
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 21, 2013

The Columbia River Compact met today and adopted two additional fishing periods for the winter period. (Thursdays, March 21-22 and March 28-29, 2013).

THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS THE CURRENT SEASON:

- 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

<i>2013 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area</i>	
Winter Season:	Monday and Thursday nights immediately through April 2, 2013. Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours)
Spring Season:	Thursday night April 18, Tuesday night April 23, then Monday and Thursday nights from April 25 through June 14 (17 nights). Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Winter season: Blind Slough open. Spring season: Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open. From May 2 through June 14, 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:	<u>Winter season:</u> 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction <u>Spring season:</u> 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with 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 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, white sturgeon and shad. Sturgeon landing limits in effect. <u>Winter season:</u> A maximum of 4 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). <u>Spring season:</u> : A maximum of 2 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect. 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers

No Compact hearings are currently scheduled.