

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 3**  
**Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing**  
**February 16, 2021**

<b><i>Fisheries under consideration:</i></b>	Select Area commercial fisheries
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*Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for Columbia River fisheries are presented in Joint Staff Reports, which are produced annually and available on-line. The most recent reports are the 2021 Sturgeon/Smelt Report (January 14, 2021) and the 2021 Spring/Summer salmon, steelhead, and other species report (February 4, 2021) available at:*

*<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/columbia-river/reports> or <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/jsmreports.asp>*

**STOCK STATUS**

***Upriver Spring Chinook***

The upriver spring Chinook run is defined as all spring Chinook destined for areas above Bonneville Dam and Snake River summer Chinook. Chinook passing Bonneville Dam between January 1 and June 15 are managed as upriver spring Chinook. Snake River wild spring/summer Chinook and upper Columbia wild spring Chinook are components of this run and are federally-listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Spring Chinook returning to other tributaries above Bonneville Dam are part of this run but are not ESA-listed. Based on the recent ten-year average, Bonneville Dam passage is usually 50% complete by May 10. Over the past ten years, adult runs have averaged 165,213 fish (range 73,101 to 288,994).

***Willamette Spring Chinook***

Willamette River spring Chinook exhibit broader migration timing than upriver spring Chinook. Wild spring Chinook destined for portions of the Willamette River and its tributaries are ESA-listed. Over the past ten years, adult returns have averaged 52,746 fish (range 27,292 to 84,532).

***Lower Columbia Spring Chinook***

Spring Chinook returning to the tributaries of the lower Columbia River are destined for the Cowlitz, Kalama, Lewis, and Sandy rivers and the Select Areas. Wild components of this group are ESA-listed, with the exception of the Select Area fish. Over the past ten years, the combined adult return of these lower river stocks has averaged 18,924 fish (range 7,031 to 34,323) to the tributaries and 8,335 fish (range 2,479 to 16,991) to the Select Areas.

**Columbia River Adult Salmon Returns: Actual and Forecasted <sup>†</sup>**

		2020 Forecast	2020 Return	2021 Forecast
<b>Spring Chinook</b>	<b>Upriver Total *</b>	<b>81,700</b>	<b>81,300</b>	<b>75,200</b>
	Upper Columbia	13,600	12,815	13,000
	<i>Upper Columbia natural-origin</i>	2,300	2,189	2,200
	Snake River Spring/Summer **	56,400	51,605	40,000
	<i>Snake River natural-origin **</i>	9,600	14,574	11,100
	<b>Lower River Total</b>	<b>54,100</b>	<b>61,194</b>	<b>68,000</b>
	<b>Total Spring Chinook</b>	<b>135,800</b>	<b>142,494</b>	<b>143,200</b>
	<u>Area-specific detail</u>			
	Willamette River	40,800	45,965	50,000
	Sandy River	5,200	7,518	5,300
	Select Areas***	4,300	3,714	6,300
	Cowlitz River	1,400	908	1,800
	Kalama River	1,000	1,215	2,200
	Lewis River	1,400	1,874	2,400
	Wind River**	2,000	2,076	1,200
	Drano Lake/Little White Salmon River***	4,600	3,850	3,900
	Hood River**	2,300	n/a	n/a
	Klickitat River***	1,800	1,517	1,500
	Deschutes River***	n/a	1,015	n/a
	John Day River***	2,800	2,095	n/a
	Umatilla River***	900	516	900
	Yakima River***	2,800	2,830	3,200
<b>Summer Chinook</b>	<b>Upper Columbia</b>	<b>38,300</b>	<b>65,494</b>	<b>77,600</b>
<b>Sockeye</b>	<b>Total Sockeye</b>	<b>246,300</b>	<b>345,018</b>	<b>155,600</b>
	Wenatchee	39,400	56,111	27,300
	Okanogan	201,800	273,667	127,300
	Yakima	2,500	11,790	200
	Deschutes	300	n/a	100
	Snake River	2,300	734	700

<sup>†</sup> All forecasts are rounded to the nearest 100s place.

\* Upriver totals are developed by TAC for use in management of *U.S. v. OR* fisheries. Wild components are included in the stock total. Area-specific estimates for upriver tributaries detailed here are provided by other agencies/entities and may not sum to TAC's upriver abundance estimates.

\*\* 2020 return is based on current TAC run reconstruction methodology.

\*\*\* Return to tributary mouth.

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## MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

### *2018-2027 U.S. v Oregon Management Agreement*

- The 2018-2027 *U.S. v Oregon* Management Agreement (MA) provides the treaty Indian and non-treaty fishery harvest frameworks and harvest rate schedules for salmon and steelhead stocks destined for areas upstream of Bonneville Dam.
- Fisheries are managed to meet the catch balance provision in the MA for upriver spring Chinook which requires upriver mortalities in non-treaty fisheries to not exceed the total allowable catch available for treaty Indian fisheries.
- The MA also specifies non-treaty and treaty fisheries occurring prior to an in-season run size update be managed for a run size that is at least 30% less than the forecasted upriver spring Chinook run size.
- The MA includes an abundance-based sliding scale harvest rate schedule for upriver spring Chinook. Based on the buffered 2021 preseason forecasted abundance, the harvest-rate schedule allows for an ESA impact rate of 1.0% for non-treaty fisheries occurring prior to the run update.

### *Willamette Spring Chinook Management*

- The Willamette River Fisheries Management Evaluation Plan (FMEP) limits annual freshwater fishery impacts on wild Willamette River spring Chinook to  $\leq 15\%$ .
- The Willamette River FMEP includes a sliding scale for escapement goals based on abundance of hatchery fish which determines the allocation of surplus hatchery spring Chinook to recreational and commercial fisheries downstream of Willamette Falls. The escapement goals are also intended to allow for full recreational fisheries in the upper Willamette River.
- Based on FMEP guidance, an expected return of 38,260 hatchery spring Chinook, and the FMEP escapement goal of 23,000 hatchery fish, the harvestable surplus totals 15,260 hatchery fish.

## 2021 NON-TREATY FISHERIES

### *Select Area Fisheries*

- Select Area fisheries target spring Chinook during the winter and spring seasons (mid-February through mid-June) and late-returning spring Chinook and early returning Select Area Bright (SAB) fall Chinook during the summer season (mid-June through July).
- Harvest in winter, spring, and summer Select Area commercial fisheries has averaged 9,286 Chinook annually over the past five years (2016-2020), with 87% of the harvested fish originating from Select Area sites. The 2021 harvest expectation is 6,300 adult Select Area-origin Chinook.
- Age-3 jacks and age-4 adult spring Chinook are expected to return to the Deep River Select Area site this year from a new sub-yearling release program initiated in 2018.

- ✓ Deep River winter and spring fisheries did not occur from 2018-2020 since local spring Chinook releases were terminated in 2014 and adult returns ended in 2017.
- Recommendations for 2021 winter, spring, and summer Select Area commercial fisheries were developed based on input received during a public meeting held January 14. For 2021, the staff proposal incorporates a delayed start to the winter season (similar to 2020) and additional short, tide-based fishing periods during peak migration of upriver stocks to minimize interceptions and stabilize fishing opportunity.
- Handle rates of non-local stocks in Select Area commercial fisheries are low. Impacts to ESA-listed stocks in 2021 winter-summer Select Area commercial fisheries are expected to be ≤0.30% for upriver spring Chinook, 1.42% for Willamette spring Chinook, 0.01% for sockeye, 0.07% each for winter and Skamania summer steelhead, and 0.01% for upriver A- and B-Index summer steelhead.
- The Oregon and Washington commissions were recently updated on the status of white sturgeon in the lower Columbia River and retention fisheries will occur in 2021 following the same basic approach used in recent years. Based on current commercial/recreational allocations and management expectations for 2021, up to 615 white sturgeon are available for harvest in Select Area commercial fisheries this year.
- Shad retention and sales are allowed in all Select Area commercial fisheries as per OAR 635-042-0105.

Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Commercial Fishery

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough, encompass all of Knappa Slough, and require Compact action.
- Oregon State waters extend upstream of the Railroad Bridge and require Oregon state action.

<i>Recommendation: 2021 Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Select Areas</i>	
<b>Winter Season:</b>	<p>The winter Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include 21 fishing periods from February 18 through April 15 as described below:</p> <p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u>            7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights February 18 - March 19 (13 nights)            7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 22 - March 26 (2 nights)</p> <p><u>Blind Slough open:</u>            7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 29 - April 13 (5 nights)            7 PM Wednesday April 14 to 7 AM Thursday April 15 (1 night)</p> <p><u>Knappa Slough open:</u>            9 PM Monday March 29 - 1 AM Tuesday March 30 (4 hours)            11 PM Thursday April 1 - 3 AM Friday April 2 (4 hours)            3:30 AM to 7:30 AM Tuesday April 6 (4 hours)            6:30 PM to 10:30 PM Thursday April 8 (4 hours)            8:30 PM Monday April 12 - 12:30 AM Tuesday April 13 (4 hours)            9:30 PM Wednesday April 14 - 1:30 AM Thursday April 15 (4 hours)</p>

<b>Spring Season:</b>	The spring Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include 23 fishing periods from April 19 through June 15 as described below:
	<u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u> 7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights April 19-April 23 (2 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Tuesday and Thursday nights April 27-April 30 (2 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 3-June 15 (19 nights)
<b>Summer Season:</b>	The summer Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include five fishing periods from June 17 through July 2 as described below:
	<u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u> 7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights June 17- July 2 (5 nights)
<b>Area:</b>	<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.</p> <p>The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed.</p> <p>Prior to May 3, 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>
<b>Gear:</b>	<u>Gear restrictions as follows:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction.</li> <li>• Spring and Summer seasons: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction.</li> <li>• The maximum net length is 600 feet (100 fathoms).</li> <li>• There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight or anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Salmon (except Chum), white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

<b>Misc.</b>	Permanent regulations related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.
<b>Regulations:</b>	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. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting more than 24 hours. Blind Slough and Knappa Slough have unique catch reporting codes to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for winter/spring fisheries.

- The proposed season structure continues the expanded winter and spring season structure utilized in recent years and provides a limited summer season, with minimal risk to upriver stocks.
- In accordance with OAR 635-006-0210(2)(h) and WACs 220-69-230(1)(i) and 220-22-010(9)(a-b), commercial fishers are expected, and fish dealers are required, to report landings for winter-summer fisheries in Knappa Slough and Blind Slough separately using appropriate area coding. Fish dealers are requested to keep landings from these two sites separate to aid in sampling.

Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Fishery

- All waters in the Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction and require Compact action.

<i><b>Recommendation: 2021 Tongue Point/South Channel Select Areas</b></i>	
<b>Winter Season:</b>	<p>The winter Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include 21 fishing periods from February 18 through April 15 as described below:</p> <p><u>Tongue Point and South Channel open:</u> 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights February 18 - March 12 (10 nights)</p> <p><u>Tongue Point open:</u> 9 PM Monday March 15 to 1 AM Tuesday March 16 (4 hours) 9:30 PM Wednesday March 17 to 1:30 AM Thursday March 18 (4 hours) 10 PM Thursday March 18 to 2 AM Friday March 19 (4 hours)</p> <p><u>South Channel open:</u> 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights March 15 - March 19 (3 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 22 - March 26 (2 nights)</p> <p>9 PM Monday March 29 - 1 AM Tuesday March 30 (4 hours) 11 PM Thursday April 1 - 3 AM Friday April 2 (4 hours) 3:30 AM to 7:30 AM Tuesday April 6 (4 hours) 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM Thursday April 8 (4 hours) 8:30 PM Monday April 12 – 12:30 AM Tuesday April 13 (4 hours) 9:30 PM Wednesday April 14 – 1:30 AM Thursday April 15 (4 hours)</p>

**Spring  
Season:**

The spring Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include 23 fishing periods from April 20 through June 15 as described below:

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

12:30 AM to 4:30 AM Tuesday April 20 (4 hours)

4 AM to 8 AM Friday April 23 (4 hours)

7 PM to 7 AM Tuesday and Thursday nights April 27-April 30 (2 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 3 - June 15 (19 nights)

**Summer  
Season:**

The summer Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include five fishing periods from June 17 through July 2 as described below:

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights June 17- July 2 (5 nights)

**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.

For summer fisheries, the open waters include the entire Tongue Point Select Area as described in OAR 635-042-0170(1)(a) and WAC 220-301-010 (11)(c). If the marker on the eastern shore of Tongue Point is not in place, the downstream boundary is defined by a line projecting from a point (46°12'31.1"N latitude 123°45'34.0"W longitude) on the eastern shore of Tongue Point to the flashing green USCG light "3" on the rock jetty at the northwest tip of Mott 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.

<b>Gear:</b>	<p><u>Gear restrictions as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction</li> <li>• Spring and Summer seasons: 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch maximum mesh size restriction</li> <li>• The maximum net length is 1,500 feet (250 fathoms).</li> <li>• In the Tongue Point winter-spring subarea and the Tongue Point Select Area, the lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom;</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	<p>Salmon (except Chum), white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.</p>
<b>Misc. Regulations:</b>	<p>Permanent regulations 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. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting more than 24 hours.</p>

- The proposed season structure provides additional fishing periods in the winter season and a limited summer season, with minimal risk to upriver stocks.



## Youngs Bay Commercial Fishery

- All waters in Youngs Bay are Oregon State waters and require Oregon State action.
- The entire Youngs Bay Select Area is open to either Oregon or Washington fishers who possess valid licenses (fishing and boat) issued by either state. Per permanent rule, all landings from Youngs Bay must be delivered to an Oregon licensed buyer.

### ***Recommendation: 2021 Youngs Bay Select Area***

**Winter Season:** The winter Youngs Bay season includes 17 fishing periods from February 18 through April 1 as described below:

Youngs Bay open:

6 AM to 6 AM (24 hours) Monday and Thursday nights February 18-Feb 26 (3 periods)

6 AM to 6 PM (12 hours) on Wednesday February 24 (1 night)

6 AM to 6 PM (12 hours) Monday, Wednesday and Thursday March 1-March 4 (3 days)

2 PM to 6 PM Monday March 8 (4 hours)

4 PM to 8 PM Wednesday March 10 (4 hours)

4:30 PM to 8:30 PM Thursday March 11 (4 hours)

8 AM to noon Monday March 15 (4 hours)

9 AM to 1 PM Wednesday March 17 (4 hours)

9:30 AM to 1:30 PM Thursday March 18 (4 hours)

1:30 PM to 5:30 PM Monday March 22 (4 hours)

Upper Youngs Bay Area open:

4:30 PM to 8:30 PM Thursday March 25 (4 hours)

7 PM to 11 PM Monday March 29 (4 hours)

9:30 AM to 1:30 PM Thursday April 1 (4 hours)

**Spring Season:** The spring Youngs Bay season includes 12 fishing periods from April 19 through June 11 as described below:

Youngs Bay open:

11:30 AM to 3:30 PM Monday April 19 (4 hours)

3 PM to 7 PM Thursday April 22 (4 hours)

6:30 PM to 10:30 PM Tuesday April 27 (4 hours)

8 PM to midnight Thursday April 29 (4 hours)

Noon to 4 PM Monday May 3 (4 hours)

2 PM to 6 PM Wednesday May 5 (4 hours)

3 PM to 7 PM Thursday May 6 (4 hours)

6 AM Monday thru Noon Friday (4 continuous days/week) May 10-June 11 (20 days)

<b>Summer Season:</b>	<p>The summer Youngs Bay season includes 7 fishing periods from June 16 through July 29 as described below (all periods include multiple continuous days):</p> <p>6 AM Wednesday thru Noon Friday June 16-18 (2 continuous days)          6 AM Monday - Noon Friday June 21-July 2 (4 continuous days/week) (8 days)          6 AM Tuesday - Noon Thursday July 6-July 29 (2 continuous days/week) (8 days)</p>
<b>Area:</b>	<p>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). During the winter season, the upstream boundary in the Lewis and Clark River is the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark Bridge).</p> <p>The Upper Youngs Bay Area includes all waters within the Youngs Bay Select Area upstream of the old Youngs Bay Bridge.</p>
<b>Gear:</b>	<p><u>Gear restrictions as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction</li> <li>• Spring and Summer seasons: 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch maximum mesh size restriction</li> <li>• The maximum net length is 1,500 feet (250 fathoms).</li> <li>• 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:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youngs River upstream of regulatory markers located approximately 200 yards southerly (upstream) of the mouth of the Walluski River.</li> <li>• In the lower Walluski River from the first dock near the mouth upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge.</li> <li>• 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).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A red cork must be placed on the corkline every 25 fathoms as measured from the first mesh of the net.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	<p>Salmon (except Chum), white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.</p>
<b>Misc. Regulations:</b>	<p>Permanent regulations related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting more than 24 hours.</p>

- Staff worked with industry to maximize opportunity in the winter and spring season while minimizing the risk of encountering non-local stocks during the late winter and early spring timeframes.
  - ✓ Continued use of reduced hours/area in March/April to maintain harvest opportunity and improve fishery stability.

- ✓ A delayed spring season opening to further avoid upriver spring Chinook which have exhibited a later run timing in recent years.
- ✓ Many fishing periods set at low tide to reduce non-local encounters.
- Similar to the last five years, the majority of the winter-season fishing periods in Youngs Bay are scheduled primarily during daylight hours.

Deep River Commercial Fishery

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway 4 Bridge and require Compact action.

<i>Recommendation: 2021 Deep River Select Area</i>	
<b>Winter Season:</b>	<p>The winter Deep River season includes 17 fishing periods from February 18 through April 1 as described below:</p> <p>7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights February 18 - March 19 (13 nights)</p> <p>7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 22 - April 1 (4 nights)</p>
<b>Spring Season:</b>	<p>The spring Deep River season includes 23 fishing periods from April 19 through June 15 as described below:</p> <p>7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights April 19 - April 23 (2 nights)</p> <p>7 PM to 7 AM Tuesday and Thursday nights April 27 - April 30 (2 nights)</p> <p>7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 3 - June 15 (19 nights)</p>
<b>Area:</b>	<p>From the mouth of Deep River defined as a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore, upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge.</p>
<b>Gear:</b>	<p>Gear restrictions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction.</li> <li>• Spring season: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction.</li> <li>• The maximum net length is 600 feet (100 fathoms).</li> <li>• There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight or anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.</li> <li>• Nets may not fully cross navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gill net longer than three-fourths the width of the stream (WAC 220-20-015 (1)). It shall be unlawful in any area to use, operate, or carry aboard a commercial fishing vessel a licensed net or combination of such nets, whether fished singly or separately, in excess of the maximum lawful size or length prescribed for a single net in that area, except as otherwise provided for in the rules and regulations of the department WAC 220-20-010 (17).</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	<p>Salmon (except Chum), white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during</p>

each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

**Misc. 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 WDFW staff.  
Winter season: fishers are required to call 360-846-5268 or 360-795-0319 to confirm the place and time of sampling.  
Spring season: a sampling station will be established at WDFW's Oneida Road boat ramp, about 0.5 miles upstream of the Deep River area downstream boundary (USCG navigation marker #16).  
 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.

- The proposed season structure largely aligns with prior winter and spring seasons in the Deep River site and proposed season structure in the Select Area sites on the Oregon side. The proposed fisheries are expected to have minimal risk to upriver stocks.
  - ✓ Previous year fishery openings have had low impacts to upriver stocks.
- Catch will be assessed in-season and the fishery will be adjusted accordingly.
  - ✓ The spring fishery will additionally be assessed through in-season sampling, and if local spring Chinook are still present in mid-June, additional openings will be considered.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 23, 2021 via teleconference to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries.
- The tribes may request a Compact hearing on February 23 to consider Treaty commercial fisheries.

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