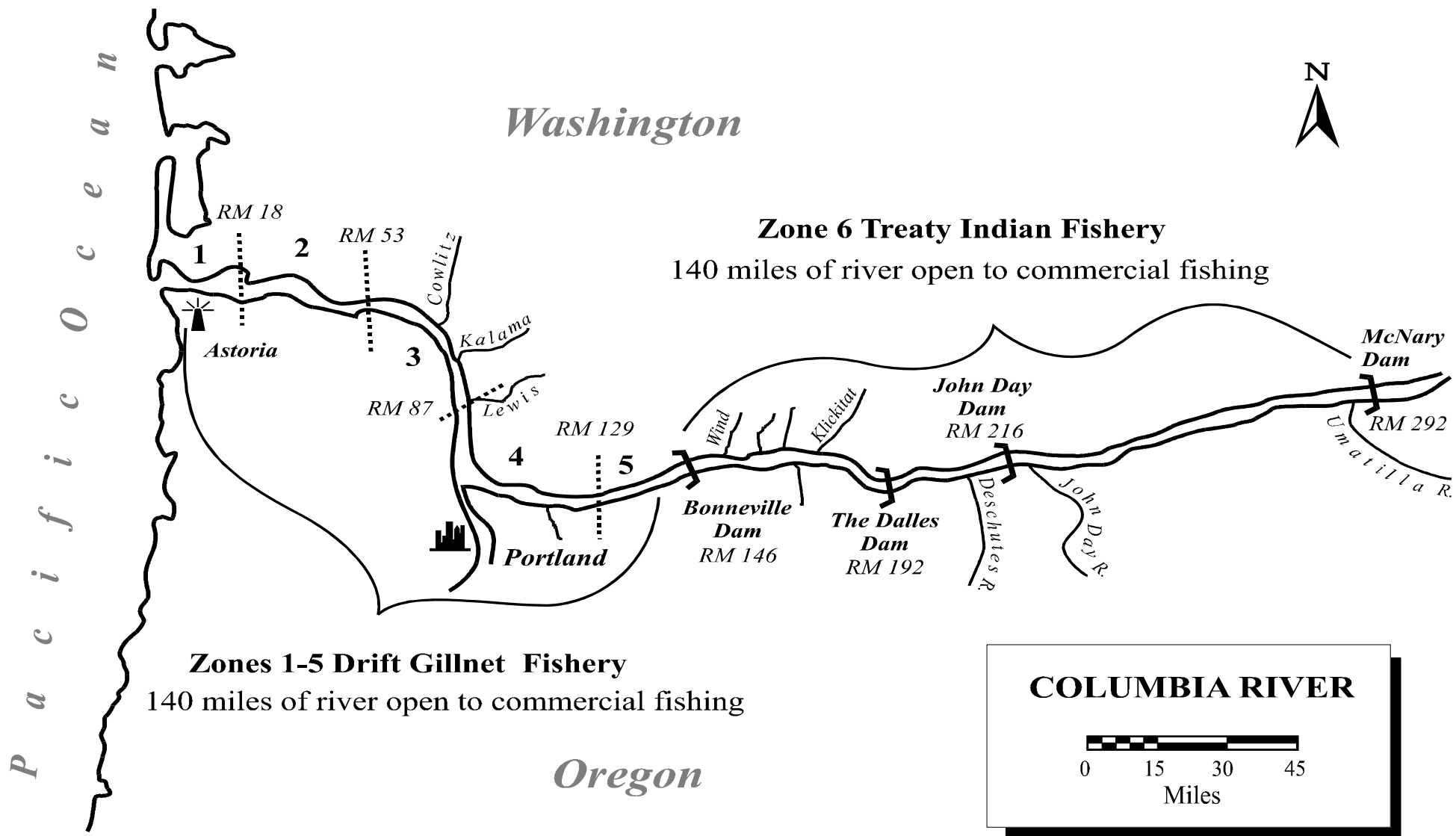
- As per permanent regulations listed in 2007-08 Washington State Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet, the Deep River Select Area is open for salmon August 1-December 31. See site-specific regulations for season dates and bag limits.
- Since 2005, the North Fork Klaskanine River is closed to angling upstream of the Olney Lane Bridge during September 1-October 15 to protect migrating SAB broodstock.
- To provide additional protection for Big Creek fall Chinook in 2007, the long-standing September Big Creek angling closure (RR trestle at mouth upstream to hatchery deadline) has been expanded to August 15-September 30.

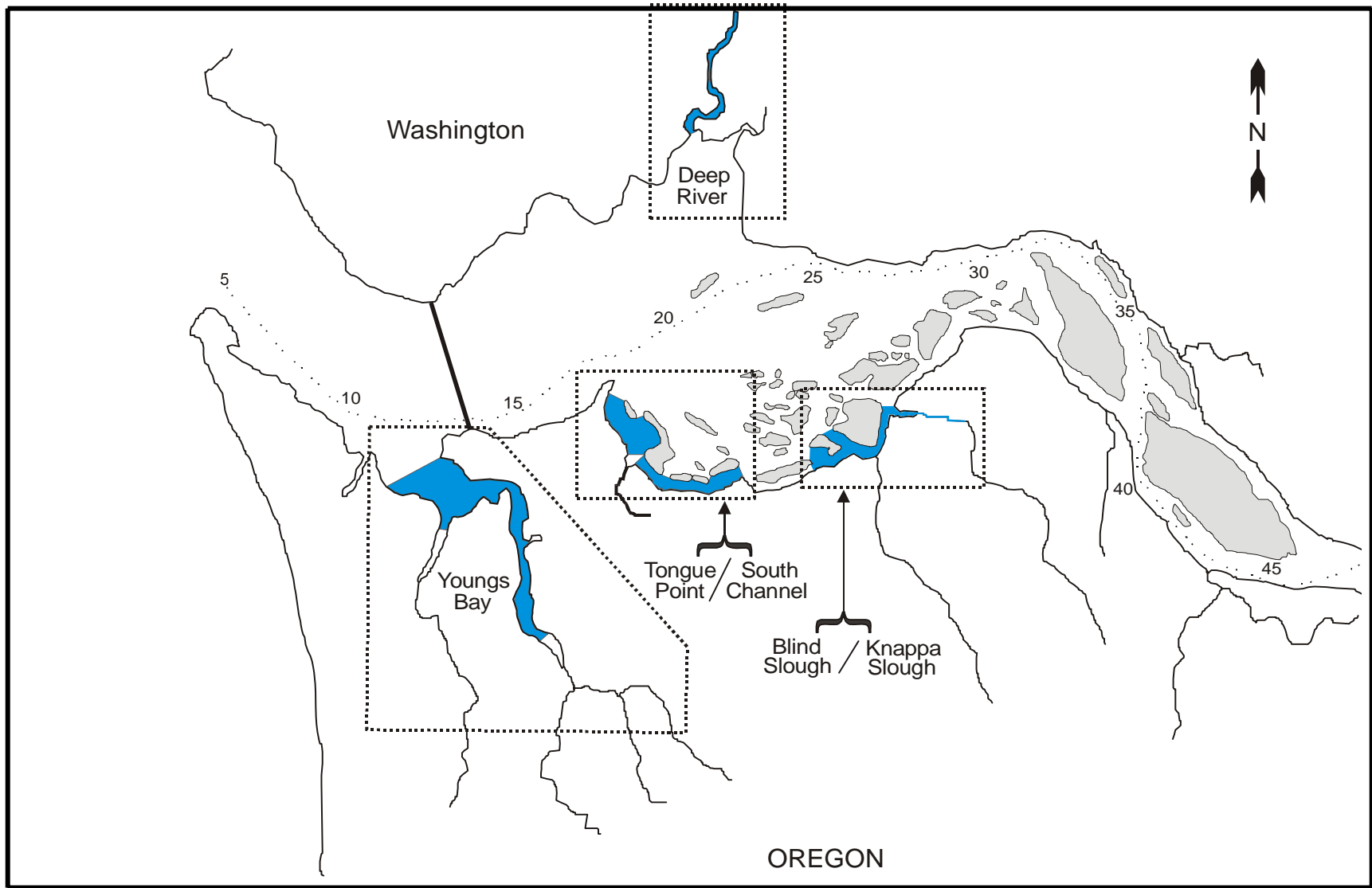
FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff is recommending a hearing be scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday August 15 at the Clark County Commissioners' Office hearing room on the 6th floor of the Public Service Center building. The address is 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666. The purpose of the hearing will be to consider additional recreational sturgeon fishing opportunity in the area above Wauna, and consider late August commercial fishing periods.

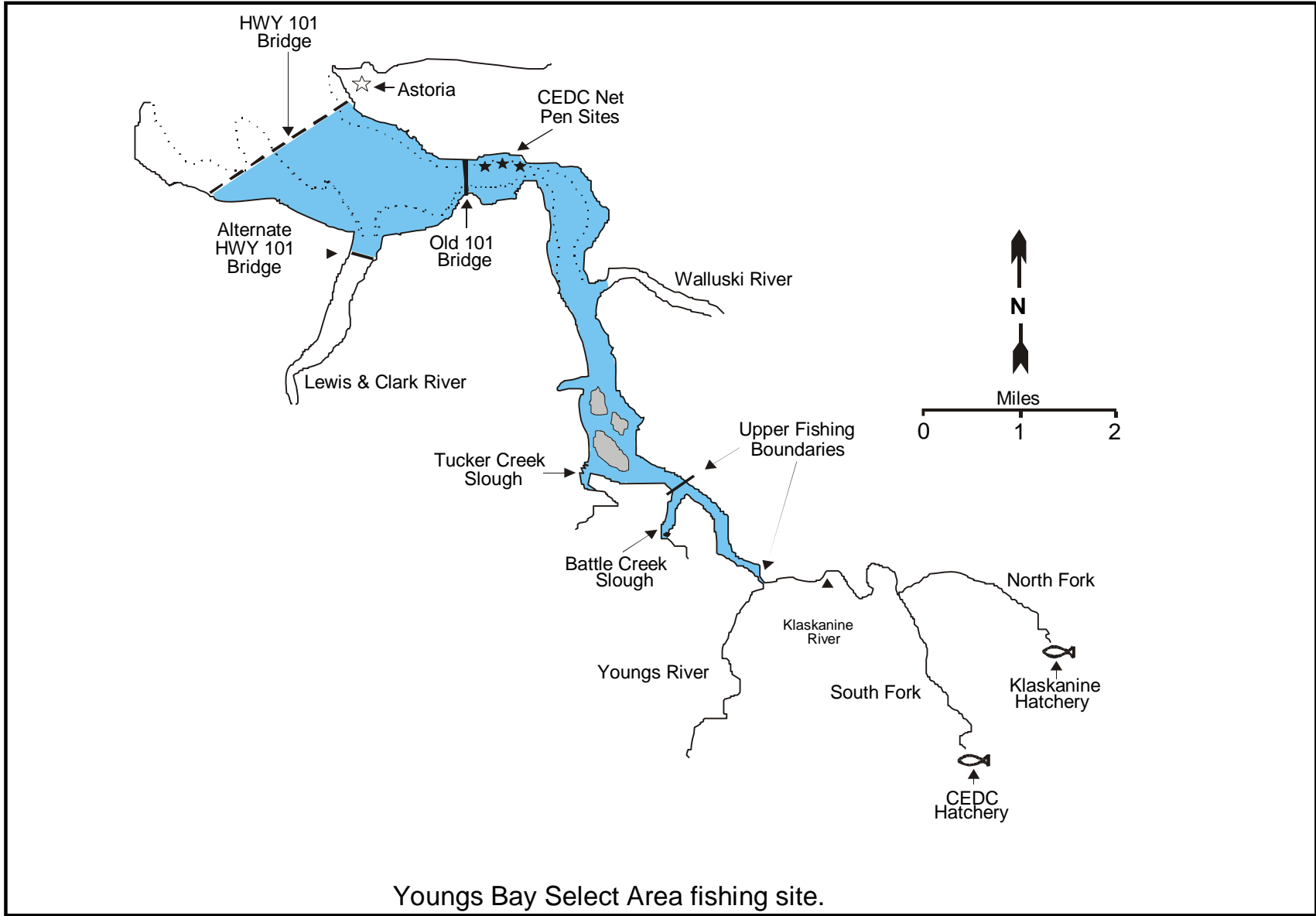
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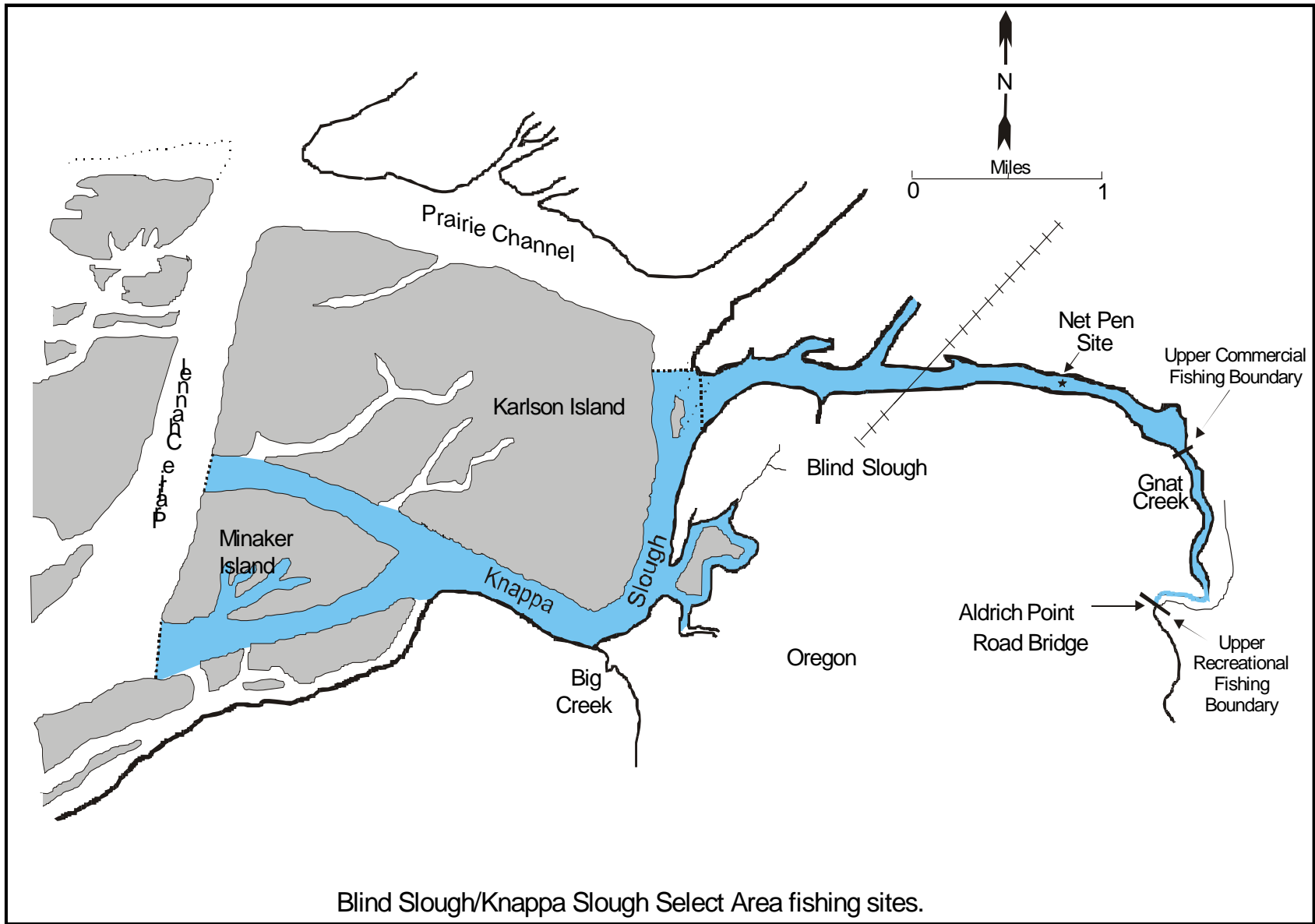
- Non-Indian commercial salmon seasons – Compact action (page 5).
- Washington Quick Reporting rule – Washington State action (page 4).
- Non-Indian commercial sturgeon possession regulation – Washington State action (page 4).
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- Treaty-Indian Set line Sturgeon Fisheries – Compact action (page 6).
- Select Areas Fall Commercial Seasons:
 - Tongue Point/South Channel – Compact action (page 8).
 - Blind Slough/Knappa Slough – Compact and Oregon State action (page 9).
 - Deep River – Compact and Washington State action (page 10).
 - Youngs Bay – Oregon State action (page 11).

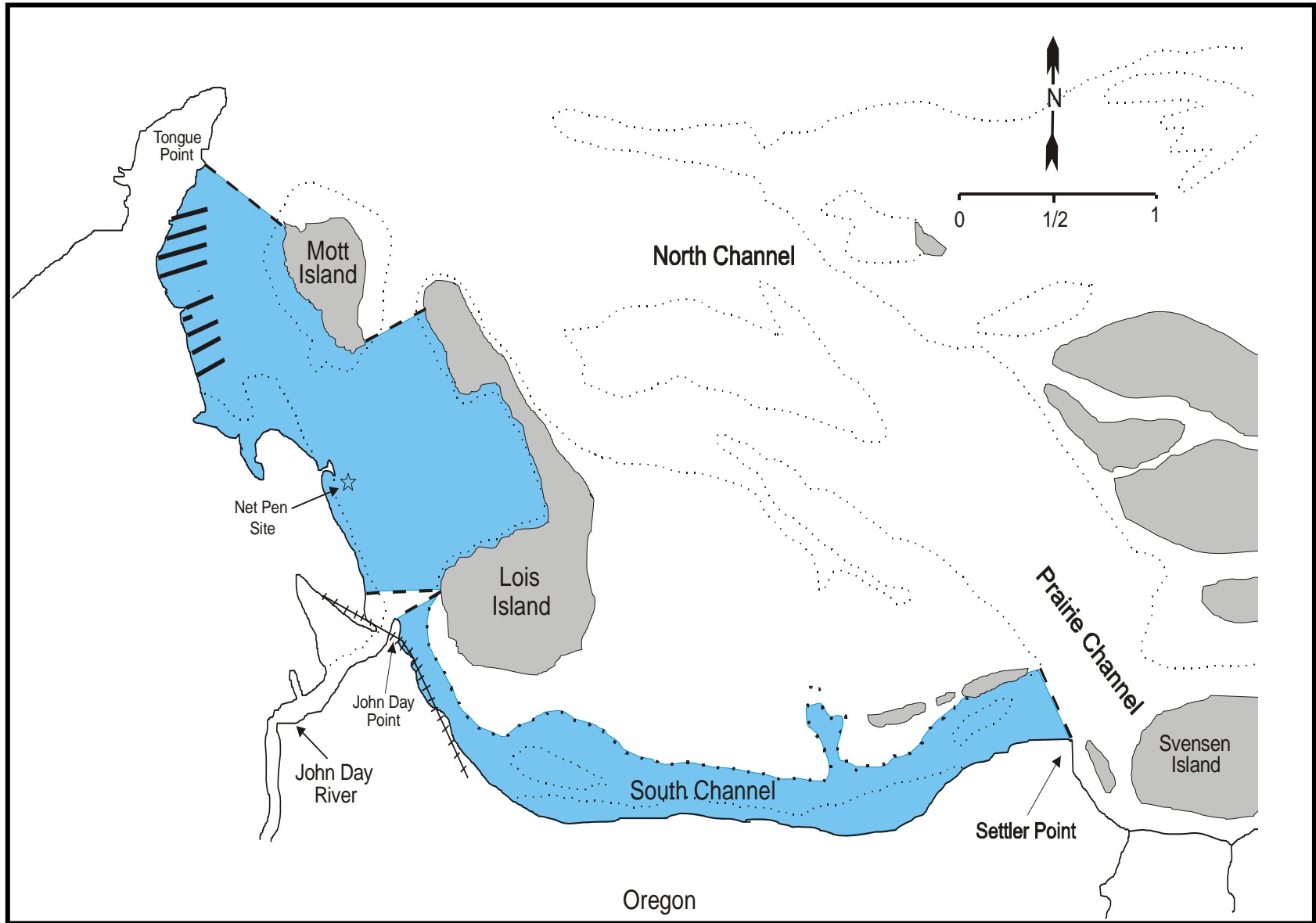




Fall Select Areas Fishery Locations







Tongue Point/ South Channel Select Area Fishing Sites

