
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 29, 2019

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

Recommendation: 2019 Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Select Areas

Winter Season:	<p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u> Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from February 4 through March 22, Monday night March 25 from 11 PM to 3 AM (4 hours), Friday March 29 from 2 AM to 6 AM (4 hours), and Monday April 1 from 6 PM to 10 PM (4 hours). <u>Blind Slough only open:</u> Thursday April 4 from 8 PM to midnight (4 hours), Monday night April 8 from 10 PM to 2 AM (4 hours), and Friday April 12 from midnight to 4 AM (4 hours).</p>
Spring Season:	<p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u> Tuesday and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from April 18-26, and Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from April 29 through June 14.</p>
Summer Season:	<p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u> Monday and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from June 17 through June 28.</p>
Area:	<p>The Blind Slough Select Area is defined as waters of Blind Slough and Gnat Creek from a north-south line represented by regulatory markers at the mouth of Blind Slough upstream to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge.</p> <p>The Knappa Slough Select Area is defined as waters of Knappa Slough, Calendar Slough, and Big Creek Slough bounded to the north (upstream) by a line projecting from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Karlson Island to the northernmost regulatory marker at the mouth of Blind Slough and bounded to the west (downstream) by a line projecting southerly from a regulatory marker on the southwestern tip of Karlson Island through regulatory markers on the western tips of Minaker Island to a marker on the Oregon shore. The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed.</p> <p>Prior to May 6, the downstream (western) boundary in Knappa Slough is a north-south line projecting through the easternmost tip of Minaker Island and regulatory markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore.</p>
Gear:	<p><u>Gear restrictions as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction.-Spring and Summer seasons: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction.-The maximum net length is 600 feet (100 fathoms).-There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight or anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.-Nets not specifically authorized for use 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 (except Chum) 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 220-352-315.

Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

Unique catch reporting codes have been established for Blind Slough and Knappa Slough to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for winter/spring fisheries.

Recommendation: 2019 Tongue Point/South Channel Select Areas

Winter Season: Tongue Point and South Channel open:
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from February 4 through February 28,
Monday and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from March 4 through March 8, and Monday night March 11 from 10 PM to 2 AM (4 hours).

South Channel only open:
Monday and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from March 14-22,
Monday night March 25 (11 PM - 3 AM) (4 hours)
Friday March 29 (2 AM – 6 AM) (4 hours)
Monday April 1 (6 PM – 10 PM) (4 hours)
Thursday April 4 (8 PM to midnight) (4 hours),
Monday night April 8 (10 PM to 2 AM) (4 hours), and
Friday April 12 (midnight to 4 AM) (4 hours).

Spring/Summer Season: Tongue Point and South Channel open:
Thursday April 18 from 7 PM to 11 PM (4 hours),
Tuesday night April 23 from 10 PM to 2 AM (4 hours),
Friday April 26 from midnight to 4 AM (4 hours), and
Monday and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from April 29 through June 28.

Area: The Tongue Point Winter-Spring Subarea is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from the end of the southern-most pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility projecting in a straight line 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 on the Oregon shore approximately 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island. If the marker on the Oregon shore is not in place, the upper boundary

is defined by a line projecting easterly from a point (46°10'57.7"N latitude 123°44'35.3"W longitude) on the Oregon shore approximately 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island.

The South Channel Select Area is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the Oregon shore at John Day Point projecting northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker on Settler Point projecting northwesterly to the flashing red USCG light "10" then projecting westerly to the eastern tip of Burnside Island.

Gear:

Gear restrictions as follows:

- Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction
- Spring and Summer seasons: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction
- The maximum net length is 1,500 feet (250 fathoms).
- In the Tongue Point winter-spring subarea the lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom.
- In the South Channel Select Area, there is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight and anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.
- Nets not specifically authorized for use may be onboard a vessel if properly stored, however, unstored gillnets legal for use in South Channel may be onboard.
- 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 (except Chum) and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.

Misc.

Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

Regulations:

24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

Oregon State Action

Recommendation: 2019 Youngs Bay Select Area

Winter Season:	<p><u>Youngs Bay open:</u> Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from February 4 through March 1. Open hours are from 6 AM to 6 AM the following day (24 hours) on Mondays, and Thursdays, and 6 AM to 6 PM (12 hours) on Wednesdays,</p> <p>Monday March 4 from 6 AM to 6 PM (12 hours), Wednesday March 6 from 6 AM to 6 PM (12 hours), Thursday March 7 from 6 AM to 6 PM (12 hours), Monday March 11 from 9 AM to 1 PM (4 hours), Wednesday March 13 from 11 AM to 3 PM (4 hours), Thursday March 14 from noon to 4 PM (4 hours), Monday March 18 from 5 PM to 9 PM (4 hours), Wednesday March 20 from 6 PM to 10 PM (4 hours), Thursday March 21 from 7 PM to 11 PM (4 hours), and Monday night March 25 from 9 PM to 1 AM (4 hours).</p> <p><u>Upper Youngs Bay Area open:</u> Thursday March 28 from 1 PM to 5 PM (4 hours), Monday April 1 from 4 PM to 8 PM (4 hours), Thursday April 4 from 6 PM to 10 PM (4 hours), Monday April 8 from 8 PM to midnight (4 hours), and Thursday night April 11 from 11 PM to 3 AM (4 hours).</p>
Spring Season:	<p>Thursday April 18 from 6 PM to 10 PM (4 hours), Tuesday night April 23 from 9 PM to 1 AM (4 hours), Thursday night April 25 from 11 PM to 3 AM (4 hours), Tuesday April 30 from 3 AM to 7 AM (4 hours), Wednesday May 1 from 4 PM to 8 PM (4 hours), Thursday May 2 from 5 PM to 9 PM (4 hours), Monday May 6 from 7 AM to 11 AM (4 hours), Tuesday May 7 from 8 AM to noon (4 hours), Wednesday May 8 from 9 AM to 1 PM (4 hours), Thursday May 9 from 10 AM to 2 PM (4 hours), and Noon Monday through Noon Friday from May 13 through June 14 (4 days/week).</p>
Summer Season:	<p>Noon Monday through Noon Friday from June 17 – June 28 (4 days/week), Noon Monday through Noon Thursday July 1 – 4 (3 days) Noon Tuesday through Noon Thursday from July 9 – July 25 (2 days/week) , and Noon Monday through Noon Wednesday from July 29 – July 31.</p>

Area: The Youngs Bay Select Area is defined as waters of Youngs Bay and Youngs River southeasterly of the Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the regulatory marker(s) at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers, including the Walluski River downstream of the Highway 202 Bridge, and the Lewis and Clark River north (downstream) of the overhead power lines (approximately 500 feet south (upstream) of Barrett Slough).

The Upper Youngs Bay Area includes all waters within the Youngs Bay Select Area upstream of the old Youngs Bay Bridge.

Gear: Gear restrictions as follows:

- Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction
- Spring and Summer seasons: 9³/₄-inch maximum mesh size restriction
- The maximum net length is 1,500 feet (250 fathoms).
- Lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom, except additional weights or anchors attached directly to the lead line is permitted in these areas:
 - Youngs River upstream of regulatory markers located approximately 200 yards southerly (upstream) of the mouth of the Walluski River.
 - In the lower Walluski River from the first dock near the mouth upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge.
 - In the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead power lines (approximately 500 feet southerly (upstream) of Barrett Slough).
- A red cork must be placed on the corkline every 25 fathoms as measured from the first mesh of the net.
- Nets not specifically authorized for use 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 (except Chum) and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.

Misc. Regulation Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

s: 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 February 20, 2019. Another Compact prior to that is also likely for consideration of Zone 6 treaty commercial fisheries.