
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 10, 2025

The following actions were taken:

Treaty Commercial Fisheries

<i>2025 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Setline Fishery (The Dalles Pool)</i>	
Season:	6:00 AM Tuesday, February 11 through 6:00 PM Thursday, February 13. (2.5 additional days)
Area:	The Dalles Pool only
Gear:	Setlines Only
Sanctuaries	Closed areas include standard closed areas applicable to setline gear.
Allowed Sales	Sturgeon between 43- and 54-inches fork length in The Dalles Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional	24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

Non-Treaty Recreational

<i>2025 The Dalles Pool Recreational Sturgeon Fishery</i>	
Season:	Saturday, February 15 1 day
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam to John Day Dam, and all adjacent tributaries
Allowable Catch:	White sturgeon Legal size: 43-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length (Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat <u>under</u> the fish) Daily bag limit: One fish Annual bag limit: Two fish (applicable to any/all sturgeon retention fisheries)

Non-treaty Commercial

<i>2025 Deep River Select Area</i>	
Winter Season:	<p>The winter Deep River season includes 23 fishing periods from February 13 through April 15 as described below:</p> <p>7 PM to 9 AM Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights February 13-March 21 (16 nights) 7 PM to 9 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 24-April 15 (7 nights)</p>
Spring Season:	<p>The spring Deep River season includes 30 fishing periods from April 17 through June 13 as described below:</p> <p>7 PM to 9 AM Monday and Thursday nights April 17-April 25 (3 nights) 7 PM to 9 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights April 28-May 2 (3 nights) 7 PM to 9 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 5-June 13 (24 nights)</p>
Area:	<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>
Gear:	<p><u>Gear restrictions as follows:</u> 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 220-354-010 (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 220-353-060 (1).</p> <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>
Allowable Sales:	<p>Salmon (except Chum) and shad.</p>
Misc. Regulations:	<p>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.</p>

2025 Tongue Point/South Channel Select Areas

Winter Season:

The winter Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include 23 fishing periods from February 13 through April 15 as described below:

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights February 13-March 14 (13 nights)

Tongue Point open:

9 PM Sunday March 16 to 1 AM Monday March 17 (4 hours)

9:30 PM Tuesday March 18 to 1:30 AM Wednesday March 19 (4 hours)

11 PM Thursday March 20 to 3 AM Friday March 21 (4 hours)

South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights March 16-March 21 (3 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 24-April 15 (7 nights)

Spring Season:

The spring Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include 30 fishing periods from April 17 through June 13 as described below:

South Channel open:

7 PM Thursday April 17 to 7 AM Friday April 18

7PM Monday April 21 to 7AM Tuesday April 22 (2 nights)

Tongue Point open:

2:30 AM to 6:30 AM Tuesday April 22 (4 hours)

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights April 24- May 2 (4 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 5-June 13 (24 nights)

Summer Season:

The summer Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include 15 fishing periods from June 16 through July 18 as described below:

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

6 PM to 9 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights June 16-July 18 (15 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.

2025 Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Select Areas

Winter Season:	<p>The winter Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include 23 fishing periods from February 13 through April 15 as described below:</p> <p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u> 7 PM to 7 AM Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights February 13-March 21 (16 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 24-April 15 (7 nights)</p>
Spring Season:	<p>The spring Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include 30 fishing periods from April 17 through June 13 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 25 (3 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights April 28-May 2 (3 nights) 7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 5-June 13 (24 nights)</p>
Summer Season:	<p>The summer Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include 15 fishing periods from June 16 through July 18 as described below:</p> <p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:</u> 6 PM to 9 AM Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights June 16-July 18 (15 nights)</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.</p> <p>The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed.</p> <p>Through the first Friday in May 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.

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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A hybrid-style Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 19, 2025 to consider Columbia River recreational spring Chinook and Zone 6 recreational white sturgeon fisheries. The hearing will be held at the ODFW Clackamas office (17330 SE Evelyn Street, Clackamas, OR 97015) and a teleconference call-in option will be available.