
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 16, 2021

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

Adopted seasons as follows:

Winter Season

Youngs Bay

- 6 AM Thursday February 18 - 6 AM Friday February 19 (24 hours)
- 6 AM Monday February 22 - 6 AM Tuesday February 23 (24 hours)
- 6 AM - 6 PM Wednesday February 24 (12 hours)
- 6 AM Thursday February 25 - 6 AM Friday February 26 (24 hours)
- 6 AM - 6 PM Monday March 1 (12 hours)
- 6 AM - 6 PM Wednesday March 3 (12 hours)
- 6 AM - 6 PM Thursday March 4 (12 hours)
- 2 PM - 6 PM Monday March 8 (4 hours)
- 4 PM - 8 PM Wednesday March 10 (4 hours)
- 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Thursday March 11 (4 hours)
- 8 AM - Noon Monday March 15 (4 hours)
- 9 AM - 1 PM Wednesday March 17 (4 hours)
- 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM Thursday March 18 (4 hours)
- 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM Monday March 22 (4 hours)

Upper Youngs Bay Area

- 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Thursday March 25 (4 hours)
- 7 PM - 11 PM Monday March 29 (4 hours)
- 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM Thursday April 1 (4 hours)

Spring Season

Youngs Bay

- 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM Monday April 19 (4 hours)

- 3 PM - 7 PM Thursday April 22 (4 hours)
- 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Tuesday April 27 (4 hours)
- 8 PM - Midnight Thursday April 29 (4 hours)
- Noon - 4 PM Monday May 3 (4 hours)
- 2 PM - 6 PM Wednesday May 5 (4 hours)
- 3 PM - 7 PM Thursday May 6 (4 hours)
- 6 AM Monday May 10 - Noon Friday May 14 (4 days)
- 6 AM Monday May 17 - Noon Friday May 21 (4 days)
- 6 AM Monday May 24 - Noon Friday May 28 (4 days)
- 6 AM Monday May 31 - Noon Friday June 4 (4 days)
- 6 AM Monday June 7 - Noon Friday June 11 (4 days)

Summer Season

Youngs Bay

- 6 AM Wednesday June 16 - Noon Friday June 18 (2 days)
- 6 AM Monday June 21 - Noon Friday June 25 (4 days)
- 6 AM Monday June 28 - Noon Friday July 2 (4 days)
- 6 AM Tuesday July 6 - Noon Thursday July 8 (2 days)
- 6 AM Tuesday July 13 - Noon Thursday July 15 (2 days)
- 6 AM Tuesday July 20 - Noon Thursday July 22 (2 days)
- 6 AM Tuesday July 27 - Noon Thursday July 29 (2 days)

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 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 Area

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

Gear:

Gill nets may not exceed 1,500 feet (250 fathoms) in length.

A red cork must be placed on the corkline every 25 fathoms as measured from the first mesh of the net

Lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom except the use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the lead line is permitted in these areas:

1. Youngs River upstream of regulatory markers located approximately 200 yards southerly (upstream) of the mouth of the Walluski River.
2. In the lower Walluski River from the first dock near the mouth upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge.
3. In the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead powerlines approximately 500 feet southerly (upstream) of Barrett Slough.

Miscellaneous regulations:

Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Salmon Fishery

Adopted seasons as follows:

Winter Season

Tongue Point and South Channel Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

- Thursday February 18 - Friday February 19 (1 night)
- Monday February 22 - Tuesday February 23 (1 night)
- Wednesday February 24 - Thursday February 25 (1 night)
- Thursday February 25 - Friday February 26 (1 night)
- Monday March 1 - Tuesday March 2 (1 night)
- Wednesday March 3 – Thursday March 4 (1 night)
- Thursday March 4 - Friday March 5 (1 night)
- Monday March 8 - Tuesday March 9 (1 night)
- Wednesday March 10 - Thursday March 6 (1 night)
- Thursday March 11 – Friday March 12 (1 night)

Tongue Point

- 9 PM Monday March 15 - 1 AM Tuesday March 16 (4 hours)
- 9:30 PM Wednesday March 17 - 1:30 AM Thursday March 18 (4 hours)
- 10 PM Thursday March 18 - 2 AM Friday March 19 (4 hours)

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

- Monday March 15 - Tuesday March 16 (1 night)
- Wednesday March 17 - Thursday March 18 (1 night)
- Thursday March 18 - Friday March 19 (1 night)
- Monday March 22 - Tuesday March 23 (1 night)
- Thursday March 25 - Friday March 26 (1 night)

- 9 PM Monday March 29 - 1 AM Tuesday March 30 (4 hours)
- 11 PM Thursday April 1 - 3 AM Friday April 2 (4 hours)
- 3:30 AM - 7:30 AM Tuesday April 6 (4 hours)
- 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Thursday April 8 (4 hours)
- 8:30 PM Monday April 12 - 12:30 AM Tuesday April 13 (4 hours)
- 9:30 PM Wednesday April 14 - 1:30 AM Thursday April 15 (4 hours)

Spring Season

Tongue Point and South Channel

- 12:30 AM - 4:30 AM Tuesday April 20 (4 hours)
- 4 AM - 8 AM Friday April 23 (4 hours)

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

- Tuesday April 27 - Wednesday April 28 (1 night)
- Thursday April 29 - Friday April 30 (1 night)
- Monday May 3 - Tuesday May 4 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 5 - Thursday May 6 (1 night)
- Thursday May 6 - Friday May 7 (1 night)
- Monday May 10 - Tuesday May 11 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 12 - Thursday May 13 (1 night)
- Thursday May 13 - Friday May 14 (1 night)
- Monday May 17 - Tuesday May 18 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 19 - Thursday May 20 (1 night)
- Thursday May 20 - Friday May 21 (1 night)
- Monday May 24 - Tuesday May 25 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 26 - Thursday May 27 (1 night)

- Thursday May 27 - Friday May 28 (1 night)
- Monday May 31 - Tuesday June 1 (1 night)
- Wednesday June 2 - Thursday June 3 (1 night)
- Thursday June 3 - Friday June 4 (1 night)
- Monday June 7 - Tuesday June 8 (1 night)
- Wednesday June 9 - Thursday June 10 (1 night)
- Thursday June 10 - Friday June 11 (1 night)
- Monday June 14 - Tuesday June 15 (1 night)

Summer Season

Tongue Point and South Channel Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

- Thursday June 17 - Friday June 18 (1 night)
- Monday June 21 - Tuesday June 22 (1 night)
- Thursday June 24 - Friday June 25 (1 night)
- Monday June 28 - Tuesday June 29 (1 night)
- Thursday July 1 - Friday July 2 (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.

For summer fisheries, the open waters include the entire Tongue Point Select Area as described in OAR 635-042-0170(1)(a) and WAC 220-301- 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:

The maximum net length is 1,500 feet (250 fathoms).

In the Tongue Point Select Area and the Tongue Point Winter-Spring Subarea, the lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom. Unstored gillnets legal for use in South Channel may be onboard.

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.

Miscellaneous Regulations:

Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Commercial Salmon Fishery

Adopted seasons as follows:

Winter Season

Blind Slough and Knappa Sloughs Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

- Thursday February 18 - Friday February 19 (1 night)
- Monday February 22 - Tuesday February 23 (1 night)
- Wednesday February 24 - Thursday February 25 (1 night)
- Thursday February 25 - Friday February 26 (1 night)
- Monday March 1 - Tuesday March 2 (1 night)
- Wednesday March 3 - Thursday March 4 (1 night)
- Thursday March 4 - Friday March 5 (1 night)
- Monday March 8 - Tuesday March 9 (1 night)
- Wednesday March 10 - Thursday March 11 (1 night)
- Thursday March 11 - Friday March 12 (1 night)
- Monday March 15 - Tuesday March 16 (1 night)
- Wednesday March 17 - Thursday March 18 (1 night)
- Thursday March 18 - Friday March 19 (1 night)

- Monday March 22 - Tuesday March 23 (1 night)
- Thursday March 25 - Friday March 26 (1 night)

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

- Monday March 29 - Tuesday March 30 (1 night)
- Thursday April 1 - Friday April 2 (1 night)
- Monday April 5 - Tuesday April 6 (1 night)
- Thursday April 8 - Friday April 9 (1 night)
- Monday April 12 - Tuesday April 13 (1 night)
- Wednesday April 14 - Thursday April 15 (1 night)

Knappa Slough

- 9 PM Monday March 29 - 1 AM Tuesday March 30 (4 hours)
- 11 PM Thursday April 1 - 3 AM Friday April 2 (4 hours)
- 3:30 AM - 7:30 AM Tuesday April 6 (4 hours)
- 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM Thursday April 8 (4 hours)
- 8:30 PM Monday April 12 – 12:30 AM Tuesday April 13 (4 hours)
- 9:30 PM Wednesday April 14- 1:30 AM Thursday April 15 (4 hours)

Spring Season

Blind Slough and Knappa Sloughs Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

- Monday April 19 - Tuesday April 20 (1 night)
- Thursday April 22 - Friday April 23 (1 night)
- Tuesday April 27 - Wednesday April 28 (1 night)
- Thursday April 29 - Friday April 30 (1 night)
- Monday May 3 - Tuesday May 4 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 5 - Thursday May 6 (1 night)
- Thursday May 6 - Friday May 7 (1 night)
- Monday May 10 - Tuesday May 11 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 12 - Thursday May 13 (1 night)
- Thursday May 13 - Friday May 14 (1 night)
- Monday May 17 - Tuesday May 18 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 19 - Thursday May 20 (1 night)
- Thursday May 20 - Friday May 21 (1 night)

- Monday May 24 - Tuesday May 25 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 26 - Thursday May 27 (1 night)
- Thursday May 27 - Friday May 28 (1 night)
- Monday May 31 - Tuesday June 1 (1 night)
- Wednesday June 2 - Thursday June 3 (1 night)
- Thursday June 3 - Friday June 4 (1 night)
- Monday June 7 - Tuesday June 8 (1 night)
- Wednesday June 9 - Thursday June 10 (1 night)
- Thursday June 10 - Friday June 11 (1 night)
- Monday June 14 - Tuesday June 15 (1 night)

Summer Season

Blind Slough and Knappa Sloughs Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

- Thursday June 17 - Friday June 18 (1 night)
- Monday June 21 - Tuesday June 22 (1 night)
- Thursday June 24 - Friday June 25 (1 night)
- Monday June 28 - Tuesday June 29 (1 night)
- Thursday July 1 - Friday July 2 (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

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. The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed.

Prior to May 3, 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.

Gear:

Gill nets may not exceed 600 feet (100 fathoms) in length.

There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight or anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.

Catch Reporting:

Catch reporting codes have been established for Blind Slough and Knappa Slough to facilitate separation of landings and sampling.

In accordance with OAR 635-006-0210(2)(h) and WACs 220-69-2301(1)(i) and 220-22-010(9)(a-b), commercial fishers are expected, and fish dealers are required, to report landings for winter-spring fisheries in Knappa and Blind Slough separately.

Fish dealers are requested to keep harvest from these two sites separate to aid in sampling.

Deep River Commercial Salmon Fishery

Adopted seasons as follows:

Winter Season

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

- Thursday February 18 - Friday February 19 (1 night)
- Monday February 22 - Tuesday February 23 (1 night)
- Wednesday February 24 - Thursday February 25 (1 night)
- Thursday February 25 - Friday February 26 (1 night)
- Monday March 1 - Tuesday March 2 (1 night)
- Wednesday March 3 - Thursday March 4 (1 night)
- Thursday March 4 - Friday March 5 (1 night)
- Monday March 8 - Tuesday March 9 (1 night)
- Wednesday March 10 - Thursday March 11 (1 night)
- Thursday March 11 - Friday March 12 (1 night)
- Monday March 15 - Tuesday March 16 (1 night)
- Wednesday March 17 - Thursday March 18 (1 night)
- Thursday March 18 - Friday March 19 (1 night)
- Monday March 22 - Tuesday March 23 (1 night)
- Thursday March 25 – Friday March 26 (1 night)
- Monday March 29 – Tuesday March 30 (1 night)
- Thursday April 1 – Friday April 2 (1 night)

Spring Season

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

- Monday April 19 – Tuesday April 20 (1 night)

- Thursday April 22 – Friday April 23 (1 night)
- Tuesday April 27 – Wednesday April 28 (1 night)
- Thursday April 29 – Friday April 30 (1 night)
- Monday May 3 – Tuesday May 4 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 5 – Thursday May 6 (1 night)
- Thursday May 6 – Friday May 7 (1 night)
- Monday May 10 – Tuesday May 11 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 12 – Thursday May 13 (1 night)
- Thursday May 13 – Friday May 14 (1 night)
- Monday May 17 – Tuesday May 18 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 19 – Thursday May 20 (1 night)
- Thursday May 20 – Friday May 21 (1 night)
- Monday May 24 – Tuesday May 25 (1 night)
- Wednesday May 26 – Thursday May 27 (1 night)
- Thursday May 27 – Friday May 28 (1 night)
- Monday May 31 – Tuesday June 1 (1 night)
- Wednesday June 2 – Thursday June 3 (1 night)
- Thursday June 3 – Friday June 4 (1 night)
- Monday June 7 – Tuesday June 8 (1 night)
- Wednesday June 9 – Thursday June 10 (1 night)
- Thursday June 10 – Friday June 11 (1 night)
- Monday June 14 – Tuesday June 15 (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:

Net restricted to a maximum length of 100 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Nets are not allowed to fully cross the 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 220-20-015 (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 WAC 220-20-010 (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.

During the winter season fishers are required to call 360-846-5268 or 360-795-0319 for the location and time of sampling.

During the spring season a sampling station will be established at WDFW's Oneida Road boat ramp, 0.5 miles upstream of the Deep River area downstream boundary (USCG navigation marker #16).

Permanent regulations including rules related to lighted buoys remain in effect.

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.

9³/₄-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.

Allowable Sales:

Salmon (except chum) and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be sold or possessed by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

Catch Reporting:

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

24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, per WAC 220-352- 315 except landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Tuesday February 23, 2021 via teleconference to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries.
- The tribes may request a Compact hearing on February 23, 2021 to consider Treaty commercial fisheries
- For information concerning these decisions see the February 16, 2021 Winter Fact Sheet #3 at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/columbia-river/factsheets>