

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 06, 2017

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>2017 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Commercial Fishery</i>	
Season:	<p>Monday July 13 – Friday July 14 (12 hours)</p> <p>Monday July 17 – Tuesday July 18 (12 hours)</p> <p>Thursday July 20 - Friday July 21 (12 hours)</p> <p>Monday July 24 – Tuesday July 25 (12 hours)</p> <p>Thursday July 27 – Friday July 28 (12 hours)</p> <p>Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM.</p>
Area:	<p>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open.</p> <p>The lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).</p>
Gear:	<p>9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the 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, white sturgeon and shad. A maximum of five white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The five white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.</p>
Additional:	<p>Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.</p> <p>Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-210.</p> <p>A 24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers pursuant to WAC 220-352-180.</p>

2017 Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Fishery

Season:	Monday July 13 – Friday July 14	(12 hours)
	Monday July 17 – Tuesday July 18	(12 hours)
	Thursday July 20 - Friday July 21	(12 hours)
	Monday July 24 – Tuesday July 25	(12 hours)
	Thursday July 27 – Friday July 28	(12 hours)

Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM.

Area: Tongue Point and South Channel fishing areas are open.

The Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker midway between the red USCG navigation light #2 at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility, to the flashing green USCG navigation light #3 on the rock jetty at the west end of Mott Island, a line from a marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a marker on the northwest tip of Lois Island, and a line from a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island westerly to a marker on the Oregon shore.

The South Channel area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island upstream to an upper boundary line from a marker on Settler Point northwesterly to a marker on the eastern tip of Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.

Gear: 9³/₄-inch maximum mesh size restriction

In the Tongue Point fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom.

In the South Channel fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and 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, white sturgeon and shad. A maximum of **five** white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The five white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.
Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-210.
A 24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers pursuant to WAC 220-352-180.

No hearings are currently scheduled. The Joint Staff will schedule additional hearings as needed.