

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 3b
Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
June 30, 2016**

Fisheries under consideration: Select Area commercial salmon
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Select Area Fisheries

- The spring seasons in Blind Slough/Knappa Slough and Tongue Point/South Channel have been extended past the original scheduled closure date (June 14). Four periods were added to the Blind Slough/Knappa Slough fishery and four periods were added to the Tongue Point/South Channel fishery.
- Landings remained good during last week’s extension periods with 124 Chinook landed in Blind/Knappa Slough and 87 Chinook in Tongue Point/South Channel. Preliminary mark rates and coded-wire tag analysis continue to indicate the fish being harvested are hatchery Chinook primarily of Select Area origin.
- Interest in this fishery continues and the ex-vessel price for Chinook remains high.
- 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 of the Railroad Bridge and require Oregon State action.

<i>Joint Staff Recommendation: 2016 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Commercial Fishery</i>	
Season:	7pm Thursday June 30 to 7am Friday July 1 7pm Tuesday July 5 to 7am Wednesday July 6
Area:	Blind Slough and Knappa Slough. The lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).
Gear:	9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Multiple net rule in place: 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.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and shad.

Miscellaneous Regulations:	Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-210. The 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule is in effect for Washington buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.
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<i>Joint Staff Recommendation: 2016 Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Fishery</i>	
Season:	7pm Thursday June 30 to 7am Friday July 1 7pm Tuesday July 5 to 7am Wednesday July 6
Area:	Tongue Point and South Channel.
Gear:	9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction In the Tongue Point fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom. In the South Channel fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. 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 and shad.
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-210. The 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule is in effect for Washington buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.

- These season extensions will allow access to late-returning Select Area spring Chinook which are still present in the fishing areas.
- The catch expectation is about 200 Chinook for the proposed season modifications.
- Due to short notice, commercial fishers have been contacted and informed of the proposed fishery extensions.

Future Meetings

- No hearings are currently scheduled. The joint staff will schedule additional hearings as needed.