
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 14, 2023

The following action was taken:

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

<i>2023 Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Select Areas</i>	
Winter Season:	<p>The winter Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include 21 fishing periods from February 16 through April 14 as described below:</p> <p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u> 7 PM to 7 AM Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights February 16-March 17 (13 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 20-March 31 (4 nights)</p> <p><u>Blind Slough open:</u> 7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights April 3-April 14 (4 nights)</p> <p><u>Knappa Slough open:</u> 7 PM to 11 PM Monday April 3 (4 hours) 8:30 PM Thursday April 6 to 12:30 AM Friday April 7 (4 hours) 11 PM Monday April 10 to 3 AM Tuesday April 11 (4 hours) 2:30 AM to 6:30 AM Friday April 14 (4 hours)</p>
Spring Season:	<p>The spring Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include 30 fishing periods from April 17 through June 15 as described below:</p> <p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u> 7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights April 17-April 20 (2 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Tuesday and Thursday nights April 25-April 28 (2 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 1-May 5 (3 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 8-June 9 (20 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights June 12-June 15 (3 nights)</p>
Summer Season:	<p>The summer Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include twelve fishing periods from June 16 through July 15 as described below:</p> <p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u> 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights June 19-July 14 (12 nights)</p>

Area: 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.

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.

Through May 5 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.

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 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.

Misc. 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 winter/spring fisheries.

2023 Tongue Point/South Channel Select Areas

Winter Season:

The winter Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include 21 fishing periods from February 16 through April 14 as described below:

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights February 16-March 10 (10 nights)

Tongue Point open:

10 PM Sunday March 12 to 2 AM Monday March 13 (4 hours)

Midnight to 4 AM Wednesday March 15 (4 hours)

3 AM to 7 AM Friday March 17 (4 hours)

7 PM to 11 PM Monday March 20 (4 hours)

South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights March 12-March 17 (3 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 20-March 24 (2 nights)

11:30 PM Monday March 27 to 3:30 AM Tuesday March 28 (4 hours)

3 AM to 7 AM Friday March 31 (4 hours)

6 PM to 10 PM Monday April 3 (4 hours)

7:30 PM to 11:30 PM Thursday April 6 (4 hours)

10 PM Monday April 10 to 2 AM Tuesday April 11 (4 hours)

1:30 AM to 5:30 AM Friday April 14 (4 hours)

Spring Season:

The spring Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include 30 fishing periods from April 17 through June 15 as described below:

South Channel open:

5:30 PM to 9:30 PM Monday April 17 (4 hours)

7:30 PM to 11:30 PM Thursday April 20 (4 hours)

7 PM Tuesday April 25 to 7 AM Wednesday April 26 (1 night)

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights April 27- May 5 (4 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 8-June 9 (20 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights June 12-June 15 (3 nights)

Summer Season:

The summer Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include nine fishing periods from June 19 through July 14 as described below:

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights June 19-July 14 (12 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.

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 and the Tongue Point Select Area, 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.

Misc. 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.
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<i>2023 Deep River Select Area</i>	
Winter Season:	The winter Deep River season includes 21 fishing periods from February 16 through April 14 as described below: 7 PM to 7 AM Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights February 16- March 17 (13 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 20-April 14 (8 nights)
Spring Season:	The spring Deep River season includes 30 fishing periods from April 17 through June 15 as described below: 7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights April 17-April 21 (2 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Tuesday and Thursday nights April 25-April 28 (2 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 1-May 5 (3 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 8-June 9 (20 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights June 12-June 15 (3 nights)
Area:	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.
Gear:	Gear restrictions as follows: Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Spring season: 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 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). 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.

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 if needed.

Winter and Spring seasons: fishers are required to call 360-846-5268 to confirm the place and time of sampling.

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.

2023 Youngs Bay Select Area

Winter Season:

The winter Youngs Bay season includes 20 fishing periods from February 16 through April 3 as described below:

Youngs Bay open:

6 AM to 6 PM (12 hours) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday February 16-March 2 (9 periods)

6 AM to 6 PM (12 hours) Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday March 6-March 9 (3 periods)

11 AM to 3 PM Monday March 13 (4 hours)

1 PM to 5 PM Wednesday March 15 (4 hours)

2:30 PM to 6:30 PM Thursday March 16 (4 hours)

6 PM to 10 PM Monday March 20 (4 hours)

Upper Youngs Bay Area open:

8 AM to Noon Thursday March 23 (4 hours)

11 AM to 3 PM Monday March 27 (4 hours)

2:30 PM to 6:30 PM Thursday March 30 (4 hours)

5:30 PM to 9:30 PM Monday April 3 (4 hours)

Spring Season:

The spring Youngs Bay season includes 12 fishing periods from April 20 through June 15 as described below:

Upper Youngs Bay open:

7AM to 11 AM Thursday April 20 (4 hours)

10:30 AM to 2:30 PM Tuesday April 25 (4 hours)

Youngs Bay open:

Noon to 4 PM Thursday April 27 (4 hours)

4 PM to 8 PM Monday May 1 (4 hours)

5 PM to 9 PM Wednesday May 3 (4 hours)

5:30 PM to 9:30 PM Thursday May 4 (4 hours)

6 AM Mondays – 9 AM Fridays May 8 – June 9 (4 continuous days/wk) (20 days)

6 AM Monday June 12 – Noon Thursday June 15 (3 days)

Summer Season:	<p>The summer Youngs Bay season includes 6 fishing periods from June 19 through July 27 as described below (all periods include multiple continuous days): 6 AM Mondays – 9 AM Fridays June 19 – July 14 (4 continuous days/wk) (16 days) 6 AM Tuesdays – Noon Thursdays July 18 – July 27 (2 continuous days/wk) (4 days)</p>
Area:	<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). The Upper Youngs Bay Area includes all waters within the Youngs Bay Select Area upstream of the old Youngs Bay Bridge.</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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Allowable Sales:	<p>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.</p> <p>Salmon (except Chum) and shad.</p>
Misc. Regulations:	<p>Permanent regulations related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.</p> <p>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>

Treaty Commercial Fisheries

- The states have adopted regulations consistent with the recent fishery actions taken by the treaty tribes relative to 2023 treaty gillnet fisheries in The Dalles and John Day pools as shown.
 - The previously adopted gillnet fishing period in The Dalles Pool scheduled for 6 AM Monday February 13 through 6 PM Tuesday February 14, 2023 **has been rescinded**.
 - The previously adopted action to extend the close date for the John Day Pool gillnet fishing period through 6 PM Monday February 20, 2023 **has been rescinded**. This fishery closed effective 12 PM Monday February 13, 2023.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A hybrid Joint State Hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 22, 2023 to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries. The meeting will be held at the WDFW Ridgefield office (5525 S. 11th Street, Ridgefield, Washington 98642), and a teleconference call-in option will be available.