

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 1**  
**Columbia River Compact**  
**July 29, 2010**

Fisheries Under Consideration:	Recreational Sturgeon Fisheries Below Wauna (update) Non-Indian Commercial Mainstem Non-Indian Commercial Select Areas
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**STOCK STATUS**

<b>Summary of 2009 Actual and 2010 Preseason Forecasts of Adult Salmon and Steelhead Returns to the Columbia River<sup>1</sup>.</b>			
<b>Species, stock</b>	2009 Return	2010 Forecast	Comments
<b>Fall Chinook</b>	<b>429,000</b>	<b>664,900</b>	Greater than 10-year average
Lower River Hatchery (LRH)	76,700	85,600	
Lower River Wild (LRW)	7,500	10,000	Less than 10-year average
Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH)	49,000	162,900	Much greater than 10-year average
Upriver bright (URB)	212,000	319,200	Greater than 10-year average
Snake River Wild (SRW)	4,100	5,300	
Mid-Columbia Bright (MCB)	73,100	74,500	Less than 10-year average
Bonneville Upriver Bright (BUB)	38,100	30,200	
Lower River Bright (LRB)	900	900	
Pool Upriver Bright (PUB)	34,100	43,400	
Select Area Bright (SAB)	10,600	12,700	Greater than 10-year average
<b>Upriver summer steelhead</b>	<b>601,500</b>	<b>453,000</b>	Greater than 10-year average
Skamania index	13,900	16,400	3,300 wild.
A-run index	543,100	337,500	107,000 wild
B-run index	44,500	99,100	14,300 wild
<b>Coho</b>	<b>721,600</b>	<b>286,600</b>	Less than 10-year average
Early stock	473,500	188,000	
Late stock	248,100	98,600	

*1. Columbia River mouth return, except summer steelhead is Bonneville Dam return. Numbers may not sum due to rounding.*

***Fall Chinook***

- Columbia River fall Chinook are comprised of five major management components: Lower River Hatchery (LRH), Lower River Wild (LRW), Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH), Upriver Bright (URB), and Mid-Columbia Bright (MCB). The LRH and BPH stocks are referred to as tules and the LRW, URB, and MCB stocks are referred to as brights. Other run components include Lower River Brights (LRB) and Select Area Brights (SAB).
- The predicted return of fall Chinook to the Columbia River mouth in 2010 is 664,900 adults, which is greater than the 2009 return and the recent 10-year average.

- The URB, BPH, and a portion of MCB Chinook are produced above Bonneville Dam, and in aggregate, comprise the upriver run. URBs represent 48% of the total river mouth forecast. Bonneville Dam passage is typically 50% complete around September 6.
- Lower river components include SAB, LRH, LRW, and a portion of MCB Chinook (LRB and BUBs). The LRH component is the only tule stock returning to lower river tributaries.

### ***Upriver Summer Steelhead***

- Upriver summer steelhead include fish that pass Bonneville Dam during April through October of each year. Fish passing during July through October are categorized as Group A or Group B based on fork length (Group A < 78 cm, Group B ≥78 cm). Group B steelhead primarily return to tributaries in the Salmon and Clearwater rivers in Idaho, while Group A steelhead return to tributaries throughout the Columbia and Snake basins.
- The forecasts for the Group A/B component combined total 462,100, including 121,100 wild fish (27%). The forecast is greater than the recent 10-year average and includes a strong Group B component.
- Passage during July is mainly Group A fish; Group B passage primarily begins around the end of August. Counts of steelhead at Bonneville Dam during July 1-26 total 128,936 fish.
- Daily and cumulative counts of summer steelhead to date have exceeded expectations. Passage of Group A/B steelhead at Bonneville Dam is typically 50% complete by August 15.

### ***Lower Columbia River Coho***

- The 2010 coho forecast to the Columbia River mouth is 52% of the average return observed over the past 10 years. Both the early component (Type S) and the late component (Type N) are expected to be less than the 10-year average (53% and 50%, respectively).
- Bonneville Dam passage is expected to be 83,000 adult coho, which represents 80% of the total ocean abundance of Columbia River coho destined for areas above Bonneville Dam.

## **MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

### ***Salmon/Steelhead***

- The "2008-2017 U.S. v Oregon Management Agreement" (MA) provides specific fishery management guidelines for fall Chinook, steelhead and coho.
  - ✓ The allowable impact rate in combined treaty Indian and non-Indian fisheries is 33.25% of the URB run based on preseason forecasts (URB and Snake River wild). This impact limit is allocated 25% for treaty Indian fisheries and 8.25% for non-Indian fisheries.
  - ✓ The escapement goal of 7,000 BPHs to Spring Creek Hatchery is expected to be met.
  - ✓ The management goal of 60,000 Chinook over McNary Dam is expected to be met.
  - ✓ Non-Indian impacts to wild summer steelhead (Group A and B index) are limited to 2% during the fall season. Treaty Indian fisheries are limited to 20% of the total Group B run.
  - ✓ Upriver coho passage at Bonneville Dam is expected to exceed the 50% requirement.
- The allowable exploitation rate (ER) for LRH Chinook is 38% for combined ocean and Columbia River fisheries. Based on preseason expectations, the ER is expected to be 8.1% in Columbia River fisheries.

- The allowable ER for wild/natural Lower Columbia River (LCN) coho is 15% for combined ocean and Columbia River fisheries. Based on preseason expectations, the ER is expected to be 3.76% in Columbia River fisheries
- The escapement goal of 5,700 LRWs to the North Fork Lewis River is expected to be met.
- Impacts to Columbia River chum salmon are limited to 5% of the run.
- Fall season non-Indian fisheries will be managed in accordance with the "2010 Non-Indian Columbia River Fall Fishery Chinook Allocation Agreement". This agreement was completed through the North of Falcon (NOF) process, which includes input from recreational and commercial fishing constituents.

**Excerpts From the 2010 Non-Indian Columbia River  
Fall Chinook Allocation Agreement**

- ✓ LRH impact allocations are 51% sport and 49% commercial.  
URB impacts are allocated 55% sport and 45% commercial.
- ✓ The Columbia River Compact/Joint States will use impact allocations as guidance for making in-season management decisions. Actual impacts may differ from preseason estimates.
- ✓ Expectations for the commercial fishery :
  - Early fall (August) fisheries are expected to occur on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, with a 9-inch minimum mesh size restriction.
  - Three fishing periods during the first week of August in Zones 1-5 (~ August 3, 5 and 8).
  - One fishing period during the second week of August in Zones 2-5 (~August 10).
  - Two fishing periods during late August in Zones 4-5 (~August 19 and 22).
  - A late fall fishery is expected to begin September 19 or 21 with a one-day target Chinook season in Zones 1-5. The fishery will continue in Zones 4-5 with target Chinook fishing starting about September 23. Mesh size is 8-inch minimum.
  - Coho fishing in 2010 will be limited. Target coho fisheries are expected to occur the week of October 10. The preseason catch expectation is 7,700 late stock coho. Additional coho would be available for harvest if ocean or Buoy 10 fishery quotas are not achieved. The fishery would likely occur in Zones 1-3. Gear restrictions would include a 6-inch maximum mesh and un-slackened, single-wall nets.

***Sturgeon***

- The Washington and Oregon Fish and Wildlife commissions and the two state directors have provided management guidelines for 2010 white sturgeon fisheries. The total white sturgeon harvest guideline in 2010 is 24,000 fish, a reduction of 40% from the 2009 guideline.
- The fishery-specific allocations and size limits remain unchanged. Harvestable sturgeon are allocated 80%/20% between sport and commercial fisheries, resulting in 19,200 fish for sport fisheries and 4,800 fish for commercial fisheries.
- 2010 protocol for white sturgeon harvest in commercial fisheries was developed with input from the Columbia River Commercial Advisory Group (CRCAG). The protocol includes sub-allocation of harvest by fishery.

***2010 Protocol For Management of White Sturgeon Retention in Commercial Fisheries***

✓ Manage for a commercial harvest of 4,800 white sturgeon		
Fishery/Season	# Allocated	
Winter Sturgeon	600	Roll over unused number to summer season
Winter/Spring Salmon	200	Roll over unused number to summer season
Summer	300	Roll over unused number to fall (50/50)
Early Fall (August)	1,700	
Late Fall (Sep-Oct)	1,700	
Select Areas	300	200 in winter/spring/summer
	4,800	
✓ Allow some level of incidental white sturgeon harvest to occur during all target salmon seasons.		
✓ Conduct limited target white sturgeon fisheries during the winter timeframe if feasible.		
✓ Conduct target white sturgeon fisheries during October if necessary to access the remaining commercial allocation.		
✓ Adopt white sturgeon possession and landing limits as necessary to remain within season-specific catch expectations.		

**2010 FISHERIES UPDATE**

***Recreational Fall Salmon Fisheries***

- The Buoy 10 fishery will begin August 1 with a daily bag limit of two fish (one Chinook). The fishery is scheduled to be open for Chinook retention through August. Catch expectations include 12,500 Chinook and 11,900 coho.
- The mainstem sport fishery below Bonneville Dam will begin August 1 with a daily bag limit of two fish (one Chinook). From the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to the Lewis River, the fishery will be open for Chinook retention through September 11. Beginning September 12, Chinook retention will only be allowed upstream of the Lewis River. Catch expectations include 17,200 Chinook and 1,000 coho.
- The mainstem sport fishery from Bonneville Dam to Highway 395 Bridge (in Pasco, Washington) will begin on August 1 with a two fish daily limit and a catch expectation of 2,500 Chinook.
- To maximize opportunity, sport fisheries are expected to remain open for hatchery coho and steelhead throughout normal seasons and areas, including times and areas closed for Chinook retention.

***Recreational Sturgeon Fisheries***

Above Wauna Powerlines

- The white sturgeon retention season for the mainstem Columbia from Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam is scheduled to be open three days a week (Thursday-Saturday) during January 1- July 31 and October 1-December 31 (38-54 inch fork length). Sturgeon angling is prohibited from the east end of Skamania Island upstream to Bonneville Dam April 1 through August 31 and in the Sand Island Slough through July 31.
- The 2010 catch guideline for this fishery is 4,835 white sturgeon. The estimated kept catch through June is 2,309 fish (48% of quota) from 24,032 angler trips.

- The white sturgeon retention season for the lower Willamette River is scheduled to be open three days a week (Thursday-Saturday) during January 1- March 31 and November 1- December 31 (38-54 inch fork length). Sturgeon angling is prohibited during April 1 through August 31 from the I-205 Bridge upstream to Willamette Falls.
- The catch guideline for this fishery is 3,600 fish of which 2,865 are included in the 7,700 harvest cap for the area upstream of the Wauna powerlines.
- The estimated catch for this area during January-March is 3,032 (84% of the quota).

#### Below Wauna Powerlines

- The white sturgeon retention season for the area below Wauna was adopted at the February 18 Compact hearing based on a harvest guideline of 9,600 fish (11,500 guideline adjusted for 41-inch FL minimum). The fishery was open seven days a week during January 1- April 30 (38-54 inch fork length) and May 22 – June 26 (41-54 inch fork length).
- Catch (and effort) was well below average throughout much of the initial season (January 1- June 26) with an estimated harvest of 3,306 white sturgeon. The fishery was extended through July 11, with retention allowed seven days a week.
- A second extension was adopted in mid-July, which allowed the fishery to remain open seven days per week during July 15-31. Season total (January through July) actual and projected kept catch is estimated at 6,650 fish, or 69% of guideline.
- Although the cumulative catch in the estuary fishery was lower than expected, the multiple season extensions provided opportunity in excess of the preseason expectation to fish through late June and achieved a summer season lasting through the start of the Buoy 10 salmon fishery. Based on these results, staff is not recommending additional season extensions.

<i>2010 White Sturgeon Harvest Summary</i>					
	<b>Guideline</b>	<b>Jan-June Catch</b>	<b>Jul-Dec Projected</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>% of Guideline</b>
<b>Recreational</b>					
Buoy 10-Wauna	9,600	3,306	3,344 <sup>a</sup>	6,650	69
Wauna-Bonneville	4,835	2,309	2,500 <sup>a</sup>	4,809	99
Willamette (with baseline)	3,600	3,032	568 <sup>a</sup>	3,600	100
<i>Recreational Total</i>	<i>18,035</i>	<i>8,647</i>	<i>6,412</i>	<i>15,059</i>	<i>83</i>
<b>Commercial</b>					
Mainstem	4,500	823	3,677	4,500	100
Select Areas	300	213	87	300	100
<i>Commercial Total</i>	<i>4,800</i>	<i>1,036</i>	<i>3,764</i>	<i>4,800</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>Sum</b>	<b>22,835</b>	<b>9,683</b>	<b>10,176</b>	<b>19,859</b>	<b>87</b>
<sup>a</sup> Assumes currently adopted recreational season.					

#### Mainstem Commercial

- Based on the 2010 sturgeon protocol adopted for mainstem commercial fisheries, the balance remaining from the 1,100 sturgeon allocated to winter/spring and summer fisheries

of 277 fish is rolled over to the fall season, and split evenly between early and late fall fisheries resulting in an adjusted guideline of 1,838 sturgeon for both seasons.

### 2010 FALL SELECT AREA FISHERIES

- 2010 fall Select Area fisheries were discussed at a public meeting held June 8 in Astoria, Oregon. Regulations and season structure proposed for 2010 are generally similar to those adopted since 2001.
- The predicted return of 42,700 coho to Select Area fisheries is 73% of the recent 10-year average (58,200) and much less than the 81,000 fish harvested in 2009.
- Coho returns to Deep River are expected to be 5,300 fish, which is greater than the recent 10-year average of 4,500 fish. Blind Slough is expected to see below-average coho returns, with 2,200 fish projected. Expected coho returns to Tongue Point total 9,900 fish, which is less than the recent five-year average of 11,500 fish. About 25,300 or 59% of the total coho return is expected to enter Youngs Bay where coho harvest has averaged 29,600 fish during the recent five years.
- The predicted harvest of 8,700 SAB fall Chinook in Youngs Bay is nearly twice the 10-year average harvest, and would be the second largest SAB fall Chinook catch since the record return in 2008.
- The predicted return of 6,900 Big Creek tule fall Chinook to the mouth of Big Creek is more than necessary for hatchery broodstock purposes (and expected in-stream losses) and allows for some additional harvest opportunity in the Knappa Slough Select Area fishing site.

<i>Expected Adult Fall Chinook and Coho Returns to Select Area Fishing Sites</i>		
Select Area	Expected Return from SAFE/Big Creek Releases	Expected Harvest
Youngs Bay	25,300 coho 10,700 SAB fall Chinook	25,300 8,700
Big Creek Hatchery	6,900 tule fall Chinook	2,500-3,000
Tongue Point	9,900 coho	9,900
Blind Slough	2,200 coho	2,200
Deep River	5,300 coho	5,300

## FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

### *Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial*

<b>2010 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery</b>		
Early August:	7 PM Tuesday August 3 to 7 AM Wednesday August 4 7 PM Thursday August 5 to 7 AM Friday August 6 7 PM Sunday August 8 to 7 AM Monday August 9	(12 hours) (12 hours) (12 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-5	
Mid-August	7 PM Tuesday August 10 to 7 AM Wednesday August 11	(12 hours)
Area:	Zones 2-5	
Sanctuaries:	Grays River, Elokommin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal, and Sandy Rivers as applicable	
Gear:	<p>Drift gillnets only. 9" minimum mesh size restriction.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.</p>	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of <b>six</b> white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries only.	
Additional Rules:	<b>24-hour</b> Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.	

- ✓ The proposed fishery is consistent with the 2010 Fall Management Agreement. Catch expectation is 9,900 Chinook and 1,450 sturgeon.
- ✓ The proposed sturgeon landing limit should allow for sturgeon retention throughout August, and remain within the August guideline of 1,838 fish.
- ✓ Use of 9-inch gear will reduce handle of steelhead and under-sized sturgeon. Night time fishing improves Chinook catch rates and minimizes conflicts between user groups.
- ✓ Enforcement has requested that lighted buoys, which are already used by fishers, be required for nets fished between sunset and sunrise.

***Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery***

- All waters in this fishing area are concurrent jurisdiction waters and require Compact action.
- A license from either Oregon or Washington is required to participate in this fishery.

<b><i>2010 Select Area Fall Season - Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery</i></b>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 30 through October 29 (36 nights)  Open 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) from August 30 through September 17 and 4 PM – 8 AM (16 hours) thereafter.
Areas:	Tongue Point and South Channel areas open entire season.  The 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.  The 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 the Tongue Point fishing area, restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 250 fathoms, and weight not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom.  In the South Channel fishing area, restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.  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. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of <b>two</b> white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.
Additional Rules:	<b>24-hour</b> Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

- ✓ Fishing periods during late September through October open earlier to provide additional daylight fishing opportunities as previously requested by industry.

***Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery***

- 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 from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and require Oregon State action.
- An Oregon license is required in Oregon State waters and either an Oregon or Washington license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

<b><i>2010 Select Area Fall Season - Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery</i></b>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 30 through October 29 (36 nights)  Open hours are 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) from August 30 through September 17 and 6 PM - 8 AM (14 hours) thereafter.
Areas:	The 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.  The 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. Markers define an area closure of about a 100' radius at the mouth of Big Creek.
Gear:	In both fishing areas, a maximum mesh size of <b>9 3/4-inch</b> in effect for the entire season, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.  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.  Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of <b>two</b> white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.
Additional Rules:	<b>24-hour</b> Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

- ✓ Similar to the Tongue Point/South Channel fishery, fishing hours increase in late September to maximize harvest opportunity.
- ✓ The increased maximum mesh size should provide adequate access to the moderate surplus predicted to return to Big Creek Hatchery.

## *Youngs Bay Fishery*

- All waters in this fishing area are Oregon State waters and require Oregon State action.

<i>2010 Select Area Fall Season - Youngs Bay Fishery</i>	
Season:	August 4 through August 26: 7 AM Wednesday to 7 PM Thursday (36 hours) weekly (4 periods) August 30 through September 3: 7 PM Monday to 7 AM Friday (3.5 day period) <u>and</u> 7 PM Monday September 6 through noon Sunday October 31 (56 days)
Area:	The 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 closed waters southerly of the alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark River).
Gear:	<b>9 3/4-inch</b> maximum mesh size restriction through August 26 and 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction thereafter.  Restrict net to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline <u>is allowed</u> between markers located immediately upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough.  Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.  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.  Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of <b>two</b> white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.

- ✓ Youngs Bay August fishing periods are designed to provide commercial harvest opportunity on SAB fall Chinook while allowing for adequate escapement to both Klaskanine hatcheries and tidewater recreational fisheries.
- ✓ The standard fall season upper fishing boundary at Battle Creek Slough is intended to limit harvest of SAB fall Chinook that congregate in the upper tidewater area.
- ✓ Continuous fishing opportunity throughout the majority of September and October is intended to maximize harvest of coho.
- ✓ The 9 3/4-inch maximum mesh size restriction targets the fishery on Chinook during most of August and the 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction beginning in late-August targets the fishery on coho as their abundance begins to peak.
- ✓ The open hours during the August periods are shifted later by one hour (same as 2009) as requested by Oregon State Police.

### ***Deep River Fishery***

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Compact action. Washington state waters extend upstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Washington state action.
- A Washington license is required in Washington state waters and either a Washington or Oregon license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

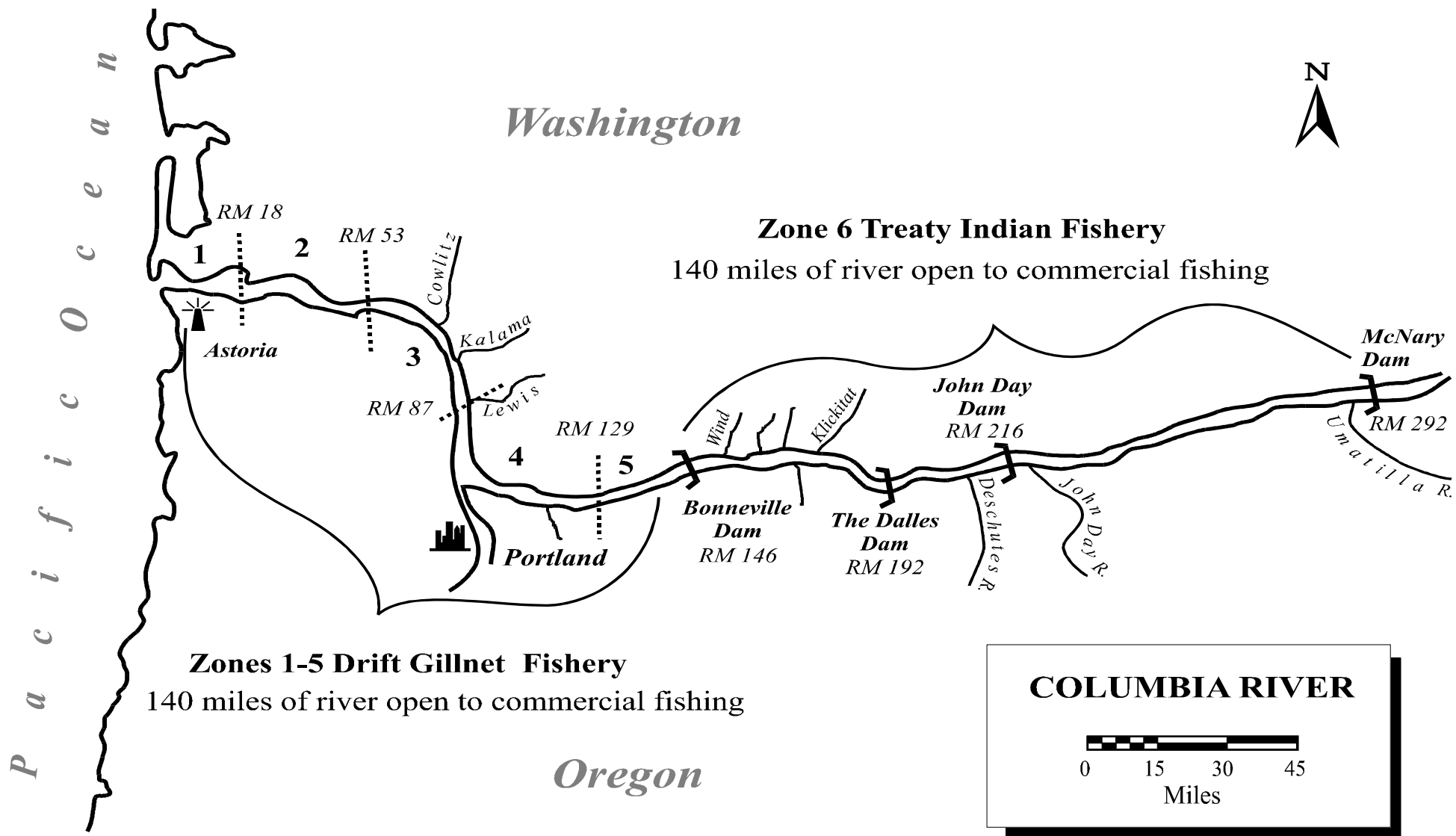
<b><i>2010 Select Area Fall Season - Deep River Fishery</i></b>	
Season:	Monday and Thursday nights from August 16 through August 27 (4 nights). Open 7 PM – 9 AM (14 hours).
Area:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 30 through October 29 (36 nights) Open 7 PM – 9 AM (14 hours) from August 30 through September 17 and 4 PM – 9 AM (17 hours) thereafter. The 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.
Gear:	Restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel.  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.  Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of <b>two</b> white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.
Additional Rules:	<b>24-hour</b> Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

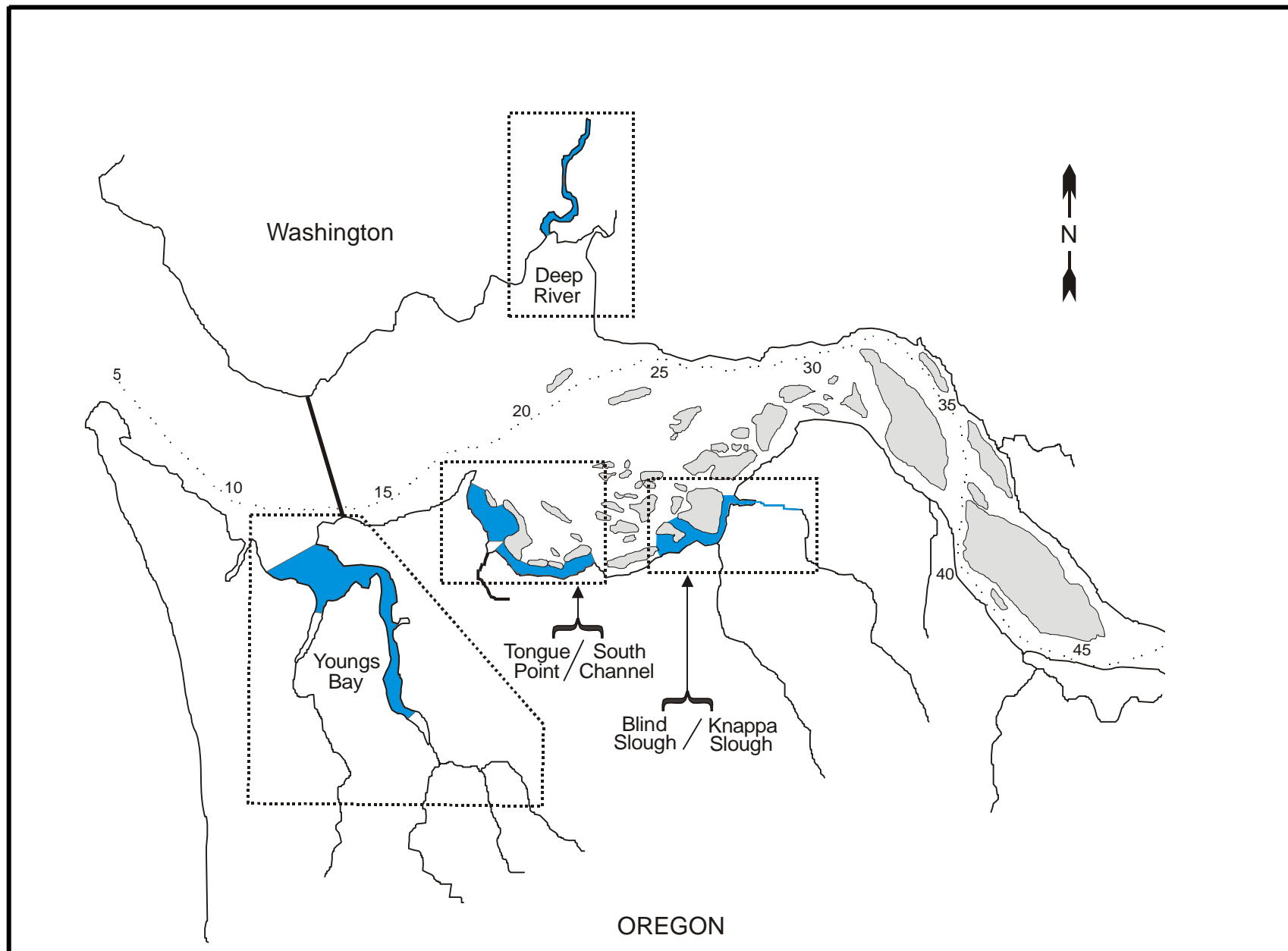
- ✓ Extended hours throughout the season (implemented in 2009) increases harvest opportunity.
- ✓ Fishing periods in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of August provide earlier harvest opportunity for coho and Chinook (tule and SABs), and important harvest rate and stock composition data on tule fall Chinook released from Deep River pens in 2009 (jack returns this year).

<b><i>Issues Requiring Compact/State Consideration</i></b>	
➤	Non-Indian mainstem commercial early fall fishery – Compact Action (page 7)
➤	Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area commercial fisheries – Compact Action (page 8)
➤	Blind Slough/Knappa Slough commercial fisheries – Compact and Oregon State Action (page 9)
➤	Youngs Bay Select Area fishery – Oregon State Action (page 10)
➤	Deep River Select Area commercial fishery – Compact and Washington State Action (page 11)

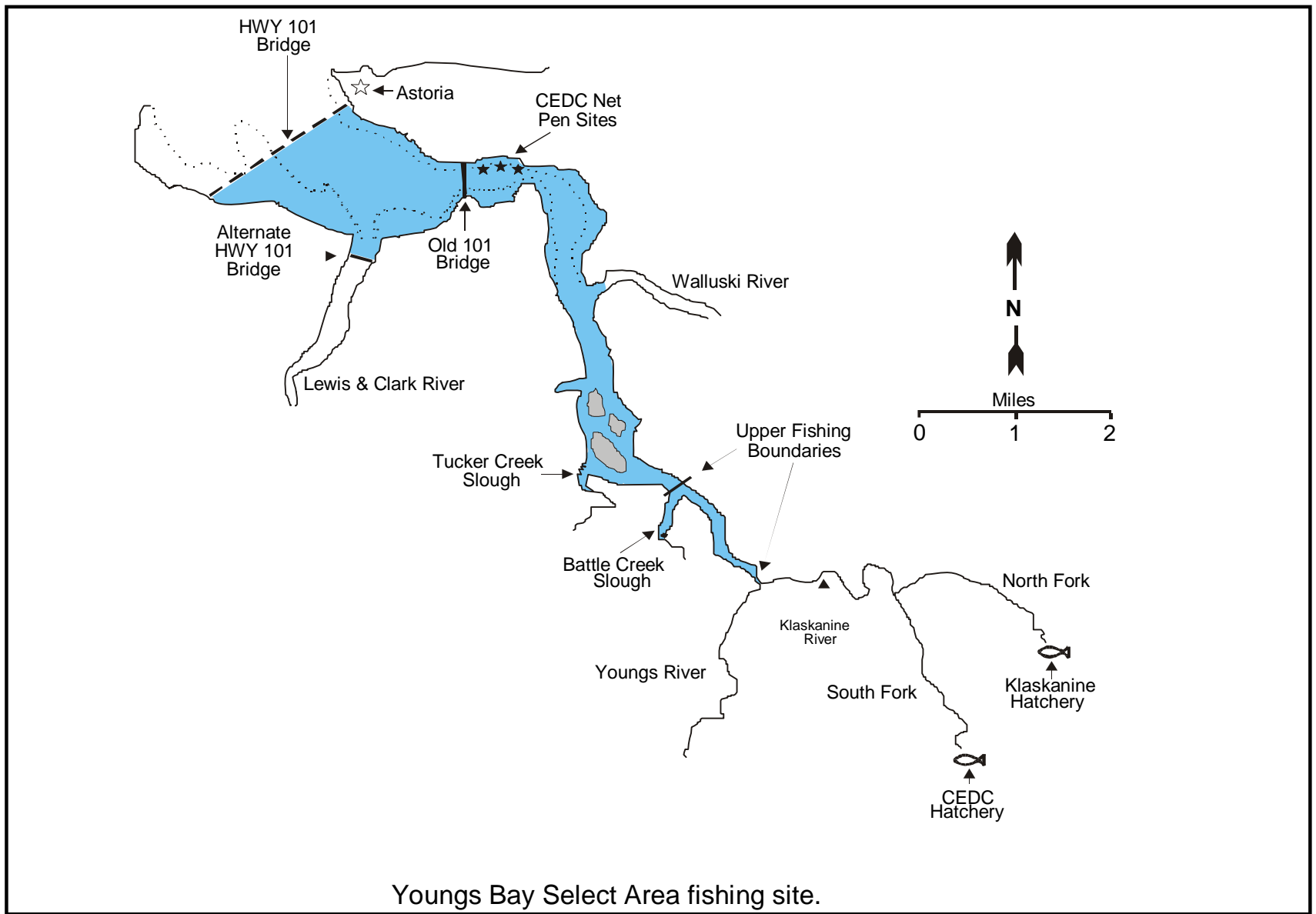
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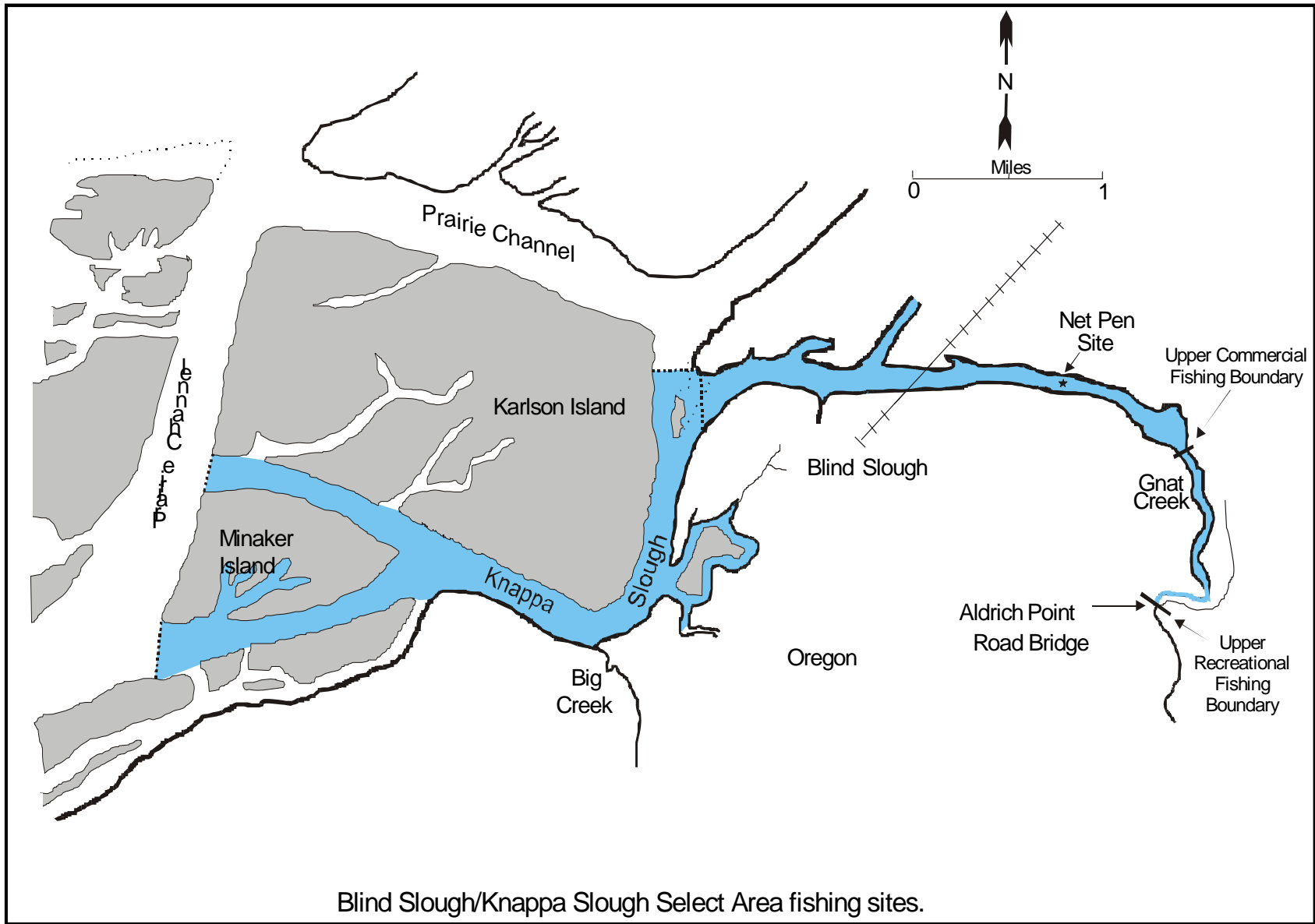
- The Joint Staff is recommending a hearing for 1:00 PM Tuesday August 17 to consider late-August non-Indian and treaty Indian commercial fisheries.

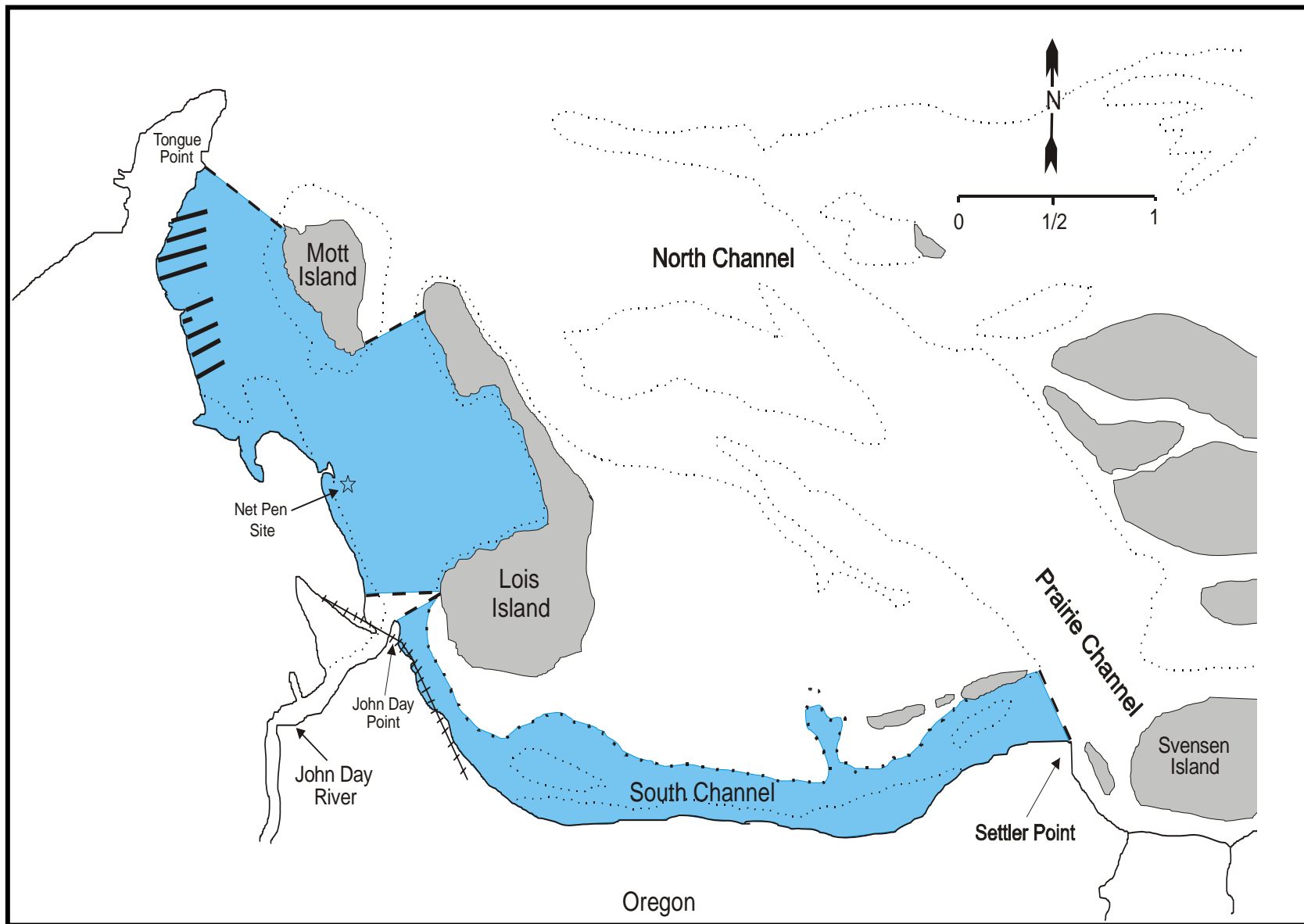




Fall Select Areas Fishery Locations







**Tongue Point/ South Channel Select Area Fishing Sites**

