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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 11, 2026

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## Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

### Treaty Indian Fisheries

Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

#### ***Zone 6 Commercial Winter Setline Fishery (Bonneville Pool)***

Season: 6 AM Thursday February 12 through 6 PM Monday February 16 (4.5 days)  
Area: Bonneville Pool  
Sanctuaries: Standard closed areas applicable to setline gear.  
Gear: Setlines  
Allowable Sales: Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

#### ***Zone 6 Commercial Winter Setline Fisheries (The Dalles and John Day Pools)***

Season: 6 AM Wednesday February 18 through 6 PM Saturday February 21 (3.5 days)  
Area: The Dalles Pool and John Day Pool  
Sanctuaries: Standard closed areas applicable to setline gear.  
Gear: Setlines  
Allowable Sales: Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

#### ***Research Commercial Fishery (John Day Pool)***

Season: 6 AM Friday February 13 through 6 PM Saturday March 21 (36.5 days)  
Area: The following areas in the John Day Pool reach:  
Railroad Island Slough (45.72504, -120.69580) only the slough side waters up from the railroad tracks.  
Paterson Slough (45.70664, -120.46430) only the slough side to the north of Highway 14.  
Sundale Slough (45.72008, -120.31364) only the slough side waters up from the railroad tracks.

Area cont.: Jones Canyon Slough (45.71576, -121.24522) only the slough south of the railroad tracks.  
 Willow Creek Slough (45.79306, -120.01470) only waters south of the eastbound lanes of I-84.  
 Alderdale Slough (45.83741, -119.92876) only waters north of Highway 14.  
 Paterson Slough (45.92950, -119.55259) waters inside the mouth of the slough, across from Irrigon & Umatilla fish hatcheries.

Sanctuaries: These areas listed in the John Day Pool reach do not include any standard closed areas applicable to gillnet gear.

Gear: Gillnets only

Allowable Sales: Yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, carp, and northern pikeminnow may be sold. These species may be sold after the permit fishing period concludes. All other species including salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon must be released.

**The following reporting rules apply to all Treaty Indian fisheries referenced above:**

Reporting Rule: Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.  
 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.

**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 7)***

Adopted seasons as follows:

**Winter Season**

Youngs Bay	6 AM - 6 PM Monday February 16	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Tuesday February 17	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Wednesday February 18	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Thursday February 19	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Monday February 23	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Tuesday February 24	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Wednesday February 25	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Thursday February 26	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Monday March 2	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Tuesday March 3	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Wednesday March 4	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Thursday March 5	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Monday March 9	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Tuesday March 10	(12 hours)

**Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery (continued)**

	6 AM - 6 PM Wednesday March 11	(12 hours)
	6 AM - 6 PM Thursday March 12	(12 hours)
	5 AM - 9 AM Monday March 16	(4 hours)
	6:30 AM - 10:30 AM Wednesday March 18	(4 hours)
	7 AM - 11 AM Thursday March 19	(4 hours)
Upper Youngs Bay	10 AM - 2 PM Monday March 23	(4 hours)
	12 PM - 4 PM Wednesday March 25	(4 hours)
	1:30 PM - 5:30 PM Thursday March 26	(4 hours)
	5 AM - 9 AM Monday March 30	(4 hours)
	6 AM - 10 AM Wednesday April 1	(4 hours)
	7 AM - 11 AM Thursday April 2	(4 hours)

**Spring Season**

Upper Youngs Bay	9 AM - 1 PM Monday April 20	(4 hours)
Youngs Bay	12 PM - 4 PM Thursday April 23	(4 hours)
	4 PM - 8 PM Monday April 27	(4 hours)
	5 PM - 9 PM Wednesday April 29	(4 hours)
	6 PM - 10 PM Thursday April 30	(4 hours)
	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Monday May 4	(4 hours)
	9 AM - 1 PM Tuesday May 5	(4 hours)
	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM Wednesday May 6	(4 hours)
	10 AM - 2 PM Thursday May 7	(4 hours)
	6 AM Monday May 11 - 9 AM Friday May 15	(4 days)
	6 AM Monday May 18 - 9 AM Friday May 22	(4 days)
	6 AM Monday May 25 - 9 AM Friday May 29	(4 days)
	6 AM Monday June 1 - 9 AM Friday June 5	(4 days)
	6 AM Monday June 8 - 9 AM Friday June 12	(4 days)

**Summer Season**

Youngs Bay	6 AM Tuesday June 16 - 9 AM Friday June 19	(3 days)
	6 AM Monday June 22 - 9 AM Friday June 26	(4 days)
	6 AM Monday June 29 - 9 AM Friday July 3	(4 days)
	6 AM Monday July 6 - 9 AM Friday July 10	(4 days)
	6 AM Monday July 13 - 9 AM Friday July 17	(4 days)
	6 AM Tuesday July 21 - Noon Thursday July 23	(54 hours)
	6 AM Tuesday July 28 - Noon Thursday July 30	(54 hours)

**Area:**

Youngs Bay 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

### ***Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery (continued)***

Area cont.: overhead power lines (approximately 500 feet south (upstream) of Barrett Slough). During the winter season, the upstream boundary in the Lewis and Clark River is the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark Bridge).

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

**Gear:** Gear restrictions as follows:

- The maximum net length is 1,500 feet (250 fathoms).
- Lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom, except additional weights or anchors attached directly to the lead line is permitted in these areas:
  - Youngs River upstream of regulatory markers located approximately 200 yards southerly (upstream) of the mouth of the Walluski River.
  - In the lower Walluski River from the first dock near the mouth upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge.
  - 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.

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

Adopted seasons as follows:

#### **Winter Season**

Tongue Point and South Channel	Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:	
	Sunday February 15 - Monday February 16	(1 night)
	Tuesday February 17 - Wednesday February 18	(1 night)
	Thursday February 19 - Friday February 20	(1 night)
	Sunday February 22 - Monday February 23	(1 night)
	Tuesday February 24 - Wednesday February 25	(1 night)
	Thursday February 26 - Friday February 27	(1 night)
	Sunday March 1 - Monday March 2	(1 night)
	Tuesday March 3 - Wednesday March 4	(1 night)
	Thursday March 5 - Friday March 6	(1 night)
	Sunday March 8 - Monday March 9	(1 night)
	Tuesday March 10 - Wednesday March 11	(1 night)
	Thursday March 12 - Friday March 13	(1 night)
Tongue Point	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Sunday March 15	(4 hours)
	6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Tuesday March 17	(4 hours)
	8 PM Thursday March 19 - 12 AM Friday March 20	(4 hours)

***Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Salmon Fishery (continued)***

South Channel	Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:	
	Sunday March 15 - Monday March 16	(1 night)
	Tuesday March 17 - Wednesday March 18	(1 night)
	Thursday March 19 - Friday March 20	(1 night)
	Monday March 23 - Tuesday March 24	(1 night)
	Thursday March 26 - Friday March 27	(1 night)
	Monday March 30 - Tuesday March 31	(1 night)
	Thursday April 2 - Friday April 3	(1 night)
	Monday April 6 - Tuesday April 7	(1 night)
	Thursday April 9 - Friday April 10	(1 night)
	Monday April 13 - Tuesday April 14	(1 night)

**Spring Season**

South Channel	7 PM Thursday April 16 - 7 AM Friday April 17	(1 night)
	7 PM Monday April 20 - 7 AM Tuesday April 21	(1 night)
Tongue Point	9:30 PM Monday April 20 - 1:30 AM Tuesday April 21	(4 hours)

Tongue Point and South Channel	Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:	
	Thursday April 23 - Friday April 24	(1 night)
	Monday April 27 - Tuesday April 28	(1 night)
	Wednesday April 29 - Thursday April 30	(1 night)
	Thursday April 30 - Friday May 1	(1 night)
	Monday May 4 - Tuesday May 5	(1 night)
	Tuesday May 5 - Wednesday May 6	(1 night)
	Wednesday May 6 - Thursday May 7	(1 night)
	Thursday May 7 - Friday May 8	(1 night)
	Monday May 11 - Tuesday May 12	(1 night)
	Tuesday May 12 - Wednesday May 13	(1 night)
	Wednesday May 13 - Thursday May 14	(1 night)
	Thursday May 14 - Friday May 15	(1 night)

	Open 6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on the following nights:	
	Monday May 18 - Tuesday May 19	(1 night)
	Tuesday May 19 - Wednesday May 20	(1 night)
	Wednesday May 20 - Thursday May 21	(1 night)
	Thursday May 21 - Friday May 22	(1 night)
	Monday May 25 - Tuesday May 26	(1 night)
	Tuesday May 26 - Wednesday May 27	(1 night)
	Wednesday May 27 - Thursday May 28	(1 night)
	Thursday May 28 - Friday May 29	(1 night)
	Monday June 1 - Tuesday June 2	(1 night)
	Tuesday June 2 - Wednesday June 3	(1 night)
	Wednesday June 3 - Thursday June 4	(1 night)

**Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Salmon Fishery (continued)**

Thursday June 4 - Friday June 5	(1 night)
Monday June 8 - Tuesday June 9	(1 night)
Tuesday June 9 - Wednesday June 10	(1 night)
Wednesday June 10 - Thursday June 11	(1 night)
Thursday June 11 - Friday June 12	(1 night)

**Summer Season**

Tongue Point  
and South  
Channel

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Tuesday June 16 - Wednesday June 17	(1 night)
Wednesday June 17 - Thursday June 18	(1 night)
Thursday June 18 - Friday June 19	(1 night)
Monday June 22 - Tuesday June 23	(1 night)
Tuesday June 23 - Wednesday June 24	(1 night)
Wednesday June 24 - Thursday June 25	(1 night)
Thursday June 25 - Friday June 26	(1 night)
Monday June 29 - Tuesday June 30	(1 night)
Tuesday June 30 - Wednesday July 1	(1 night)
Wednesday July 1 - Thursday July 2	(1 night)
Thursday July 2 - Friday July 3	(1 night)
Monday July 6 - Tuesday July 7	(1 night)
Tuesday July 7 - Wednesday July 8	(1 night)
Wednesday July 8 - Thursday July 9	(1 night)
Thursday July 9 - Friday July 10	(1 night)
Monday July 13 - Tuesday July 14	(1 night)
Tuesday July 14 - Wednesday July 15	(1 night)
Wednesday July 15 - Thursday July 16	(1 night)
Thursday July 16 - Friday July 17	(1 night)

**Area:**

Tongue Point

The Tongue Point Winter-Spring Subarea is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from the end of the southern-most pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility projecting in a straight line through flashing red USCG light "6" to the shore 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. If the marker on the Oregon shore is not in place, the upper boundary is defined by a line projecting easterly 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 to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island.

**Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Salmon Fishery (continued)**

Area cont.: For summer fisheries, the open waters include the entire Tongue Point Select Area as described in OAR 635-042-0170(1)(a) and WAC 20-301-010 (11)(c). 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.

South Channel 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:** Gear restrictions as follows:
- The maximum net length is 1,500 feet (250 fathoms).
  - In the Tongue Point winter-spring subarea and the Tongue Point Select Area, the lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom.
  - 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.
  - Unstored gillnets legal for use in South Channel may be onboard.

**Blind Slough (Zone 74) and Knappa Slough (Zone 73) Commercial Salmon Fishery**

Adopted seasons as follows:

**Winter Season**

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough	Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:	
	Sunday February 15 - Monday February 16	(1 night)
	Tuesday February 17 - Wednesday February 18	(1 night)
	Thursday February 19 - Friday February 20	(1 night)
	Sunday February 22 - Monday February 23	(1 night)
	Tuesday February 24 - Wednesday February 25	(1 night)
	Thursday February 26 - Friday February 27	(1 night)
	Sunday March 1 - Monday March 2	(1 night)
	Tuesday March 3 - Wednesday March 4	(1 night)
	Thursday March 5 - Friday March 6	(1 night)
	Sunday March 8 - Monday March 9	(1 night)
	Tuesday March 10 - Wednesday March 11	(1 night)
	Thursday March 12 - Friday March 13	(1 night)
	Sunday March 15 - Monday March 16	(1 night)
	Tuesday March 17 - Wednesday March 18	(1 night)
	Thursday March 19 - Friday March 20	(1 night)
	Monday March 23 - Tuesday March 24	(1 night)

**Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Commercial Salmon Fishery (continued)**

Thursday March 26 - Friday March 27	(1 night)
Monday March 30 - Tuesday March 31	(1 night)
Thursday April 2 - Friday April 3	(1 night)
Monday April 6 - Tuesday April 7	(1 night)
Thursday April 9 - Friday April 10	(1 night)
Monday April 13 - Tuesday April 14	(1 night)

**Spring Season**

Blind Slough and  
Knappa Slough

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Thursday April 16 - Friday April 17	(1 night)
Monday April 20 - Tuesday April 21	(1 night)
Thursday April 23 - Friday April 24	(1 night)
Monday April 27 - Tuesday April 28	(1 night)
Wednesday April 29 - Thursday April 30	(1 night)
Thursday April 30 - Friday May 1	(1 night)
Monday May 4 - Tuesday May 5	(1 night)
Tuesday May 5 - Wednesday May 6	(1 night)
Wednesday May 6 - Thursday May 7	(1 night)
Thursday May 7 - Friday May 8	(1 night)
Monday May 11 - Tuesday May 12	(1 night)
Tuesday May 12 - Wednesday May 13	(1 night)
Wednesday May 13 - Thursday May 14	(1 night)
Thursday May 14 - Friday May 15	(1 night)

Open 6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on the following nights:

Monday May 18 - Tuesday May 19	(1 night)
Tuesday May 19 - Wednesday May 20	(1 night)
Wednesday May 20 - Thursday May 21	(1 night)
Thursday May 21 - Friday May 22	(1 night)
Monday May 25 - Tuesday May 26	(1 night)
Tuesday May 26 - Wednesday May 27	(1 night)
Wednesday May 27 - Thursday May 28	(1 night)
Thursday May 28 - Friday May 29	(1 night)
Monday June 1 - Tuesday June 2	(1 night)
Tuesday June 2 - Wednesday June 3	(1 night)
Wednesday June 3 - Thursday June 4	(1 night)
Thursday June 4 - Friday June 5	(1 night)
Monday June 8 - Tuesday June 9	(1 night)
Tuesday June 9 - Wednesday June 10	(1 night)
Wednesday June 10 - Thursday June 11	(1 night)
Thursday June 11 - Friday June 12	(1 night)

**Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Commercial Salmon Fishery (continued)**

**Summer Season**

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough	Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:	
	Tuesday June 16 - Wednesday June 17	(1 night)
	Wednesday June 17 - Thursday June 18	(1 night)
	Thursday June 18 - Friday June 19	(1 night)
	Monday June 22 - Tuesday June 23	(1 night)
	Tuesday June 23 - Wednesday June 24	(1 night)
	Wednesday June 24 - Thursday June 25	(1 night)
	Thursday June 25 - Friday June 26	(1 night)
	Monday June 29 - Tuesday June 30	(1 night)
	Tuesday June 30 - Wednesday July 1	(1 night)
	Wednesday July 1 - Thursday July 2	(1 night)
	Thursday July 2 - Friday July 3	(1 night)
	Monday July 6 - Tuesday July 7	(1 night)
	Tuesday July 7 - Wednesday July 8	(1 night)
	Wednesday July 8 - Thursday July 9	(1 night)
	Thursday July 9 - Friday July 10	(1 night)
	Monday July 13 - Tuesday July 14	(1 night)
Tuesday July 14 - Wednesday July 15	(1 night)	
Wednesday July 15 - Thursday July 16	(1 night)	
Thursday July 16 - Friday July 17	(1 night)	

**Area:**

Blind Slough	The Blind Slough Select Area is defined as waters of Blind Slough and Gnat Creek from a north-south line represented by regulatory markers at the mouth of Blind Slough upstream to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge.
Knappa Slough	<p>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.</p> <p>The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed.</p> <p>Through May 1 the downstream (western) boundary in Knappa Slough is a north-south line projecting through the easternmost tip of Minaker Island and regulatory markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore.</p>

**Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Commercial Salmon Fishery (continued)**

**Gear:**

Gear restrictions as follows:

- The maximum net length is 750 feet (125 fathoms).
- There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight or anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.

**Deep River Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 80)**

Adopted seasons as follows:

**Winter Season**

Deep River

Open 7 PM to 9 AM (14 hours) on the following nights:

Sunday February 15 - Monday February 16	(1 night)
Tuesday February 17 - Wednesday February 18	(1 night)
Thursday February 19 - Friday February 20	(1 night)
Sunday February 22 - Monday February 23	(1 night)
Tuesday February 24 - Wednesday February 25	(1 night)
Thursday February 26 - Friday February 27	(1 night)
Sunday March 1 - Monday March 2	(1 night)
Tuesday March 3 - Wednesday March 4	(1 night)
Thursday March 5 - Friday March 6	(1 night)
Sunday March 8 - Monday March 9	(1 night)
Tuesday March 10 - Wednesday March 11	(1 night)
Thursday March 12 - Friday March 13	(1 night)
Sunday March 15 - Monday March 16	(1 night)
Tuesday March 17 - Wednesday March 18	(1 night)
Thursday March 19 - Friday March 20	(1 night)
Monday March 23 - Tuesday March 24	(1 night)
Thursday March 26 - Friday March 27	(1 night)
Monday March 30 - Tuesday March 31	(1 night)
Thursday April 2 - Friday April 3	(1 night)
Monday April 6 - Tuesday April 7	(1 night)
Thursday April 9 - Friday April 10	(1 night)
Monday April 13 - Tuesday April 14	(1 night)

**Spring Season**

Deep River

Open 7 PM to 9 AM (14 hours) on the following nights:

Thursday April 16 - Friday April 17	(1 night)
Monday April 20 - Tuesday April 21	(1 night)
Thursday April 23 - Friday April 24	(1 night)
Monday April 27 - Tuesday April 28	(1 night)
Wednesday April 29 - Thursday April 30	(1 night)
Thursday April 30 - Friday May 1	(1 night)
Monday May 4 - Tuesday May 5	(1 night)
Tuesday May 5 - Wednesday May 6	(1 night)

## **Deep River Commercial Salmon Fishery (continued)**

Wednesday May 6 - Thursday May 7	(1 night)
Thursday May 7 - Friday May 8	(1 night)
Monday May 11 - Tuesday May 12	(1 night)
Tuesday May 12 - Wednesday May 13	(1 night)
Wednesday May 13 - Thursday May 14	(1 night)
Thursday May 14 - Friday May 15	(1 night)
Monday May 18 - Tuesday May 19	(1 night)
Tuesday May 19 - Wednesday May 20	(1 night)
Wednesday May 20 - Thursday May 21	(1 night)
Thursday May 21 - Friday May 22	(1 night)
Monday May 25 - Tuesday May 26	(1 night)
Tuesday May 26 - Wednesday May 27	(1 night)
Wednesday May 27 - Thursday May 28	(1 night)
Thursday May 28 - Friday May 29	(1 night)

**Area:** The Deep River Select Area is defined as those waters of Deep River from the lower boundary line, at USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore, upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge.

**Gear:** Gear restrictions as follows:

- The maximum net length is 600 feet (100 fathoms).
- There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight or anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.
- Nets may not fully cross navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gill net longer than three-fourths the width of the stream (WAC 220-354-010(1)). It shall be unlawful in any area to use, operate, or carry aboard a commercial fishing vessel a licensed net or combination of such nets, whether fished singly or separately, in excess of the maximum lawful size or length prescribed for a single net in that area, except as otherwise provided for in the rules and regulations of the department rule (WAC 220-353-060(17)).

**Miscellaneous Regulations:** Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by WDFW staff if needed.

Fishers are required to call 360-846-5268 to confirm the place and time of sampling.

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

**Gear:** 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during winter seasons.

9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during spring and summer seasons.

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.

<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Salmon (except chum) and shad.
<b>Miscellaneous Regulations:</b>	Permanent regulations, including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys, remain in effect.
<b>Reporting Rules:</b>	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.

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## **Joint State Action**

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

### ***Columbia River Recreational White Sturgeon Fisheries***

Adopted the following retention fisheries:

#### **Bonneville Pool** (Bonneville Dam to The Dalles Dam)

Dates:	Monday February 16, 2026	(1 day)
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, and all adjacent tributaries.	
Allowable Catch:	Legal size: 38-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length. (Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat under the fish).  The daily bag limit is one fish and the annual bag limit is two fish (applicable to any/all sturgeon retention fisheries).	

#### **The Dalles Pool** (The Dalles Dam to John Day Dam)

Dates:	Monday February 16, 2026	(1 day)
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam to John Day Dam, and all adjacent tributaries.	
Allowable Catch:	Legal size: 43-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length (Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat under the fish).  The daily bag limit is one fish and the annual bag limit is two fish (applicable to any/all sturgeon retention fisheries).	

For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, the statewide harvest limits, seasonal sturgeon spawning sanctuary closures, and other restrictions in the 2026 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations book remain in effect the entire year, including catch and release angling allowed during periods closed to sturgeon retention.

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

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For information concerning these decisions see the February 11, 2026 Winter Fact Sheets No.5a & 5b 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).

## **Future Meetings**

A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 11:30 AM Thursday February 19, 2026 to consider mainstem Columbia River and Select Area recreational spring Chinook fisheries. The hearing will be held at the ODFW Clackamas office located at 17330 SE Evelyn Street, Clackamas, OR 97015. A teleconference call-in option will be available.