

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACTACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 29, 2015

THE FOLLOWING SEASON WAS SET:

<i>2015 Select Area Fall Season - Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (46 nights) from August 24 through September 18 and Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 20 through October 30 Open hours are 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) through September 11 and 6 PM – 10 AM (16 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. An area closure of an approximately 100-foot radius at the mouth of Big Creek is in effect.
Gear:	Gillnet with a 9 ¾ -inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net 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 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:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad
Additional Rules:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to <u>OAR 635-006-0210</u> . <u>Washington Quick Report requirements:</u> Submission of a Quick Report is not complete until the report arrives at the designated department location. Reports can be made via fax at 360-906-6776 or 360-906-6777; via e-mail at crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov ; or via phone at 1- 866-791-1281. Faxing or reporting electronically in portable document format (PDF) a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the quick reporting requirement

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and encompass all of Knappa Slough. Oregon State waters extend upstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough. An Oregon license is required in Oregon State waters and either an Oregon or Washington license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled via teleconference for 1 PM Tuesday August 11 to consider non-Indian fisheries and potentially treaty fisheries.