
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 26, 2012

<i>2012 Select Area Fall Season - Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (36 nights) from August 27 through October 26 Open hours are 7 PM – 7 AM through September 14 and 6 PM - 8 AM 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 about a 100' radius at the mouth of Big Creek is in effect.
Gear:	In both fishing areas, a maximum mesh size of 9 3/4-inch 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. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries are prohibited.
Additional Rules:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240 (d) (iii) When quick reporting is required, Columbia River reports must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the designated fishery. Submission of a 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. (e) Faxing a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the reporting requirement. (f) Violation of this subsection is a gross misdemeanor, punishable under RCW 77.15.630.

Future Hearings: No hearings are currently scheduled

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife took the following action:

<i>2012 Select Area Fall Season - Youngs Bay Fishery</i>	
Season:	7 AM Wednesday to 7 PM Thursday weekly during August 1-23 (four 36-hour periods) 7 PM Monday August 27 to 7 AM Friday August 31 (3.5 days) 7 PM Monday September 3 through noon Wednesday October 31 (59 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:	9 3/4-inch maximum mesh size restriction through August 23 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 is <u>allowed</u> between markers located approximately 200 yards 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. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries are prohibited.

Future Hearings: No hearings are currently scheduled.

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<i>2012 Select Area Fall Season - Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (36 nights) from August 27 through October 26
Areas:	Open 7 PM – 7 AM through September 14, and 4 PM – 10 AM thereafter. 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. Except: Vessels participating in the Tongue Point fishery may have onboard the vessel an unauthorized net that is not stored only when the un-stored net configurations are consistent with those described above for the South Channel fishing area. 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. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries are prohibited.
Additional Rules:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240 (d) (iii) When quick reporting is required, Columbia River reports must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the designated fishery. Submission of a 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. (e) Faxing a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the reporting requirement. (f) Violation of this subsection is a gross misdemeanor, punishable under RCW 77.15.630.

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<i>2012 Select Area Fall Season - Deep River Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday and Wednesday nights (4 nights) from August 13 through August 23 Open 7 PM – 9 AM (14 hours). Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (32 nights) from August 27 through October 19 Open 7 PM – 9 AM (14 hours) through September 14 and 4 PM – 9 AM (17 hours) thereafter.
Area:	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:	9 3/4-inch maximum mesh size restriction through September 14 and 6-inch maximum mesh size thereafter. 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. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gill net gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. “River, stream, or channel width” is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations in conflict with it. All other provisions of the permanent regulation remain in effect (WAC 220-20-015 (1)) Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. 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. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries is prohibited.
Additional Rules:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240 (d) (iii) When quick reporting is required, Columbia River reports must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the designated fishery. Submission of a 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. (e) Faxing a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the reporting requirement. (f) Violation of this subsection is a gross misdemeanor, punishable under RCW 77.15.630.

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<i>2012 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery</i>	
Season:	9 PM Sunday August 5 to 6 AM Monday August 6 (9 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-5 (SMCRA 1A, 1B,1C,1D,1E)
Season:	9 PM Sunday August 12 to 6 AM Monday August 13 (9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 14 to 6 AM Wednesday August 15 (9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 16 to 6 AM Friday August 17 (9 hours)
	9 PM Sunday August 19 to 6 AM Monday August 20 (9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 21 to 6 AM Wednesday August 22 (9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 23 to 6 AM Friday August 24 (9 hours)
Area:	Zones 4-5 (SMCRA 1D, 1E). The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 (SMCRE 1D) is defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation Buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore.
Applies to all seasons:	
Sanctuaries:	Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Washougal, and Sandy Rivers as applicable.
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 9" minimum mesh size restriction. August 5-6 fishery only: Multiple net rule in effect (WAC 220-33-001). 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. August 12-24: Multiple net rule NOT in effect, which means nets not authorized for this fishery may not be onboard. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of 7 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during the August 5-6 fishery, and a maximum of 3 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) in the remaining openers. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries only. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries is prohibited.
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