



FACT SHEET

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

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Salmon Fishery

Season: 7 PM Tuesday August 4 to 7 AM Wednesday August 5 (12 hours)
7 PM Thursday August 6 to 7 AM Friday August 7 (12 hours)
7 PM Sunday August 9 to 7 AM Monday August 10 (12 hours)
8 PM Tuesday August 18 to 6 AM Wednesday August 19 (10 hours)
8 PM Thursday August 20 to 6 AM Friday August 21 (10 hours)
8 PM Sunday August 23 to 6 AM Monday August 24 (10 hours)
8 PM Tuesday August 25 to 6 AM Wednesday August 26 (10 hours)
8 PM Thursday August 27 to 6 AM Friday August 28 (10 hours)

Area: August 4-10: Zones 1- 5

August 18 -24: Zones 3-5, upstream of the Kalama River (Upstream of a line projected from the Goble Ramp on the Oregon Shore to the downstream end of the Kalama Chemical dock on the Washington shore).

August 25-28: Zones 4-5

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal, and Sandy Rivers as applicable.

Gear: 9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length). A maximum of 9 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries only.

Additional Rules: 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

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.

- Call the "Hotline" Number to get current commercial fishing seasons at 360-902-2500
- Visit WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm> for fact sheets, action notices, etc.

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

Non-Treaty Commercial Area 2S Shad Season

Annual Season: 3 PM - 10 PM daily during Monday through Friday (except on the observed Memorial Day holiday) from May 10 through June 20 annually.

Area: True north/south line through Light #50 near the mouth of the Sandy River upstream to the commercial fishing boundary near Beacon Rock.

Gear: Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net; 5?" - 6¼" mesh size restrictions; 10-lb breaking strength; and the net may not exceed 150 fathoms in length or 40 meshes in depth.

Allowable Sales: Only shad may be kept and sold. All other species (including salmon and sturgeon) must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

- The Compact took action on the mainstem Columbia River commercial 2S shad fishery and adopted it as a permanent season.
- Staff intends to seek future Commission approval to make this season permanent. The above season description is intended to apply to 2010 and future seasons.
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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET -
SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES:

2009 Select Area Fall Season - Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery

Season: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 31 through October 30 (36 nights)

Open 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) from August 31 - September 18 and 4 PM – 8 AM (16 hours) thereafter.

Areas: Tongue Point and South Channel areas open entire season.

The Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker midway between the red USCG navigation light #2 at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility, to the flashing green USCG navigation light #3 on the rock jetty at the west end of 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 Tongue Point fishing area, restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 250 fathoms, and weight not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom.

In the South Channel fishing area, restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Participants in the Tongue Point fishery may have stored onboard their boats gill nets with leadline in excess of two pounds per any one fathom.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of three white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.

Additional Rules 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

- All waters in this fishing area are concurrent jurisdiction waters.
- A license from either Oregon or Washington is required to participate in this fishery.
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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET -
SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES:

2009 Select Area Fall Season - Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery

Season: Tuesday night August 25 and Wednesday night August 26 (2 nights)
and

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 31 through October 30 (36 nights)

Open hours are 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) from August 25 through September 18 and 6 PM - 8 AM (14 hours) thereafter.

Areas: The Blind Slough fishing area includes all waters 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.

The Knappa Slough fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from the north marker at the mouth of Blind Slough, westerly to a marker on Karlson Island, downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore. Markers define an area closure of about a 100' radius at the mouth of Big Creek.

Gear: In both fishing areas, a maximum mesh size of 9 3/4-inch is in effect for the entire season, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

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 great

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of three white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.

Additional Rules 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

- 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 in Blind Slough.
- An Oregon license is required in Oregon State waters and either an Oregon or Washington license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.
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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET -
SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES:

2009 Select Area Fall Season - Deep River Fishery

Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights from August 31 through October 31 (45 nights) Open 7 PM – 9 AM (14 hours) from August 31 through September 19 and 4 PM – 9 AM (17 hours) thereafter.
Area:	The Deep River fishing area includes all waters downstream of the town of Deep River to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.
Gear:	Restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of three white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.
Miscellaneous Rules	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway #4 Bridge.
- Washington state waters extend upstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Washington state action.
- A Washington license is required in Washington state waters and either a Washington or Oregon license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters
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OREGON ACTION NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET -
SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES:

2009 Select Area Fall Season - Youngs Bay Fishery	
Season:	7 AM Wednesday to 7 PM Thursday (36 hours) weekly from August 5 through August 27 (4 fishing periods) <u>and</u> 7 PM Monday August 31 through noon Saturday October 31 (61 days)
Area:	The Youngs Bay fishing area includes all waters from the new Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at Battle Creek Slough; except for closed waters southerly of the alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark River).

Gear: 9 3/4-inch maximum mesh size restriction through August 27 and 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction thereafter.

Restrict net to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed upstream of markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River.

Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.

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 white sturgeon. A maximum of three white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes Select Area fisheries only.

- All waters in this fishing area are in Oregon State waters.
- Non-resident commercial fishing and boat licenses will not be required of Washington fishers participating in Youngs Bay commercial fisheries. A valid fishing and boat license issued by the state of Washington will be considered adequate for participation in this fishery. The open area for non-resident commercial fishers includes all areas open for commercial fishing.
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