
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 28, 2017

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WAS EXTENDED:

(Changes highlighted in **bold**)

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway 4 Bridge.

<i>2017 Deep River Select Area</i>	
Winter Season:	Thursday night March 30. Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Spring Season:	Tuesday and Thursday nights from April 20 through April 29, and Monday and Thursday nights from May 1 through June 13. Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	From the mouth of Deep River defined as a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore, upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge.
Gear:	<u>Winter season:</u> 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction <u>Spring season:</u> 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 cannot be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gill net longer than three-fourths the width of the stream (WAC 220-20-015 (1)). It shall be unlawful in any area to use, operate, or carry aboard a commercial fishing vessel a licensed net or combination of such nets, whether fished singly or separately, in excess of the maximum lawful size or length prescribed for a single net in that area, except as otherwise provided for in the rules and regulations of the department WAC 220-20-010 (17). 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. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by WDFW staff. <u>Winter season:</u> fishers are required to call 360-795-0319 to confirm the place and time of sampling. <u>Spring season:</u> a sampling station will be established at WDFW's Oneida Road boat ramp, about 0.5 miles upstream of the Deep River area downstream boundary (USCG navigation marker #16). 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.

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.