January 25, 2001

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

NON-INDIAN SHAD FISHERY

Area: Zones 1 - 5.

Dates: Daily 3 PM - 10 PM May 21-25 (5 days)
       May 29 - June 1 (4 days)
       June 4-8 (5 days)
       June 11-15 (5 days)
       June 18-22 (5 days)

Gear: Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net, 5 3/8" to 6 ¼" mesh, 10 lb. breaking strength, may not exceed 150 fathoms in length nor 40 meshes in depth.

Allowable Sale: Only shad may be kept and sold. All salmon, walleye, and sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water.

NON-INDIAN AUGUST STURGEON FISHERY

Area: Mouth to Longview Bridge

Sanctuaries: Grays, Big Creek, Gnat Creek, Elokomin-A

Dates: 7 PM August 5 to 7 AM August 6, 2001.

Gear: 9 inch minimum and 9 ¾ inch maximum mesh size restrictions

Allowable Sale: Sturgeon and salmon

NON-INDIAN SELECT AREAS FISHERY

Tongue Point Basin/South Channel

Area: Tongue Point Basin is open to fishing in all waters bounded by a line from the red light at Tongue Point to the flashing green light at
Tongue Point to the flashing green light at the rock jetty on the northwesterly tip of Mott Island, a line from a marker at the south end of Mott Island easterly to a marker on the northwest bank on Lois Island, and a line from a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island due westerly to a marker on the opposite bank.

**South Channel** is open to fishing in all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point through the green buoy "7" thence to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island upstream to an upper boundary line from a marker on Settler Point northwesterly to flashing red marker "10". All open waters are under concurrent jurisdiction.

**Dates:**

- **Tongue Point only, 8-inch min. mesh**
  - 7 PM Feb 20 (Tue) - 7 AM Feb 21 (Wed) - 1 night
  - 7 PM Feb 27 (Tue) - 7 AM Feb 28 (Wed) - 1 night
  - 7 PM Mar 6 (Tue) - 7 AM Mar 7 (Wed) - 1 night

- **Tongue Pt./South Ch., 8-inch max. mesh**
  - 7 PM Apr 17 (Tue) - 5 AM Apr 18 (Wed) - 1 night
  - 7 PM Apr 24 (Tue) - 5 AM Apr 25 (Wed) - 1 night
  - 7 PM May 1 (Tue) - 5 AM May 2 (Wed) - 1 night
  - 7 PM May 3 (Thu) - 5 AM May 4 (Fri) - 1 night
  - 7 PM May 8 (Tue) - 5 AM May 9 (Wed) - 1 night
  - 7 PM May 10 (Thu) - 5 AM May 11 (Fri) - 1 night
  - 7 PM May 15 (Tue) - 5 AM May 16 (Wed) - 1 night
  - 7 PM May 17 (Thu) - 5 AM May 18 (Fri) - 1 night
  - 7 PM May 22 (Tue) - 5 AM May 23 (Wed) - 1 night
  - 7 PM May 24 (Thu) - 5 AM May 25 (Fri) - 1 night
  - 7 PM May 29 (Tue) - 5 AM May 30 (Wed) - 1 night
  - 7 PM May 31 (Thu) - 5 AM Jun 1 (Fri) - 1 night
  - 7 PM Jun 5 (Tue) - 5 AM Jun 6 (Wed) - 1 night
  - 7 PM Jun 7 (Thu) - 5 AM Jun 8 (Fri) - 1 night
  - 7 PM Jun 12 (Tue) - 5 AM Jun 13 (Wed) - 1 night

**Gear:**

Legal gear restricted to a maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed 2 pounds on any one fathom within Tongue Point Basin.

In **South Channel**, nets are restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restrictions on the leadline. Fishers participating in the Tongue Point Basin fishery may have stored on board their boats, gill nets with leadline in excess of 2 pounds per fathom. See mesh restrictions for specific dates.

**Allowable Sales:**

Salmon, sturgeon, and shad.

**Other:**

Permanent rules regarding transport of commercially caught fish remain in effect (same as fall 2000).

**NON-INDIAN SELECT AREAS FISHERY**
Blind Slough/Knappa Slough

**Area:** Open waters of Blind Slough extend from markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek located approximately ½ mile upstream of the county road bridge downstream to markers at the mouth of Blind Slough. Concurrent waters extend downstream of the railroad bridge. State waters extend upstream of the railroad bridge and require an Oregon license.

Knappa Slough is open to fishing in all waters bounded by a line from the northerly most marker at the mouth of Blind Slough westerly to a marker on Karlson Island downstream to a north-south line defined by a marker on the eastern end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore.

**Dates:**

Blind Slough only, 8-inch min. mesh 7 PM Feb 19 (Mon) - 7 AM Feb 20 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM Feb 26 (Mon) - 7 AM Feb 27 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM Mar 5 (Mon) - 7 AM Mar 6 (Tue) - 1 night

Blind Slough only, 8-inch max mesh 7 PM Apr 2 (Mon) - 7 AM Apr 3 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM Apr 9 (Mon) - 7 AM Apr 10 (Tue) - 1 night

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough - 8-inch max mesh 7 PM Apr 16 (Mon) - 7 AM Apr 17 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM Apr 23 (Mon) - 7 AM Apr 24 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM Apr 30 (Mon) - 7 AM May 1 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM May 2 (Wed) - 7 AM May 3 (Thu) - 1 night
7 PM May 7 (Mon) - 7 AM May 8 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM May 9 (Wed) - 7 AM May 10 (Thu) - 1 night
7 PM May 14 (Mon) - 7 AM May 15 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM May 16 (Wed) - 7 AM May 17 (Thu) - 1 night
7 PM May 21 (Mon) - 7 AM May 22 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM May 23 (Wed) - 7 AM May 24 (Thu) - 1 night
7 PM May 28 (Mon) - 7 AM May 29 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM May 30 (Wed) - 7 AM May 31 (Thu) - 1 night
7 PM Jun 4 (Mon) - 7 AM Jun 5 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM Jun 6 (Wed) - 7 AM Jun 7 (Thu) - 1 night
7 PM Jun 11 (Mon) - 7 AM Jun 12 (Tue) - 1 night
7 PM Jun 13 (Wed) - 7 AM Jun 14 (Thu) - 1 night

**Gear:** Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. See mesh restrictions for specific dates.

**Allowable Sales:** Salmon, sturgeon, and shad.

**Other:** Permanent rules regarding transport of commercially caught fish remain in effect (same as fall 2000).

**TREATY INDIAN WINTER SEASON**
**Area:** All of Zone 6

**Dates:** 6 AM February 1 through 4 PM March 21, 2001

**Gear:** No mesh restriction

**Allowable Sale:** salmon, steelhead, walleye, carp, shad, and sturgeon between 4 feet and 5 feet in length.

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**OTHER COMPACT BUSINESS**

**Monofilament Gear**
The Compact took no action on the issue of legalizing the use of monofilament gear in the Columbia River.

**Spring Chinook Commercial Live Capture Fishery**
The Compact endorsed the intent to authorize an experimental live capture (tooth net) commercial fishery in the late April to mid May time frame for spring Chinook.

An actual spring salmon commercial season was not set and a decision will be pending until a management agreement is reached with the Columbia River tribes and the federal government.

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**NEXT COMPACT MEETING**

The next Compact hearing is scheduled for February 20, 2001 at 10 AM at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters in Portland.

A joint state sport hearing has been scheduled to occur immediately following the Compact hearing on February 20, 2001.