



# FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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## Columbia River Compact / Joint State Action Notice Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 12, 2008

MODIFIES ONGOING FISHERY: Closes fishery May 12 and May 15, 2008

### Deep River Select Area

Spring Season:	Monday and Thursday nights from April 17 through June 13 (17 nights). EXCEPT CLOSED May 12-13 and May 15-16, 2008 Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Deep River fishing area from the markers at USCG navigation marker #16 upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge (all concurrent water)
Gear:	8" maximum mesh size restriction.  Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets cannot be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross navigation channel.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, white sturgeon and shad.
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff.

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1PM via teleconference Monday, May 19, 2008.

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### Tongue Point/South Channel Select Areas

Spring Season: (February only)	Monday and Thursday nights from April 28 through June 13 (14 nights), EXCEPT CLOSED MAY 12-13 and MAY 15-16, 2008. Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
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Area: Reduced Tongue Point and South Channel areas open entire season (see map).

The reduced Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line extended from the upstream (southern most) 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.

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 reduced Tongue Point fishing area, gear restricted to 8-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 250 fathoms, and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom.

In the South Channel fishing area, gear restricted to 8-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline.

Multiple Net Rule: It will be legal to have onboard a commercial vessel more than one net provided the nets are of mesh size legal for the fishery, or the net has a minimum mesh size of 9 inches, and the length of any one net does not exceed 1,500 feet in length.

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, white sturgeon, and shad.

Miscellaneous Regulations During April 28 through May 9, transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area is unlawful until ODFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. A sampling station will be established at the MERTS dock during the first four fishing periods (April 28-May 9). After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff. Beginning May 12, fishers are required to call 503-325-3418 and leave a message including name, catch, and where and when the fish will be sold.

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- Call the "Hotline" Number to get current commercial fishing seasons at 360-902-2500

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### Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area

Season:	Monday and Thursday nights from April 17 through June 13 (17 nights) EXCEPT CLOSED MAY 12-13 and MAY 15-16, 2008. Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Blind Slough and Knappa Slough.  From May 1 through June 13, 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:	8-inch maximum mesh size restriction Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad.
Miscellaneous Regulations	Permanent transportation regulations will be in effect.

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