
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 19, 2016

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE MODIFIED: changes highlighted in BOLD

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

2016 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area

Spring Season:

RESCINDED April 21 and April 26 fishing periods (closed)

The fishery will resume as scheduled beginning Thursday April 28 as follows:

Thursday night April 28, and Monday and Thursday nights from May 2 through June 14
Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).

Area:

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open.
Beginning May 2, 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:

9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction
Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline 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.
Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-210.
Unique catch reporting codes have been established for Blind Slough and Knappa Slough to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for winter/spring fisheries.

No hearings are currently scheduled