

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 1a
Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
July 26, 2012

Fisheries Under Consideration:	Non-Indian Recreational LCR Salmon Non-Indian Recreational Z6 sturgeon Non-Indian Commercial Mainstem Non-Indian Commercial Select Areas
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STOCK STATUS

<i>Summary of 2011 Forecast and Actual Returns and 2012 Forecasts of Adult Salmon and Steelhead Returns to the Columbia River¹.</i>				
Species, stock	2011 Forecast	2011 Return	2012 Forecast	Comments
Fall Chinook	766,300	620,600	654,900	Greater than 10-year average
Lower river hatchery (LRH)	128,600	109,000	128,400	Greater than 10-year average
Lower river wild (LRW)	13,100	15,200	16,200	Similar to 10-year average
Bonneville pool hatchery (BPH)	116,400	70,600	60,000	Less than 10-year average
Upriver bright (URB)	399,600	322,200	353,000	Greater than 10-year average
<i>Snake River Wild (SRW)</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>14,800</i>	<i>15,100</i>	
Mid-Columbia bright (MCB)	100,300	87,300	90,700	Similar to 10-year average
<i>Bonneville upriver bright (BUB)</i>	<i>36,600</i>	<i>26,900</i>	<i>23,900</i>	
<i>Lower river bright (LRB)</i>	<i>1,100</i>	<i>1,700</i>	<i>700</i>	
<i>Pool upriver bright (PUB)</i>	<i>62,600</i>	<i>58,700</i>	<i>66,100</i>	
Select area bright (SAB)	8,300	16,400	6,600	Less than 10-year average
Upriver summer steelhead	390,900	364,900	380,300	Similar to 10-year average
Skamania index (May 1-Jun 30)	24,100	9,700	15,700	4,600 wild
A-run index (length <78 cm)	312,700	318,200	311,800	91,800 wild
B-run index (length ≥78 cm)	54,100	37,000	52,800	13,400 wild
Coho	270,800	352,000	240,800	Poor return, 51% of 10-yr average
Early stock	168,500	246,700	184,600	61% of 10-year average
Late stock	102,300	105,400	56,200	34% of 10-year average

1. Columbia River mouth return, except summer steelhead is Bonneville Dam return. Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

Fall Chinook

- Columbia River fall Chinook are comprised of six major management components: Select Area Brights (SAB), Lower River Hatchery (LRH), Lower River Wild (LRW), Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH), Upriver Bright (URB), and Mid-Columbia Bright (MCB). The MCB component is comprised of Bonneville Upriver Bright (BUB), Pool Upriver Bright (PUB) and Lower River Brights (LRB).
- The LRH and BPH stocks are referred to as tules and the LRW, SAB, URB, and MCB stocks are referred to as brights.

- The URB, BPH, and PUB Chinook are destined for areas upstream of Bonneville Dam, and in aggregate comprise the upriver run. Lower river components include SAB, LRH, LRW, LRB and BUB Chinook stocks.
- A return of 654,900 adult fall Chinook to the Columbia River mouth is greater than the recent 10-year average and continues the positive trend of strong returns observed since 2010.
- Bonneville Dam passage is expected to total 519,500 upriver fall Chinook adults. Passage is typically 50% complete by September 7.

Upriver Summer Steelhead

- Upriver summer steelhead pass Bonneville Dam from April through October of each year. Fish passing during July through October are categorized as Group A or Group B based on fork length (Group A <78 cm, Group B ≥78 cm). Group B steelhead primarily return to tributaries in the Salmon and Clearwater rivers in Idaho, while Group A steelhead return to tributaries throughout the Columbia and Snake basins.
- The forecast for the combined Group A/B steelhead returns to Bonneville Dam totals 364,600 fish, including 105,200 wild fish (29%). The Group A forecast is 102% and the Group B forecast is 84% of their respective 10-year averages.
- Passage during July is mainly Group A fish; Group B passage primarily begins around the end of August. Counts of steelhead at Bonneville Dam during July 1-23, 2012 total 44,600 fish. Passage at Bonneville Dam (July-October) is typically 50% complete by August 13.

Lower Columbia River Coho

- The Columbia River coho forecast of 240,800 adults includes 184,600 early stock and 56,200 late stock to the river mouth. The forecast is only 51% of the recent 10-year average. The early stock forecast is 61% of the 10-year average, and the late stock forecast is 34% of the 10-year average.
- Bonneville Dam passage is expected to total 78,300 adult coho, which represents 75% of the total ocean abundance of Columbia River coho destined for areas above Bonneville Dam.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Salmon/Steelhead

- The "2008-2017 U.S. v Oregon Management Agreement" (MA) provides specific fishery management guidelines for fall Chinook, steelhead and coho.
 - The allowable impact rate for combined treaty Indian and non-Indian fisheries is 45% of the URB run based on preseason forecasts (URB stock is the surrogate for SRW Chinook). This impact limit is allocated 30% for treaty Indian fisheries and 15% for non-Indian fisheries.
 - The escapement goal at Spring Creek Hatchery is 7,000 fall Chinook (BPH stock).
 - The escapement goal for fall Chinook at McNary Dam is 60,000 fish.
 - Non-Indian impacts to wild summer steelhead (Group A and B index) are limited to 2% during the fall season. Treaty Indian impacts are limited to 20% of the total Group B run.
 - The goal for upriver coho passage at Bonneville Dam is 50% of the ocean abundance.

- Fall season non-Indian fisheries will be managed in accordance with the "2012 Non-Indian Columbia River Fall Fishery Chinook Allocation Agreement". This agreement was completed through the public North of Falcon (NOF) process, which includes input from recreational and commercial fishing constituents.
- Included in the allocation agreement are season structures and catch expectations for sport and commercial fisheries. Based on this agreement, LRH impact allocations are shared 56% sport and 44% commercial and URB impacts allocations are shared 45% sport and 55% commercial. The most constraining stocks are LCR tule Chinook and LCN coho.
- The allowable exploitation rate (ER) for LCR tules is 41% for combined ocean and Columbia River fisheries. The ER for in-river fisheries is expected to be 7.8% (20% of allowed). A portion of the LRH component is used as a surrogate for lower Columbia River (LCR) tules.
- The allowable ER for LCN coho is 15% for combined ocean and Columbia River fisheries. The ER is expected to be 3.7% in Columbia River fisheries (25% of allowed). Unmarked coho are used as a surrogate for lower Columbia natural (LCN) coho.
- The escapement goal for LRWs in the North Fork Lewis River is 5,700 fish.
- The broodstock goal for Big Creek Hatchery is 3,000 adult Chinook.
- Impacts to Columbia River chum salmon are limited to 5% of the run.

White Sturgeon

- The Washington and Oregon Fish and Wildlife commissions and the two state directors have provided management guidelines for 2012 white sturgeon fisheries. The total white sturgeon harvest guideline (below Bonneville Dam) is 10,400 fish, which represents a 16% harvest rate. The allocation of white sturgeon is 2,080 fish for commercial harvest and 8,320 for recreational harvest.
- Protocol for white sturgeon harvest in commercial fisheries is developed annually with input from the Columbia River Commercial Advisory Group (CRCAG). The protocol includes sub-allocation of harvest by fishery.

2012 NON-INDIAN FALL FISHERIES EXPECTATIONS

Recreational Fall Salmon Fisheries

- 2012 fall season recreational fisheries were developed through the NOF process and include:
 - The Buoy 10 sport fishery will begin on August 1 with a two fish/one Chinook daily limit through September 3 (Labor Day). From September 4-30, Chinook retention is closed, but re-opens beginning October 1, with a bag limit that will include a two fish/two Chinook daily limit. Catch expectations include 13,900 Chinook and 8,000 hatchery coho.
 - The mainstem sport fishery from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam will begin August 1 with a two fish/one Chinook daily limit. Catch expectations include 21,200 Chinook and 1,500 adult hatchery coho. Specific area and bag limit restrictions will be in effect throughout the season. Current regulations include the following:

- During September 10-30, the area from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to the Lewis River will be closed for Chinook retention.
- Beginning September 10, the area from the Lewis River upstream to Bonneville Dam will have a daily limit that includes two adult Chinook.
- Beginning October 1, Chinook retention will reopen below the Lewis River with a daily bag that includes two adult Chinook.
- The mainstem fishery from Bonneville Dam upstream to Highway 395 Bridge (in Pasco, Washington) will begin on August 1 with a two fish/two Chinook daily limit and a catch expectation of 6,700 Chinook.
- To maximize opportunity, sport fisheries are expected to remain open for hatchery coho and steelhead throughout normal seasons and areas, including times and areas closed for Chinook retention.
- During the NOF process, discussions and modeling exercises occurred regarding the potential for a Chinook mark selective fishery (MSF) downstream of the Lewis River in lieu of a complete closure to Chinook retention after September 9.
- Staff has worked with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to develop a detailed monitoring plan and the analyses required to implement a one-week (September 10-16) pilot MSF.

<i>Recommendation: 2012 Mainstem Columbia River Fall Chinook Recreational Fishery</i>	
<i>Downstream of Bonneville Dam (Tongue/Rocky Point upstream to Warrior Rock)</i>	
Season:	Monday September 10 through Sunday September 16, 2012
Area:	Tongue/Rocky Point line upstream to the Warrior Rock line (a line from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore through red buoy #4 to the orange marker atop the dolphin on the Washington shore.
Daily Bag limit:	Two adult salmon or hatchery steelhead. Only one may be an adult Chinook. All Chinook (including jacks), coho, and steelhead must be adipose fin-clipped. All other permanent rules apply.

- The proposed fishery is consistent with the 2012 Fall Allocation Agreement.
- The proposal would allow for only hatchery Chinook (adults and jacks) to be included in the daily bag limit for a 7-day period.
- Catch expectation is 3,900 Chinook (kept plus release mortalities).
- Sufficient ESA impacts have been set aside for this season from the recreational allocation.
- Staff will monitor the fishery through the usual creel program and collect coded –wire tags to develop stock composition.

Recreational Zone 6 Sturgeon Fisheries

- The Zone 6 (Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam) recreational white sturgeon fisheries begin January 1 and typically remain open until the annual guideline for each pool is met.

- Normally all three pools have reached their guideline and are closed by July 31. Currently, only The Dalles Pool is open and has a balance of around 140 fish remaining on the 300-fish guideline.
- The spawning sanctuary within The Dalles Pool is in effect through July 31 and extends 2.5 miles downstream from John Day Dam. When open, this area is very popular and typically provides high catch rates. Staff expects both effort and harvest to increase once that area re-opens to sturgeon fishing.
- Due to other commitments, staffing dedicated to sampling of Zone 6 sturgeon fisheries will be reduced beginning August 1. Staff levels are not adequate to sample a 7 day/week retention fishery but can sufficiently cover a reduced (days/week) fishery.
- Considering the balance of harvestable sturgeon remaining on the guideline, expected catch rates and sampling issues, staff proposes the following season modification:

<i>Recommendation: 2012 Zone 6 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery</i>
<i>White sturgeon retention in The Dalles Pool</i>
1) Extend the ongoing white sturgeon retention season through August 4, 2012; 2) Effective August 5, 2012, retention allowed Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only until further notice.
Allowable size limit: 43-inches to 54-inches fork length. Daily limit: one white sturgeon

- Continuing daily retention through August 4 will allow for a seamless transition to a days-per-week season.
- Because the entire Dalles Pool will be open effective August 1 (sanctuary lifted), catch rates are expected to improve, which would likely shorten the season if open 7 day/week.
- A days-per-week fishery will allow for adequate monitoring of the fishery and potentially increase the duration of the season.

Mainstem Commercial Fall Salmon Fisheries

- The early August fishery is expected to consist of one opener on August 5-6 in Zones 1-5. The catch expectation is 2,300 adult Chinook.
- The late August fishery is expected to occur between August 12 and 31 in Zones 4-5 on a Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday rotation. The catch expectation is 23,000 adult Chinook.
- Fishing hours during August are expected to be 9 PM-6 AM, and mesh size will be 9-inch minimum.
- The late fall fishery is expected to begin the week of September 16 in Zones 4-5 with 8-inch or 9-inch minimum mesh. The catch expectation is 17,200 adult Chinook.
- Due to the relatively poor coho forecast, mainstem commercial coho harvest is expected to be limited. Around 5,500 coho are available for all mainstem commercial fisheries, with the majority expected to be landed during Chinook-directed fisheries. A coho-directed fishery may occur late in the season if fewer coho are harvested in other fisheries, and/or if the Columbia River coho return is upgraded.

- The 2012 annual commercial allocation of white sturgeon is 2,080 fish. A total of 1,529 fish remain on the commercial allocation upon conclusion of the summer season. Sturgeon landing limits are expected to be in place throughout the fall season.
- Staff recommends a sturgeon guideline of 1,200 fish for August fisheries leaving 300+ for September/October fisheries.

<i>Recommendation: 2012 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery</i>		
Early August: Area:	9 PM Sunday August 5 to 6 AM Monday August 6 Zones 1-5	(9 hours)
Late August: Area:	9 PM Sunday August 12 to 6 AM Monday August 13 9 PM Tuesday August 14 to 6 AM Wednesday August 15 9 PM Thursday August 16 to 6 AM Friday August 17 9 PM Sunday August 19 to 6 AM Monday August 20 9 PM Tuesday August 21 to 6 AM Wednesday August 22 9 PM Thursday August 23 to 6 AM Friday August 24 Zones 4-5. The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 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.	(9 hours) (9 hours) (9 hours) (9 hours) (9 hours) (9 hours)
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. 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.	
Additional Rules:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240	
Catch expectation:	14,400 Chinook and 1,100 sturgeon	

- The proposed fishery is consistent with the 2012 Fall Allocation Agreement.

- Similar to 2011, nine-hour fishing periods (1-3 hours less than prior years) will restrict the fishery to night hours, which is intended to minimize conflicts between user groups.
- Restricting the fishery to 9-inch gear will reduce handle of steelhead and sub-legal sturgeon.
- The boundary line at the lower end of Zone 4 was adopted in 2011 to improve clarity and facilitate enforcement. The upstream boundary of the Lewis River sanctuary is not necessary for this fishery.
- Restricting the fishing area to Zones 4-5 after the initial opener will reduce catches of LCR tule Chinook.
- The proposed sturgeon landing limits should allow for sturgeon retention throughout August, and provide for additional sturgeon harvest in September.
- Catch expectation for the August 5-6 period include 2,300 Chinook and 800 sturgeon. Chinook catch may be less than projected, but staff suggests limiting the early August fishery to just this one period regardless of the actual catch, due to the risk of catching too many LCN tule Chinook.
- Catch expectations for the six periods proposed during August 12-24 total 12,100 Chinook and 300 sturgeon. Chinook catch is expected to build as the fishery progresses.
- Additional fishing periods are anticipated for the week of August 26. Preseason modeling shows a catch of 10,900 Chinook slated for that final week in August.

Mainstem Columbia River Monitoring Program

- Through the course of the 2012 fall season, WDFW will be conducting periodic monitoring of both recreational and commercial fisheries. Information collected will help build the dataset for released fish.

Select Area Fall Fisheries

- Expected returns to Select Area fishing sites include 32,800 coho and 4,300 SAB fall Chinook.
- Coho returns to Select Area sites are less than the average returns observed over the past five years.
- The expected return of 11,450 tule fall Chinook to Big Creek will exceed the hatchery broodstock needs; with the surplus providing opportunity to the Knappa Slough site.
- Returns of tule fall Chinook released from Deep River net pens will afford the opportunity to conduct Chinook-directed fisheries in Deep River during August.
- 2012 fall Select Area fisheries were discussed at a public meeting held June 5 in Astoria, Oregon. Regulations and season structure proposed for 2012 are generally similar to those adopted since 2001.
- Recreational fisheries in Select Area sites are open under permanent regulations.

Select Area Commercial

Deep River Fishery

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and requires Compact action. Washington state waters extend upstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and requires Washington state action.
- A Washington license is required in Washington state waters and either a Washington or Oregon license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

Recommendation: 2012 Select Area Fall Season - Deep River Fishery	
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

- August fishing periods provide additional harvest opportunity, and important data on tule fall Chinook returning to Deep River (released from Deep River pens beginning in 2009).
- Large mesh gear is intended to increase opportunity to harvest Chinook during their peak abundance. Six-inch maximum mesh size thereafter reduces chum harvest and maximizes coho harvest during their peak abundance.
- Concluding the season one week early is intended to reduce incidental chum harvest.

Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery

- All waters in this fishing area are concurrent jurisdiction waters and require Compact action.
- A license from either Oregon or Washington is required to participate in this fishery.

<i>Recommendation: 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 Open 7 PM – 7 AM through September 14, and 4 PM – 10 AM thereafter.
Areas:	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. 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

- An earlier start and extended hours beginning in mid-September provide additional fishing opportunities as previously requested by industry.

Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and encompass all of Knappa Slough and require Compact action.
- Oregon State waters extend upstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and require Oregon State action.
- An Oregon license is required in Oregon State waters and either an Oregon or Washington license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

<i>Recommendation: 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. Markers define an area closure of about a 100’ radius at the mouth of Big Creek.
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

- Similar to the Tongue Point/South Channel fishery, fishing hours increase in late September to maximize harvest opportunity.
- The increased maximum mesh size should provide adequate opportunity to harvest surplus fall Chinook (6,000) predicted to return to Big Creek Hatchery.
- Although around 35% of the Big Creek Hatchery Chinook production has been transferred to Youngs Bay since 2010, surplus fish are still expected to return to Big Creek this fall.

Youngs Bay Fishery

- All waters in this fishing area are Oregon State waters and require Oregon State action, but all waters are open to Washington licensed fishers.

<i>Recommendation: 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 <u>is 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.

- August fishing periods are designed to provide commercial harvest opportunity on SAB fall Chinook while allowing for adequate hatchery escapement and tidewater recreational fisheries.
- The standard fall season upper fishing boundary at Battle Creek Slough is intended to limit harvest of SAB fall Chinook that congregate in the upper tidewater area.
- Continuous fishing opportunity throughout the majority of September and October is intended to maximize harvest of coho.
- The 9 3/4-inch maximum mesh size restriction allows the fishery to target Chinook during most of August and the 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction beginning in late-August will focus the fishery on coho as their abundance begins to peak.

Issues Requiring Compact/State Consideration

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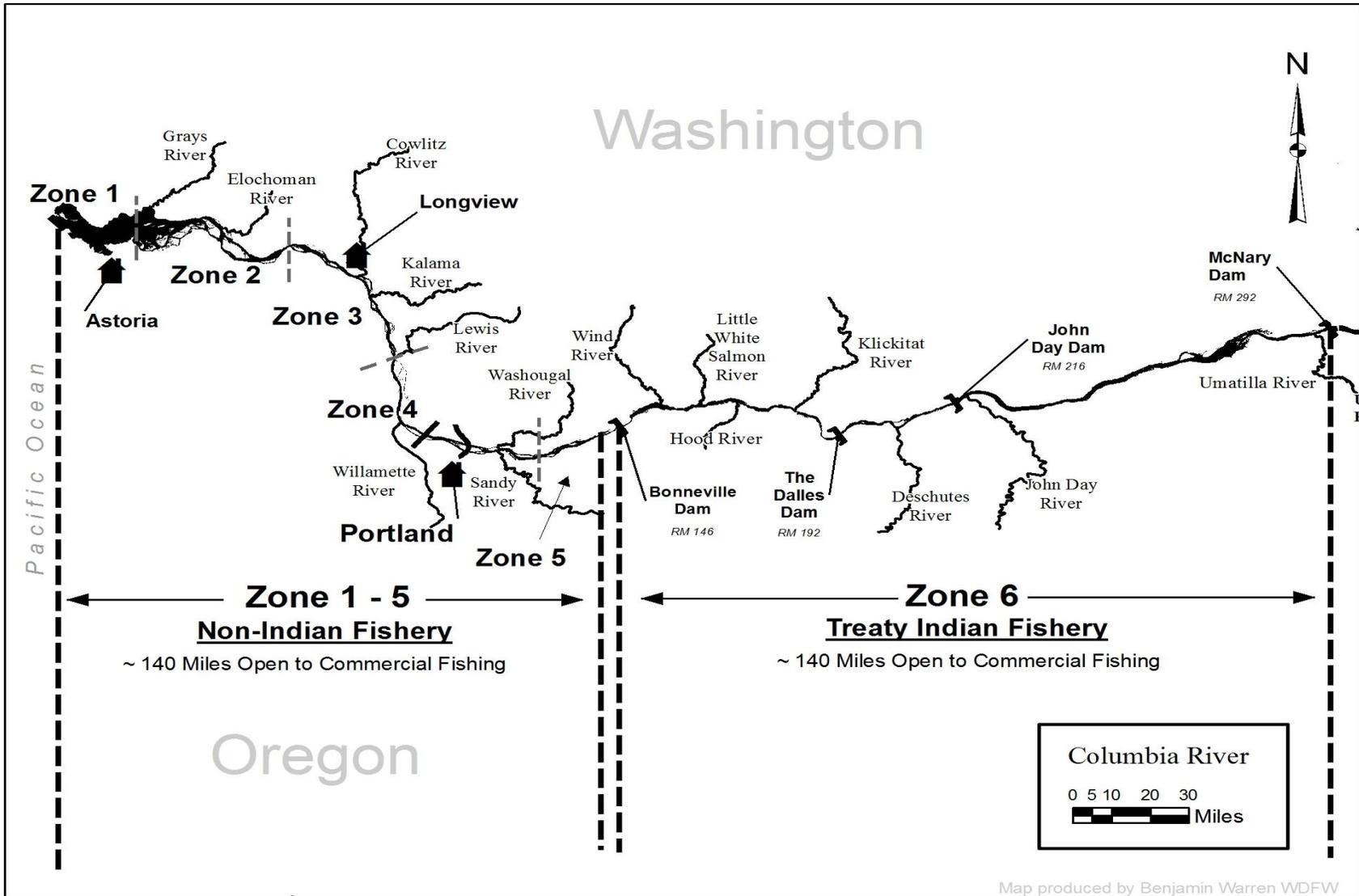
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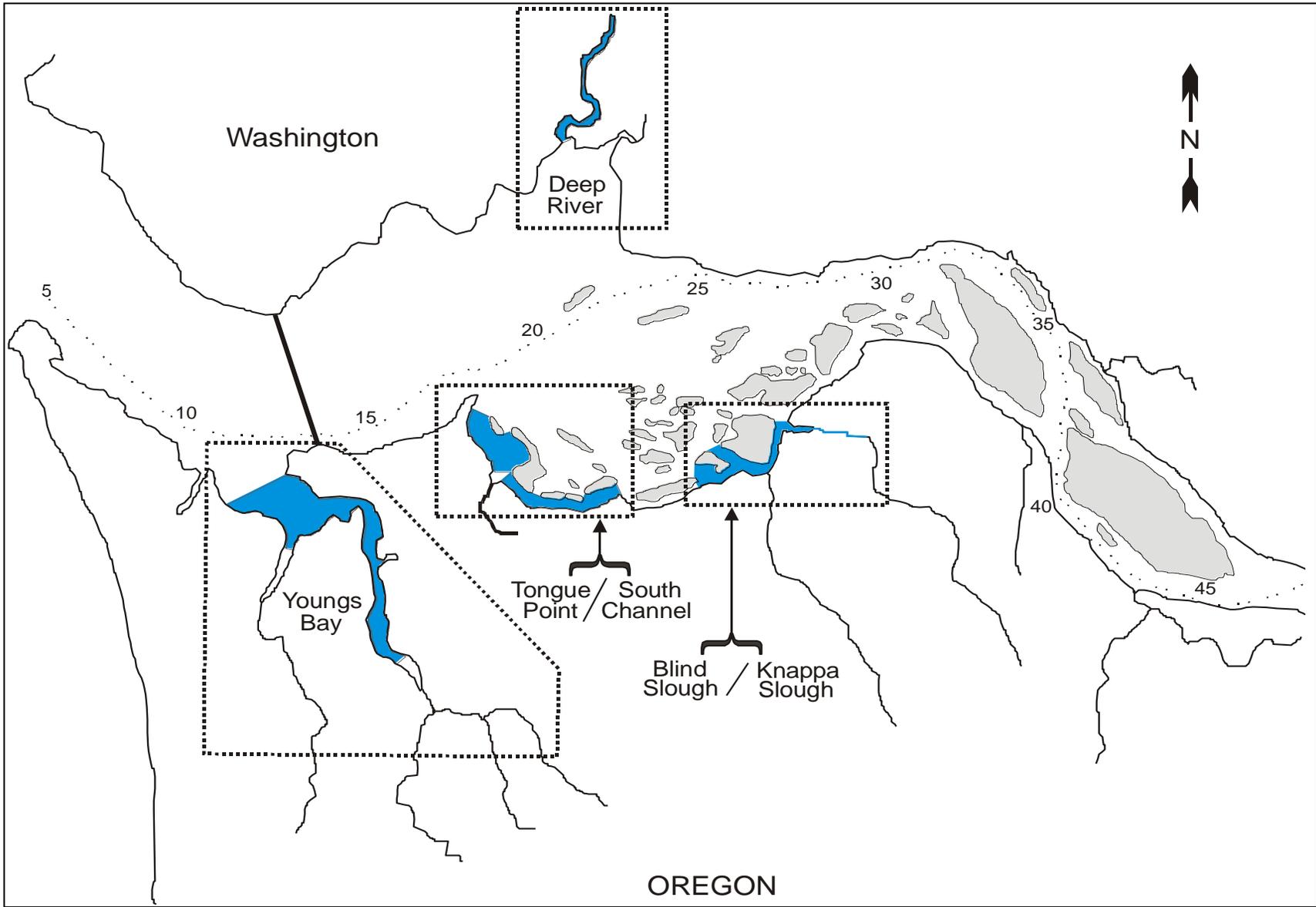
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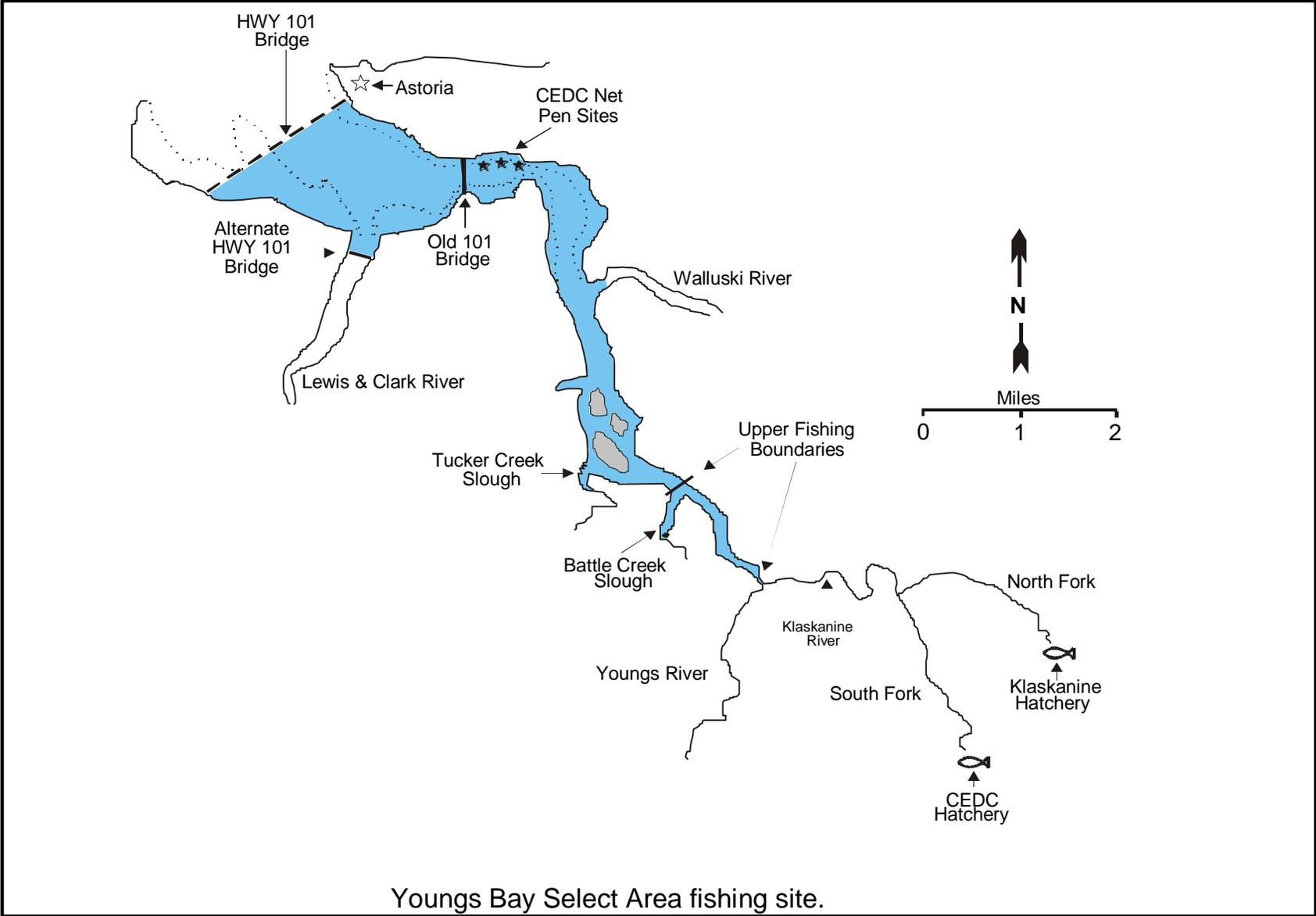
- The Columbia River treaty tribes are requesting a hearing for 10:00 AM Tuesday August 14 to consider treaty Indian commercial gillnet fisheries.
- At the August 14 hearing, the Joint Staff will propose a Compact hearing date to consider additional non-Indian commercial fisheries for the week of August 26.

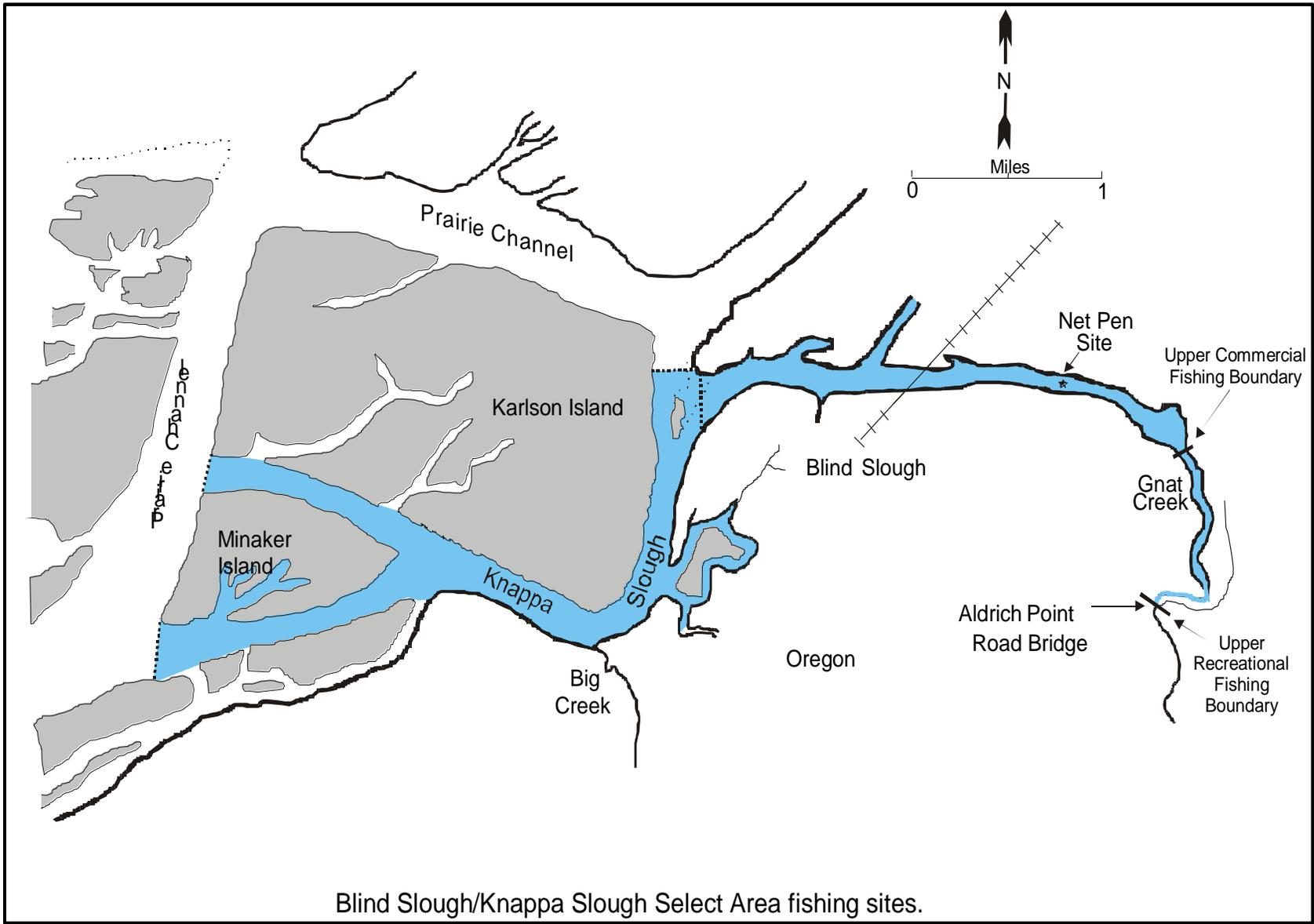


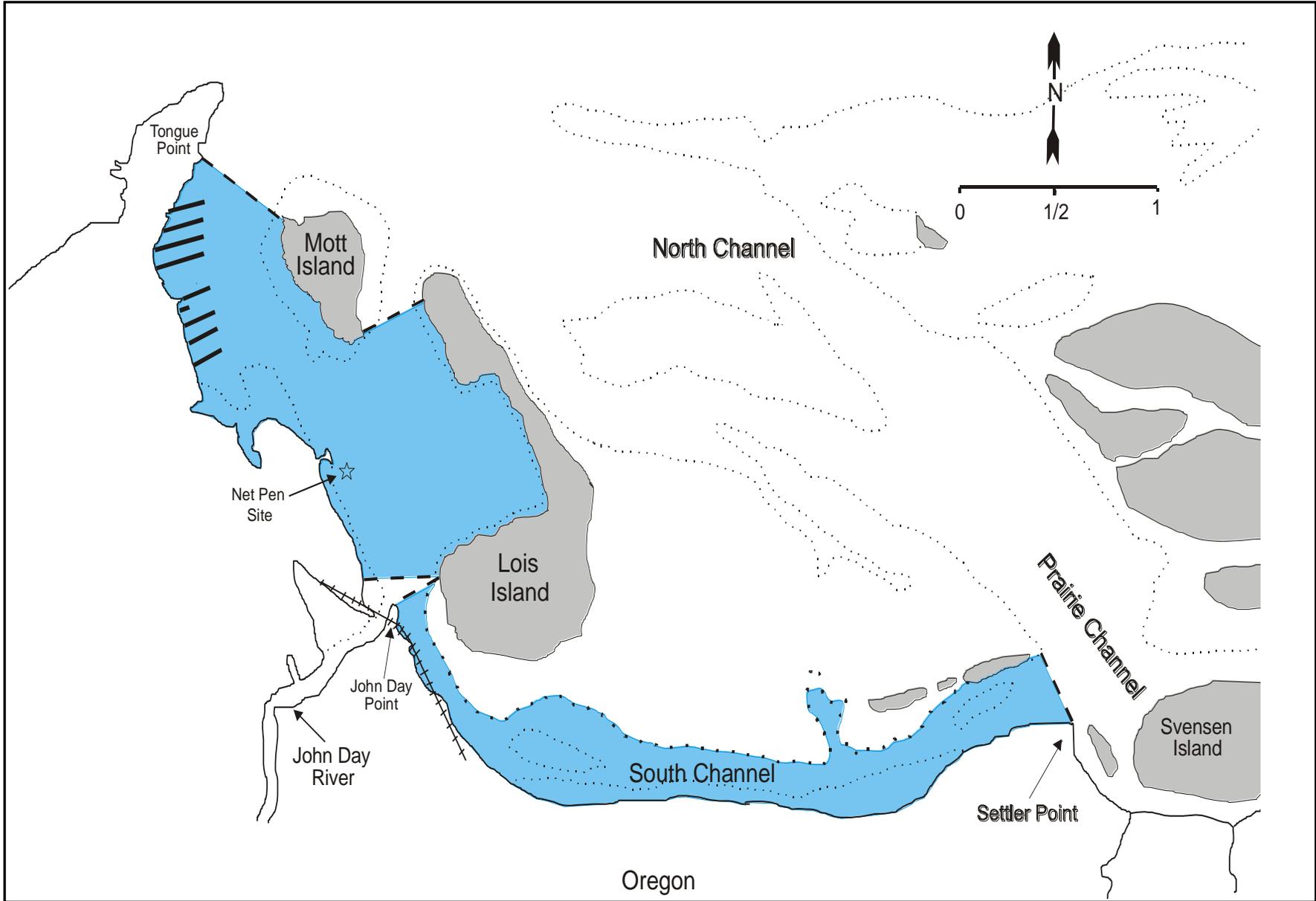
Map of the Columbia River Downstream of McNary Dam Showing Areas where Commercial Fishing may occur.



Fall Select Areas Fishery Locations







Tongue Point/ South Channel Select Area Fishing Sites

