
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 27, 2016

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and encompass all of Knappa Slough.
- Oregon State waters extend upstream of the Railroad Bridge.

<i>2016 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area</i>	
Winter Season:	Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from February 8 through March 11. Monday and Thursday nights from March 14 through March 29. Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Spring Season:	Tuesday and Thursday nights from April 21 through April 29, and Monday and Thursday nights from May 2 through June 14. Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Winter season: Blind Slough and Knappa Slough are open through March 18, and only Blind Slough area open March 21 through March 29. 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 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. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-210. Unique catch reporting codes have been established for Blind Slough and Knappa Slough to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for winter/spring fisheries.

A Compact is scheduled for February 11 to discuss treaty fisheries

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