
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACTACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 28, 2015

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

All waters in the Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction

<i>2015 Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area</i>	
Winter Season:	Monday and Thursday nights from February 9 through March 13. Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Spring Season:	Tuesday night April 21 from 8 PM to midnight (4 hours), Thursday April 23 from 9 PM to 3 AM Friday April 24 (6 hours), Tuesday April 28 from 7 PM to 7 AM Wednesday April 29 (12 hours), Thursday April 30 from 7 PM to 7 AM Friday May 1 (12 hours), and 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday and Thursday nights from May 4 through June 12.
Area:	<p>The winter and spring season Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line extended from the upstream (southernmost) pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility through navigation marker #6 to 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Gear:	<p><u>Winter season:</u> 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction <u>Spring season:</u> 9³/₄-inch maximum mesh size restriction</p> <p>In the Tongue Point fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom.</p> <p>In the South Channel fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.</p> <p>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.</p>
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.
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.

A Compact is scheduled for 1 PM February 23 to discuss treaty fisheries

A Joint State hearing is scheduled for April 7 to discuss the lower Columbia sport fishery