
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 6, 2014

The Compact met today changed the implementation date of the fall boundary in Knappa Slough.

The following reflects the action and the current season in place:

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

<i>2014 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area</i>	
Spring Season:	Monday and Thursday nights from May 1 through June 13, Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open. Effective May 8 : The lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is extended downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the <u>west end</u> of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).
Gear:	9¾-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 in these areas 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 and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect. 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers Observer program: As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with department observers or observers collecting data for the department, when notified by the observer of his or her intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery. Additionally, cooperation with department personal or observers prior to an open fishery is expected.

No Compact hearings are currently scheduled. The next hearing could potentially be as early as Tuesday May 13.