
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACTACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 28, 2015

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

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>2015 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area</i>	
Winter Season:	Monday and Thursday nights from February 9 through March 31. Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Spring Season:	Tuesday and Thursday nights from April 21 through May 1, <u>and</u> Monday and Thursday nights from May 4 through June 12. Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Winter season: Blind Slough and Knappa Slough are open through March 20, and only Blind Slough area open March 23 through March 31. Spring season: Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open. From May 4 through June 12, the lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is extended downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).
Gear:	<u>Winter season:</u> 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction <u>Spring season:</u> 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 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. New catch reporting codes have been established for Blind Slough and Knappa Slough to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for winter/spring fisheries

- ✓ Beginning in 2015, unique fishery catch reporting areas (commercial zone codes) have been created for Knappa Slough and Blind Slough to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for winter and spring fisheries in these two adjacent fishing sites.
- ✓ 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-spring fisheries in Knappa and Blind Slough separately. Fish dealers are requested to keep harvest from these two sites separate to aid in sampling.

A Compact is scheduled for 1 PM February 23 to discuss treaty fisheries

A Joint State hearing is scheduled for April 7 to discuss the lower Columbia sport fishery