
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 11, 2011

Non-Indian Salmon Commercial Fishery

Season: 3:00 PM Thursday May 12, 2011 to 5:00 AM Friday May 13, 2011 (14 hours)

Area: SMCRA 1A,1B, 1C,1D (Zones 1-4), upstream to Kelley Point

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elochoman-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, Lewis-B

Allowable Sales: Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, sockeye, shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of **5** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. Limit applies to mainstem only. Select Areas remain open under a two white sturgeon weekly retention limit.

Gear: Drift nets only. 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Monofilament web 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.

Standard regulations typically in place for spring Chinook commercial fisheries are in effect, including but not limited to: net length, use of recovery boxes, limited soak times, red corks, lighted buoys, tangle-net certification, etc.

Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms. There are no restrictions on the use of slackers or stringers to slacken the net vertically. There are no restrictions on the hang ratio. The hang ratio is used to horizontally add slack to the net and is determined by the length of the web per length of the corkline.

Soak times, defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gill net web is deployed into the water until the gill net web is fully retrieved from the water, must not exceed 45 minutes.

Red corks are required at 25 fathom intervals, and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.

Lighted Buoys: Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required

Recovery Box: Each boat will be required to have on board two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers. Each box and chamber and associated pump shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. Each chamber of the recovery box(es) must include an operating water pumping system capable of delivering a minimum flow of 16 gallons per minute, not to

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- All waters in the Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction.
- **The following table reflects the modified season**

<i>2011 Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area</i>	
Spring Season:	7 PM Wednesday May 11 to 7 AM Thursday May 12 Monday and Thursday nights from May 16 through June 10 (13 nights). Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	The spring season Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line extended from the upstream (southern most) pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility through navigation marker #6 to Mott Island (new spring lower deadline), 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, gear restricted to a 9¾-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 250 fathoms, and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom. In the South Channel fishing area, gear restricted to a 9¾-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 that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 2 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Fishers are required to call 503-428-0518 and leave a message including name, catch, and where and when the fish will be sold. 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers

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- 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.
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<i>2011 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area</i>	
Season:	7 PM Wednesday May 11 to 7 AM Thursday May 12, 2011 Monday and Thursday nights May 16 through June 10, 2011 Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Blind Slough area only open during winter season and both Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas open during spring season. From May 2 through June 10, the lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is extended downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).
Gear:	A 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction during the spring season. Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 2 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Permanent transportation regulations will be in effect. 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers

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The State of OREGON took the following action: Retention of **non**-adipose fin-clipped Chinook is prohibited from 3 PM Thursday May 12, 2011 through midnight Sunday May 15, 2011

- All waters in Youngs Bay are Oregon State waters. The entire Youngs Bay Select Area is open to either Oregon or Washington fishers who possess valid licenses (fishing and boat) issued by either state. Per permanent rule, all landings from Youngs Bay must be delivered to an Oregon licensed buyer.
- The following table reflects the modified season

<i>2011 Youngs Bay Select Area</i>	
Spring Season:	<u>Entire bay:</u> Noon Monday May 9 - noon Friday May 13 (4 days)* allowable sales modified Noon Monday May 16 - noon Friday May 20 (4 days) Noon Monday May 23 - noon Friday May 27 (4 days) Noon Monday May 30 - noon Friday June 3 (4 days) Noon Monday June 6 - noon Friday June 10 (4 days)
Summer Season:	<u>Entire bay:</u> Wednesdays through Fridays weekly from June 15 to July 29 (14 days). Open hours are from 6 AM Wednesday to 6 AM Friday
Area:	<u>Through July 29:</u> Youngs Bay fishing area with upper boundary at the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers.
Gear:	A 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction. Maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net. 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. Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. <u>EXCEPT Retention of non-adipose fin-clipped Chinook is prohibited from 3 PM Thursday May 12, 2011 through midnight Sunday May 15, 2011</u> A maximum of 2 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).
Misc.Reg:	Permanent transportation rules will be in effect.

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exceed 20 gallons per minute of freshwater per chamber. Each chamber of the recovery box must meet the following dimensions as measured from within the box; the inside length measurement must be at or within 39 ½ inches to 48 inches, the inside width measurements must be at or within 8 to 10 inches, and the inside height measurement must be at or within 14 to 16 inches.

Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water inlet hole between ¾ inch and 1 inch in diameter, centered horizontally across the door or end wall of the chamber and 1¾ inches from the floor of the chamber. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water outlet hole that is at least 1½ inches in diameter located on either the same or opposite end as the inlet. The center of the outlet hole must be located a minimum of 12 inches above the floor of the box or chamber. The fisher must demonstrate to WDFW and ODFW employees, fish and wildlife enforcement officers, or other peace officers, upon request, that the pumping system is delivering the proper volume of fresh river water into each chamber.

All non-legal sturgeon, non-adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, and steelhead must be released immediately to the river with care and with the least possible injury to the fish, or placed into an operating recovery box. Any fish that is bleeding or lethargic must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released. All fish placed in recovery boxes must be released to the river prior to landing or docking.

Additional Rules:

Observer program: As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with department observers or observers collecting data for the department, when notified by the observer of his or her intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery.

Live Capture workshop: Only licensed Columbia River commercial fishers that have completed the required state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques may participate in this fishery. At least one fisher on each boat must have live capture certification.

24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

- The Compact also allowed sales of fish caught in treaty Indian experimental-gear test fisheries conducted by Yakama or Umatilla tribes. Allowable commercial sales of fish are limited to shad, walleye, yellow perch, bass, catfish and carp. Area would be in Zone 6 (SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H) through July 31, 2011.
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