
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 13, 2009

Compact Action

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

Select Area Commercial 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.

Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery (Zone 74)

- Open waters in Knappa Slough, and Blind Slough up to the railroad bridge are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction and open waters of Blind Slough above the railroad bridge are under Oregon state jurisdiction.
- Adopted commercial salmon seasons as follows:

Spring Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

<u>Blind Slough</u>	Monday May 18 - Tuesday May 19	(1 night)
	Thursday May 21 - Friday May 22	(1 night)
<u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough</u>	Monday May 25 - Tuesday May 26	(1 night)
	Thursday May 28 - Friday May 29	(1 night)
	Monday June 1 - Tuesday June 2	(1 night)
	Thursday June 4 - Friday June 5	(1 night)
	Monday June 8 - Tuesday June 9	(1 night)
	Thursday June 11 - Friday June 12	(1 night)

Open Area: Open waters extend from markers at the mouth of Blind Slough upstream to markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek which is located approximately ½ mile upstream of the county road bridge.

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: 8-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect.
Nets restricted to maximum length of 100 fathoms with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

Deep River Fishery (Zone 80)

- Open waters in Deep River up to the Highway 4 Bridge are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction.
- Adopted commercial salmon seasons as follows:

Spring Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Sunday May 17 - Monday May 18	(1 night)
Wednesday May 20 - Thursday May 21	(1 night)
Sunday May 24 - Monday May 25	(1 night)
Wednesday May 27 - Thursday May 28	(1 night)
Sunday May 31 - Monday June 1	(1 night)
Wednesday June 3 - Thursday June 4	(1 night)
Sunday June 7 - Monday June 8	(1 night)
Wednesday June 10 - Thursday June 11	(1 night)

Area: **Deep River** is open to fishing from the markers at USCG navigation marker #16 upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge.

Gear: 8" maximum mesh size restriction in effect during the spring season. Net restricted to a maximum length of 100 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Nets are not allowed to be tied off of any stationary structures.

Nets are not allowed to fully cross the navigation channel.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has sampled individual catches for biological information. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff. During the spring season a sampling station will be established downstream of the Highway 4 Bridge at Stephen's dock.

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- **The following Allowable Sales and Washington Reporting Rule applies to all non-Indian Select Area spring salmon seasons adopted above.**

Allowable Sales: Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of five white sturgeon (43-54 inches fork length) may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). **The five white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.**

Washington Reporting Rule WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the commercial Select Area fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either:

- a. Fax transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
 - b. E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
 - c. Telephone to 1-866-791-1281
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Joint State Action

In joint Oregon and Washington state action after the Compact adjourned; the states discussed the following mainstem Columbia sport fisheries and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Sport Fisheries

Mainstem Columbia River Summer Steelhead Recreational Fishery

- The opening of the mainstem Columbia River steelhead and jack Chinook recreational fishery from the Tongue Point-Rocky Point line upstream to the I-5 Bridge, scheduled to open on May 16 under permanent rules, will be delayed until further notice, but will open no later than June 16, 2009.

The state of Washington adopted the following rule change:

- Effective 12:01 AM Monday May 18, 2009 the Ringold Hatchery spring Chinook fishery will be closed.

Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

Non-Indian Commercial Fisheries

Youngs Bay Select Area (Zone 7) Commercial Salmon Fisheries

- Open waters in Youngs Bay are under Oregon State jurisdiction.
- Adopted commercial salmon seasons as follows:

Spring Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

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

Area: **May 18 through June 5:**

Old Youngs Bay Bridge upstream to the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers.

June 8 through June 12:

Entire Youngs Bay fishing area.

- Gear:** 8-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during the spring and summer seasons.
Net restricted to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom.
Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.
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.
- Allowable Sales:** Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of five white sturgeon (43-54 inches fork length) may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). **The five white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.**
- Miscellaneous Regulations:** Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact or Joint State hearings have been scheduled at this time. A Compact hearing may take place next week, potentially as early as late Monday afternoon.
- For information concerning these decisions see the May 13, 2009 Spring Fact Sheet #2 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp
- Recorded Mainstem Commercial, Select Area Commercial, and Sport Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (971) 673-6000 and following recorded instructions.
- Note: Joint Staff Reports, Fact Sheets, and Columbia River Action Notices are also available through the Internet at: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp>