

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 5
Columbia River Joint State Hearing
March 21, 2013**

Fisheries under consideration:	Select Area Commercial Fisheries
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- Select Area fisheries target spring Chinook during the winter and spring seasons (mid-February through mid-June) and both spring Chinook and Select Area Bright (SAB) fall Chinook during the summer season (mid-June through July) in Youngs Bay.
- The 2013 winter/spring/summer seasons were adopted at the January 30, 2013 Compact hearing.
- The new winter season fisheries in Tongue Point and Knappa Slough ended March 12. Winter fisheries in Youngs Bay, Blind Slough, and Deep River continue but with reduced hours and/or days. Currently adopted seasons end on March 25 in Youngs Bay and April 2 in Blind Slough and Deep River.
- Combined Select Area landings through March 19 (except Deep River through March 15) total 322 Chinook and 15 white sturgeon.
- Landings include an estimated 16 upriver spring Chinook which represents 5.0% of the total catch and 11% of the 150 upriver mortalities allocated to Select Area commercial fisheries prior to the run update. No upriver stocks have been observed in either Blind Slough or Deep River so far.
- Several fishers have recently requested additional fishing opportunity in Blind Slough. Given the lack of upriver catch at this site and Deep River, staff believes some additional fishing time can be provided with minimal risk of accruing significant upriver impacts.

<i>Staff Recommendation: Select Area Fisheries</i>
Modify the ongoing Select Area commercial fisheries in Blind Slough and Deep River to include two additional fishing periods: 7 PM Thursday March 21 through 7 AM Friday March 22, 2013 7 PM Thursday March 28 through 7 AM Friday March 29, 2013 All other previously adopted regulations specific to each site remain in effect.

Future Hearings

- Staff is not recommending any additional Compact hearings at this time.