
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 1, 2021

The following action was taken:

<i>2021 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Commercial Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday July 5 – Tuesday July 6 (12 hours) Thursday July 8 – Friday July 9 (12 hours) Monday July 12 – Tuesday July 13 (12 hours) Thursday July 15 – Friday July 16 (12 hours)
	Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM.
Area:	Blind Slough and Knappa Slough fishing areas. The lower (downstream) boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is defined 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.
Gear:	9 ³ / ₄ -inch maximum mesh size restriction. Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on headline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the headline is allowed. 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), 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 ongoing Select Area fisheries.
Miscellaneous Regulations:	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. Blind Slough and Knappa Slough have unique catch reporting codes to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for these fisheries.

2021 Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Fishery

Season: Monday July 5 – Tuesday July 6 (12 hours)
Thursday July 8 – Friday July 9 (12 hours)
Monday July 12 – Tuesday July 13 (12 hours)
Thursday July 15 – Friday July 16 (12 hours)

Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM.

Area: Tongue Point and South Channel fishing areas.
The lower (downstream) boundary of the Tongue Point fishing area is defined as a line from a regulatory marker (46°12'31.1"N latitude 123°45'34.0"W longitude) on the eastern shore of Tongue Point 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.

Gear: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction.
In the Tongue Point fishing area, gear is restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom.
In the South Channel fishing area, gear is restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and no weight restriction on the leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.
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), 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 ongoing Select Area fisheries.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

A Compact Hearing is scheduled for 9:00 AM July 8 to consider summer-season Treaty commercial fisheries. The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as necessary.