
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 30, 2018

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>Recommendation: 2018 Tongue Point/South Channel Select Areas</i>	
Winter Season:	<u>Tongue Point and South Channel open:</u> Monday and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from February 5 through March 9, and Monday March 12 from 5 PM to 9 PM (4 hours). <u>Only South Channel open:</u> Monday and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from March 15-23.
Spring/Summer Season:	<u>Tongue Point and South Channel open:</u> Thursday night April 19 from 10 PM to 2 AM (4 hours), Tuesday April 24 from 3 PM to 7 PM, Thursday April 26 from 5 PM to 9 PM, and Monday and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from April 30 through June 29.
Area:	The winter-spring-summer season Tongue Point Select Area is defined as those waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a point at the end of the southern-most (upstream) pier (Pier #1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility projecting in a straight line from through flashing red USCG light "6" to the shore of Mott Island, a line from a regulatory marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the northwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker (located at 46.18270 degrees N, -123.74313 degrees W) on the Oregon shore 500 feet north of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on Lois Island. The South Channel Select Area is defined as those waters of South Channel bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the Oregon shore at John Day point projecting northeasterly to a regulatory marker on Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker on Settler Point projecting northwesterly to the flashing red USCG light "10" then westerly to the eastern tip of Burnside Island.
Gear:	<u>Winter season:</u> 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction <u>Spring and Summer seasons:</u> 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction In Tongue Point, gear is restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom. In South Channel, gear is restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and 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.

Misc. Regulations	Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.
:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-180. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State/Compact hearing to consider recreational fisheries for Spring Chinook is scheduled for 10am February 21, 2018 at the Portland Airport Shilo Inn (11707 NE Airport Way).