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# COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 30, 2018

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## THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>Recommendation: 2018 Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Select Areas</i>	
<b>Winter Season:</b>	<p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough are open:</u> Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from February 5 thru March 23 and Monday March 26 from 6 PM to 10 PM (4 hours) Thursday March 29 from 7 PM to 11 PM (4 hours) Monday night April 2 from 10 PM to 2 AM (4 hours)</p>
<b>Spring Season:</b>	<p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough are open:</u> Tuesday and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from April 19-27, and Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from April 30 through June 15.</p>
<b>Summer Season:</b>	<p><u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough are open:</u> Monday and Thursday nights (7 PM to 7 AM) from June 18 through June 29.</p>
<b>Area:</b>	<p>The Blind Slough Select Area is defined as those waters of Blind Slough and Gnat Creek from a north-south line formed by regulatory markers at the mouth of Blind Slough to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge.</p> <p>The Knappa Slough Select Area is defined as those waters of Knappa Slough, Calendar Slough, and Big Creek Slough bounded to the north (upstream) by a line projecting from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Karlson Island to the northernmost regulatory marker at the mouth of Blind Slough and bounded to the west (downstream) by a north-south line projecting through the easternmost tip of Minaker Island and markers on Karlson Island the Oregon shore. The area within a 100-foot radius of the mouth of Big Creek is closed.</p> <p>Beginning April 30, the lower boundary of the Knappa Slough Select Area is extended downstream to a boundary line projecting southerly from a regulatory marker on the southwestern tip of Karlson Island through markers on the western tips of Minaker Island to a marker on the Oregon shore (fall boundary).</p>
<b>Gear:</b>	<p><u>Winter season:</u> 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction <u>Spring and Summer seasons:</u> 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.</p>
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Salmon and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.
<b>Misc. Regulations</b>	Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

- : 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-180.  
Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.  
Unique catch reporting codes have been established for Blind Slough and Knappa Slough to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for winter/spring fisheries.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Joint State/Compact hearing to consider recreational fisheries for Spring Chinook is scheduled for 10am February 21, 2018 at the Portland Airport Shilo Inn (11707 NE Airport Way).