Compact Action

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

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 winter fishing periods as follows.

  Youngs Bay  8:30 AM – 11:30 AM Thursday April 13  (3 hours)
  11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Monday April 17  (3 hours)

  Area:  From the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers including the lower Walluski River upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge.

**Blind Slough (Zone 74) Commercial Salmon Fishery**

- Modified the area for the previously adopted winter fishing period as follows. Modification in **bold**.

  Blind Slough  7 PM Thursday April 13 – 7 AM Friday April 14  (12 hours)

  Area:  The entire Blind Slough fishing area is open.  **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.

- Adopted a winter fishing period as follows.

  Blind Slough  7 PM Monday April 17 – 7 AM Tuesday April 18  (12 hours)

  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.

- All other regulations previously adopted on January 31, 2017 remain in effect.

- Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.
Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fishery and took the following action:

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Spring Chinook Fisheries

- Adopted the following recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam.

  **Area:** Buoy 10 upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank only from Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam.

  Legal upstream boat boundary defined as: “A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse One) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock.”

  Except no angling is allowed within a closure area near the mouth of the Lewis River. This closure area is defined as: A line from a marker on the lower end of Bachelor Island through USCG buoy Red #4 to the Oregon shore, downstream to a line from the lower (north) end of Sauvie Island across the Columbia River to the downstream range marker (0.7 miles downstream of the Lewis River) and continuing along the wing jetty to the Washington shore.

  **Dates:**
  - Open Thursday April 13 through Monday April 17
  - Open Thursday April 20 through Sunday April 23

  **Catch Limits:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day, only one of which may be a Chinook.

  **Additional Regulations:** Effective Thursday March 16 through Monday May 15, 2017, the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead from Buoy 10 to the Highway 395 Bridge and shad from Buoy 10 to Bonneville Dam only during days and in areas open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

  Effective Wednesday March 1 through Thursday June 15, 2017, on days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in Oregon and Washington Select Areas will be the same as mainstem Columbia River bag limits. On days when the mainstem Columbia River fishery is closed to Chinook retention, permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Select Areas apply.

  - All other permanent regulations in the 2017 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Wednesday April 19, 2017 via teleconference to review stock status and consider the recreational spring Chinook fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam.

- For information concerning these decisions see the April 12, 2017 Winter Fact Sheet #11 at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)