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# COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACTACTION NOTICE

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 10, 2015

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## THE FOLLOWING SEASON WAS SET:

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>2015 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Commercial Fishery</i>	
Season:	Tuesday June 16 – Wednesday June 17 <u>and</u> Thursday June 18 – Friday June 19 Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours)
Area:	Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open. The lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).
Gear:	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.  Multiple net rule in place: 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.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.
Additional:	Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.  A 24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.

- ✓ Beginning in 2015, unique fishery catch reporting areas (commercial zone codes) have been created for Knappa Slough and Blind Slough to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for winter and spring fisheries in these two adjacent fishing sites.
- ✓ In accordance with OAR 635-006-0210(2)(h) and WACs 220-69-230(1)(i) and 220-22-010(9)(a-b), commercial fishers are expected, and fish dealers are required, to report landings for winter-spring fisheries in Knappa and Blind Slough separately. Fish dealers are requested to keep harvest from these two sites separate to aid in sampling.
- A Compact is tentatively scheduled June 24, 2015 to review stock status and to consider non-Indian fisheries
- A Compact is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. June 30, 2015 to review stock status and to consider additional treaty commercial fisheries and potentially non-Indian fisheries.
- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday July 29, 2015 at the Clark Regional Wastewater District (8000 52nd Court, Vancouver, Washington