

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 28, 2017

THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL SEASON WAS EXTENDED:

(Changes highlighted in **bold**)

- All waters in the Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction.

| <i>2017 Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area</i> | |
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| Winter Season: | 10 AM to 2 PM (4 hours) Thursday March 30, 2017. |
| Spring Season: | Thursday night April 20 from 2 PM to 6 PM (4 hours), Tuesday April 25 from 7 PM to 7 AM Wednesday April 26 (12 hours), Thursday April 27 from 7 PM to 7 AM Friday April 28 (12 hours), and 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday and Thursday nights from May 1 through June 13. |
| Area: | The winter and spring season Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line extended from the upstream (southernmost) pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility through navigation marker #6 to 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 the flashing red USCG marker #10, northwesterly to a marker on the eastern tip of Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel. |
| Gear: | <u>Winter season:</u> 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction <u>Spring season:</u> 9 ³ / 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 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. |

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.