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# COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 28, 2017

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## THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL SEASON WAS EXTENDED:

(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.

<i>2017 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area</i>	
<b>Winter Season</b>	<b>Thursday night March 30 in Knappa Slough only.</b>
<b>Extension:</b>	<b>Monday and Thursday nights on April 3 and 6.</b> <b>Blind Slough only.</b> <b>Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).</b>
<b>Spring Season:</b>	Tuesday and Thursday nights from April 20 through April 28, and Monday and Thursday nights from May 1 through June 13. Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
<b>Area:</b>	Spring season: Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open. From May 2 through June 14, 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).
<b>Gear:</b>	<u>Winter season:</u> 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction <u>Spring season:</u> 9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> -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.
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Salmon and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.
<b>Miscellaneous Regulations:</b>	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.

A hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Thursday March 30, 2017 via teleconference to consider recreational fishing seasons in the Columbia River.

A hearing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday April 5, 2017 via teleconference to review salmon and steelhead stock status and consider recreational fishing seasons in the Columbia River.

