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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
2009

July 29,

## Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to review fall Chinook stock status and took the following actions:

### Non-Indian Fisheries

#### ***Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery***

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

|         |                         |    |                          |          |
|---------|-------------------------|----|--------------------------|----------|
| Season: | 7 PM Tuesday August 4   | to | 7 AM Wednesday August 5  | (12 hrs) |
|         | 7 PM Thursday August 6  | to | 7 AM Friday August 7     | (12 hrs) |
|         | 7 PM Sunday August 9    | to | 7 AM Monday August 10    | (12 hrs) |
|         | 8 PM Tuesday August 18  | to | 6 AM Wednesday August 19 | (10 hrs) |
|         | 8 PM Thursday August 20 | to | 6 AM Friday August 21    | (10 hrs) |
|         | 8 PM Sunday August 23   | to | 6 AM Monday August 24    | (10 hrs) |
|         | 8 PM Tuesday August 25  | to | 6 AM Wednesday August 26 | (10 hrs) |
|         | 8 PM Thursday August 27 | to | 6 AM Friday August 28    | (10 hrs) |

Area: **August 4-10, 2009:** Zones 1-5.

**August 18-24, 2009:** Zones 3-5, upstream of the Kalama River (upstream of a line projected from the Goble Ramp on the Oregon Shore to the downstream end of the Kalama Chemical dock on the Washington shore).

**August 25-28, 2009:** Zones 4-5.

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokomina-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries are in effect as applicable.

Gear: 9-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length).

A maximum of **nine** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The nine white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries **only**.

Miscellaneous Regulations: **Multiple Net Rule:** 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.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from commercial 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](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)

**Columbia River Area 2S Shad Fishery**

- Adopted the following commercial shad fishing period as a permanent annual season:

**Annual Season:** 3 PM to 10 PM daily during Monday through Friday (except on the observed Memorial Day holiday) from May 10 through June 20 annually.

**Area:** True north/south line through Light #50 near the mouth of the Sandy River upstream to the commercial fishing boundary near Beacon Rock.

**Gear:** Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net, 5-3/8" minimum and 6-1/4" maximum mesh size restrictions, 10-lb breaking strength, net may not exceed 150 fathoms in length nor 40 meshes in depth.

**Allowable Sales:** Only shad may be kept and sold. All other species, including salmon and sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

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**Select Area Commercial Fisheries**

- The following commercial fisheries were adopted by Compact action.

**Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery (Zone 71)**

- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

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

Monday August 31 – Friday September 4 (4 nights)

Monday September 7 - Friday September 11 (4 nights)

Monday September 14 - Friday September 18 (4 nights)

Open 4 PM to 8 AM (16 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Monday September 21 - Friday September 25 (4 nights)

Monday September 28 - Friday October 2 (4 nights)

Monday October 5 - Friday October 9 (4 nights)

Monday October 12 - Friday October 16 (4 nights)

Monday October 19 - Friday October 23 (4 nights)

Monday October 26 - Friday October 30 (4 nights)

**Area:** **Tongue Point and South Channel areas are open entire season.**  
All waters are under concurrent jurisdiction.

**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.

**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.

**Gear:** In **Tongue Point** fishing area legal gear is restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, net not to exceed 250 fathoms in length, and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds of weight on any one fathom. Fishers participating in the Tongue Point fishery may have on-board their boat, gill nets legal for the South Channel fishing area as described below.

In **South Channel** fishing area, any one legal gear is restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, net not to exceed 100 fathoms in length, and no weight restrictions on the leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

**Allowable Sales:** Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of **three** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The three white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries **only**.

- **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)***

- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

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

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| Tuesday August 25 – Thursday August 27    | (2 nights) |
| Monday August 31 – Friday September 4     | (4 nights) |
| Monday September 7 - Friday September 11  | (4 nights) |
| Monday September 14 - Friday September 18 | (4 nights) |

Open 6 PM to 8 AM (14 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

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| Monday September 21 - Friday September 25 | (4 nights) |
| Monday September 28 - Friday October 2    | (4 nights) |
| Monday October 5 - Friday October 9       | (4 nights) |
| Monday October 12 - Friday October 16     | (4 nights) |
| Monday October 19 - Friday October 23     | (4 nights) |
| Monday October 26 - Friday October 30     | (4 nights) |

**Area:** **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. Concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters extend downstream of the railroad bridge. Oregon state waters extend upstream of the railroad bridge.

**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. An area closure of about a 100' radius at the mouth of Big Creek is defined by markers. All waters are under concurrent jurisdiction.

**Gear:** In **both Blind Slough and Knappa Slough** fishing areas, legal gear is restricted to **9¾-inch** maximum mesh size in effect for the entire season, net not to exceed 100 fathoms in length, and no weight restriction on

leadline. Use of additional weights and anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon.

A maximum of **three** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The three white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries **only**.

Miscellaneous Regulations:

**Multiple Net Rule:** 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.

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### ***Deep River Fishery (Zone 80)***

- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

Seasons:

Open 7 PM to 9 AM (14 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Monday August 31 – Saturday September 5 (5 nights)

Monday September 7 - Saturday September 12 (5 nights)

Monday September 14 - Saturday September 19 (5 nights)

Open 4 PM to 9 AM (17 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Monday September 21 - Saturday September 26 (5 nights)

Monday September 28 - Saturday October 3 (5 nights)

Monday October 5 - Saturday October 10 (5 nights)

Monday October 12 - Saturday October 17 (5 nights)

Monday October 19 - Saturday October 24 (5 nights)

Monday October 26 - Saturday October 31 (5 nights)

Area:

**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. Concurrent waters extend downstream of the Highway 4 Bridge. Washington State waters extend upstream of the Highway 4 Bridge.

Gear:

Legal gear is restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, net not to exceed 100 fathoms in length, 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.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon.

A maximum of **three** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The three white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries **only**.

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- The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all non-Indian Select Area fall salmon seasons adopted above.

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

- FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
- E-mail to [crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)
- Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

## Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

### *Youngs Bay Select Area (Zone 7) Commercial Salmon Fisheries*

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

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|---------|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|------------|
| Season: | 7 AM Wednesday August 5  | to | 7 PM Thursday August 6   | (36 hours) |
|         | 7 AM Wednesday August 12 | to | 7 PM Thursday August 13  | (36 hours) |
|         | 7 AM Wednesday August 19 | to | 7 PM Thursday August 20  | (36 hours) |
|         | 7 AM Wednesday August 26 | to | 7 PM Thursday August 27  | (36 hours) |
|         | 7 PM Monday August 31    | to | Noon Saturday October 31 | (61 days)  |

**Area:** 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 those waters which are closed southerly of the alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark River). All waters are under State of Oregon jurisdiction.

**Gear:** Legal gear is restricted to **9¾-inch** maximum mesh size in effect through August 27 and 6-inch maximum mesh size thereafter, a net not to exceed 250 fathoms in length and weight on the leadline not to exceed two pounds of weight on 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 **three** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The three white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries **only**.

**Miscellaneous Regulations:** **Multiple Net Rule:** 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.

## **Joint State Action**

In joint Oregon and Washington state action the states discussed the following mainstem Columbia non-Indian sport fisheries and took the following actions:

### ***Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Sport Fishery Below Wauna***

- No action taken. The area will be closed to sturgeon retention for the remainder of 2009.
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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- The Joint staff will monitor catch and schedule additional hearings as necessary.
- For information concerning this hearing see the July 29, 2009 Fall Fact Sheets #1 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](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.