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1 **635-014-0090**

2 **Inclusions and Modifications**

3 (1) The **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** provide requirements for the Northwest Zone. However,  
4 additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency,  
5 they supersede the **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** pamphlet.

6 (2) Notwithstanding all other requirements provided in the **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** pamphlet, the  
7 following additional rules apply to adult salmon angling in waters of the Northwest Zone:

8 (a) All waters of the Necanicum River Basin, Nehalem River Basin (including North Fork), Tillamook Bay Basin,  
9 (including the Miami, Kilchis, Wilson, Trask, and Tillamook rivers), and the Nestucca River Basin (including the Little  
10 Nestucca and Three Rivers) and Salmon River that are open for Chinook salmon are limited to no more than 2 adult  
11 non fin-clipped Chinook salmon per day, and 10 adult non fin-clipped Chinook salmon in the seasonal aggregate  
12 when combined with all other waters in the Northwest Zone with a 10 adult non fin-clipped Chinook salmon seasonal  
13 aggregate limit. Seasonal aggregate applies to all adult non fin-clipped Chinook salmon retained between August 1  
14 and December 31 except in the Nehalem Basin where the seasonal aggregate applies to all adult non fin-clipped  
15 Chinook salmon retained between July 1 and December 31.

16 (b) Within the Nehalem Basin (including the North Fork) the following additional rules apply:

17 (A) Mainstem closed to all salmon angling upstream of Foss Road (CC) Bridge (RM 15.5) July 1 through  
18 December 31.

19 (B) Nehalem tidewater from the jetty tips upstream to Miami-Foley Bridge on South Fork and North Fork  
20 Road Bridge on the North Fork is open for non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon from September 15 through the  
21 earlier of November 30 or attainment of an adult coho salmon quota of 1,200 non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon.

22 (C) The daily catch limit may include one adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon per day and one non  
23 adipose fin-clipped jack coho salmon per day, and no more than 2 total adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in  
24 the seasonal aggregate from all waters in the Northwest Zone and Southwest Zone with a 2 adult non adipose fin-  
25 clipped coho salmon seasonal aggregate limit (Siletz River, Yaquina River, Alsea River, Siuslaw River, Umpqua  
26 River).

27 (c) Within the Tillamook Bay Basin the following additional rules apply:

28 (A) Tillamook Bay tidewater from the jetty tips upstream to Highway 101 Bridge on Miami, Kilchis, Wilson,  
29 and Trask rivers and Burton Bridge on Tillamook River is open on Fridays and Saturdays only for non adipose fin-  
30 clipped coho salmon from September 15 through the earlier of November 30 or attainment of an adult coho salmon  
31 quota of 1,000 non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon.

32 (B) The daily catch limit may include one adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon per day and one non  
33 adipose fin-clipped jack coho salmon per day, and no more than 1 total adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in  
34 the seasonal aggregate from all waters in the Northwest Zone and Southwest Zone with a 1 adult non adipose fin-  
35 clipped coho salmon seasonal aggregate limit (Nestucca River).

36 (d) Within the Nestucca Basin (including the Little Nestucca River and Three Rivers) the following rules apply:

37 (A) Mainstem Nestucca upstream of First Bridge (RM 15.8) near Beaver closed to all Chinook angling  
38 August 1 through December 31.



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39 (B) Nestucca Bay tidewater (excluding Little Nestucca tidewater) from the bay mouth upstream to the  
40 Cloverdale Bridge (RM 7.1) is open on Sundays and Mondays only for non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon from  
41 September 15 through the earlier of November 30 or attainment of an adult coho salmon quota of 250 non adipose  
42 fin-clipped coho salmon.

43 (C) The daily catch limit may include one adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon per day and one non  
44 adipose fin-clipped jack coho salmon per day, and no more than 1 total adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in  
45 the seasonal aggregate from all waters in the Northwest Zone and Southwest Zone with a 1 adult non adipose fin-  
46 clipped coho salmon seasonal aggregate limit (Tillamook Basin rivers).

47 (e) Within the Siletz River Basin the following additional rules apply:

48 (A) Mainstem and tributaries above an ODFW marker sign approximately 1,200 feet upstream of Ojalla  
49 Bridge (RM 31) closed to Chinook August 1-December 31; Drift Creek (Siletz River Basin) upstream of the  
50 confluence with Quarry Creek at RM 8 is closed for Chinook salmon from August 1 through December 31;

51 (B) Siletz River and Bay upstream an ODFW marker sign approximately 1,200 feet upstream of to Ojalla  
52 Bridge (RM 31) is open for non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon from September 15 through the earlier of  
53 November 30 or attainment of an adult coho salmon quota of 1,200 non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon; and

54 (C) The daily catch limit may include one adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon per day and one non  
55 adipose fin-clipped jack coho salmon per day, and no more than 2 total adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in  
56 the seasonal aggregate from all waters in the Northwest Zone and Southwest Zone with a 2 adult non adipose fin-  
57 clipped coho salmon seasonal aggregate limit (Nehalem River, Yaquina River, Alsea River, Siuslaw River, Umpqua  
58 River).

59 (f) Within the Yaquina River Basin the following additional rules apply:

60 (A) All waters of the Yaquina River upstream of the confluence of the Yaquina River and Big Elk Creek at  
61 RM 18.3 and all waters of Big Elk Creek (Yaquina River Basin) are closed for Chinook salmon from August 1  
62 through December 31;

63 (B) The Yaquina River and Bay upstream to the confluence of the Yaquina River and Big Elk Creek are  
64 open for non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon from September 15 through the earlier of November 30 or attainment  
65 of an adult coho salmon quota of 800 non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon; and

66 (C) The daily catch limit may include one adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon per day and one non  
67 adipose fin-clipped jack coho salmon per day, and no more than 5 total adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in  
68 the seasonal aggregate from all waters in the Northwest Zone and Southwest Zone with a 2 adult non adipose fin-  
69 clipped coho salmon seasonal aggregate limit (Nehalem River, Siletz River, Alsea River, Siuslaw River, Umpqua  
70 River).

71 (g) Within the Alsea River Basin the following additional rules apply:

72 (A) All waters of Drift Creek (Alsea River Basin) within the Drift Creek Wilderness Area and upstream are  
73 closed for Chinook salmon from August 1 through December 31;

74 (B) All waters of the Alsea River upstream of the confluence with Five Rivers at RM 21 are closed for  
75 Chinook salmon from August 1 through December 31;

76 (C) All waters of Five Rivers are closed for Chinook salmon from August 1 through December 31.

77 (D) The Alsea River and Bay upstream to the confluence of the Alsea River and Five Rivers are open for



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78 non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon from October 1 through the earlier of December 15 or attainment of an adult  
79 coho salmon quota of 950 non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon; and

80 (E) The daily catch limit may include one adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon per day and one non  
81 adipose fin-clipped jack coho salmon per day, and no more than 2 total adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in  
82 the seasonal aggregate from all waters in the Northwest Zone and Southwest Zone with a 2 adult non adipose fin-  
83 clipped coho salmon seasonal aggregate limit (Nehalem River, Siletz River, Yaquina River, Siuslaw River, Umpqua  
84 River).

85 (h) Within the Siuslaw River Basin the following additional rules apply:

86 (A) All waters of the Siuslaw River upstream of the confluence with Lake Creek at RM 30.0 are closed for  
87 Chinook salmon from August 1 through December 31;

88 (B) All waters of Lake Creek are closed for Chinook salmon August 1 through December 31 and all waters  
89 of Lake Creek downstream of Fish Creek are closed to all angling from September 1 through November 30;

90 (C) The Siuslaw River and Bay upstream to the confluence of the Siuslaw River and Lake Creek are open  
91 for non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon from September 15 through the earlier of November 30 or attainment of an  
92 adult coho salmon quota of 1,700 non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon; and

93 (D) The daily catch limit may include one adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon per day and one non  
94 adipose fin-clipped jack coho salmon per day, and no more than 2 total adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in  
95 the seasonal aggregate from all waters in the Northwest Zone and Southwest Zone with a 2 adult non adipose fin-  
96 clipped coho salmon seasonal aggregate limit (Nehalem River, Yaquina River, Alsea River, Siuslaw River, Umpqua  
97 River).

98 (3) Effective January 1, 2013, the use of barbless hooks is required when angling for salmon, steelhead, or trout in  
99 the following areas:

100 (a) Within the Youngs Bay Select Area (Clatsop County) from the Highway 101 Bridge upstream to markers at  
101 the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers including the lower Lewis and Clark River upstream to the  
102 Alternate Highway 101 Bridge, and the lower Walluski River upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge.

103 (b) In Gnat Creek (Clatsop County) from the railroad bridge upstream to the Aldrich Point Road Bridge.

104 (4) Effective January 1, 2013, the annual bag limit for white sturgeon is one (1) fish. Catch-and-release angling for  
105 white sturgeon is allowed year-round. Effective January 1, 2014, all waters within the Northwest Zone are closed to  
106 the retention of white sturgeon and catch-and-release angling is allowed year-round.

107 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146, 497.121 & 506.119

108 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.004, 496.009, 496.162 & 506.129

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110 **635-016-0090**

### 111 **Inclusions and Modifications**

112 (1) The **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** provide requirements for the Southwest Zone. However,  
113 additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency,  
114 they supersede the **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**.

115 (2) Notwithstanding all other requirements provided in the **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**, the following  
116 restrictions apply to angling in waters of the Southwest Zone:



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117 (a) Within the Umpqua River Basin the following additional rules apply:

118 Open for non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in the Mainstem Umpqua River and Bay from the mouth to  
119 Scottsburg Bridge at RM 27.5 from September 15 through the earlier of November 30 or attainment of an adult coho  
120 quota of 3,000 non adipose fin-clipped coho. The daily catch limit may include one adult non adipose fin-clipped  
121 coho salmon per day and one non adipose fin-clipped jack coho, and no more than 2 total adult non adipose fin-  
122 clipped coho salmon in the seasonal aggregate from all waters in the Northwest Zone and Southwest Zone with a 2  
123 adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon seasonal aggregate limit (Nehalem River, Siletz River, Yaquina River,  
124 Alsea River, Siuslaw River).

125 (b) Within the Coos River Basin the following additional rules apply:

126 (A) All waters of the South Fork Coos River upstream from the head of tidewater at Dellwood at RM 10.0  
127 are closed for all salmon angling from August 1 through December 31 and closed for steelhead from August 1  
128 through November 14; and

129 (B) Open for non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon upstream to the head of tide at Dellwood at RM 10.0 on  
130 the South Coos River and to the East Fork/West Fork Millicoma confluence from September 15 through the earlier  
131 of November 30 or attainment of an adult coho quota of 1,200 non adipose fin-clipped coho. The daily catch limit  
132 may include one adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon per day and one non adipose fin-clipped jack coho  
133 salmon, and no more than 5 total adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in the seasonal aggregate from all  
134 waters in the Northwest Zone and Southwest Zone.

135 (c) Within the Coquille River Basin the following additional rules apply:

136 Open for non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in Coquille River and Bay upstream to the Highway 42S  
137 bridge (Sturdivant Park) at RM 24.0 from September 15 through the earlier of November 30 or attainment of an  
138 adult coho quota of 1,500 non adipose fin-clipped coho. The daily catch limit may include one adult non adipose fin-  
139 clipped coho salmon per day and one non adipose fin-clipped jack coho salmon, and no more than 5 total adult non  
140 adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in the seasonal aggregate from all waters in the Northwest Zone and Southwest  
141 Zone.

142 (d) Within the Tenmile Lakes Basin the following additional rules apply:

143 North and South Tenmile Lakes (Coos County) upstream from Hilltop Bridge are open for non adipose fin-  
144 clipped coho salmon from October 1 through December 31. The daily catch limit may include one adult non  
145 adipose fin-clipped coho salmon per day and one non adipose fin-clipped jack coho salmon, and no more than  
146 5 total adult non adipose fin-clipped coho salmon in the seasonal aggregate from all waters in the Northwest Zone  
147 and Southwest Zone. Only one rod per angler may be used while angling for coho. Streams that empty into North  
148 and South Tenmile Lakes are not open to coho salmon angling, nor is the canal that connects North and South  
149 Tenmile Lakes.

150 (e) All waters of Floras Creek upstream of the County Road 124 bridge over Floras Creek at RM 5.0 are closed  
151 for Chinook salmon from August 1 through December 31.

152 (f) Within the Sixes River Basin the following additional rules apply:

153 (A) All waters of the Sixes River Basin that are open for Chinook salmon are limited to no more than 1 adult  
154 non fin-clipped Chinook salmon per day and 10 adult non fin-clipped Chinook salmon in the seasonal aggregate  
155 when combined with waters of the Elk River and Elk River Ocean Terminal Area. Seasonal aggregate applies to all



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156 adult non fin-clipped Chinook salmon retained between August 1 and December 31.

157 (B) Closed to Chinook salmon upstream of Edson Creek at RM 10.0 from August 1 through December 31.

158 (g) Within the Elk River Basin the following additional rules apply:

159 All waters of the Elk River Basin that are open for Chinook salmon are limited to no more than 1 adult non  
160 fin-clipped Chinook salmon per day and 10 adult non fin-clipped Chinook salmon in the seasonal aggregate when  
161 combined with waters of the Sixes River and Elk River Ocean Terminal Area. Seasonal aggregate applies to all  
162 adult non fin-clipped Chinook salmon retained between August 1 and December 31.

163 (h) All waters of the Chetco River mainstem upstream of the powerline crossing at RM 2.2 are closed to angling  
164 from August 1 through November 2.

165 (i) All waters of the Winchuck River mainstem, including tidewater, are closed to angling from August 1 through  
166 November 2.

167 **(3) Effective January 1, 2014, all waters within the Southwest Zone are closed to the retention of white**  
168 **sturgeon and catch-and-release angling is allowed year-round.**

169 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138 & 496.146

170 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.162

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### 172 **635-023-0090**

#### 173 **Inclusions and Modifications**

174 The **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** provide requirements for the Columbia River Zone and the Snake  
175 River Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent  
176 of any inconsistency, they supersede the **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**.

177 (1) Effective January 1, 2013, the use of barbless hooks is required when angling for salmon, steelhead, or trout in  
178 the mainstem Columbia River from Buoy 10 upstream to the Oregon-Washington border located upstream of  
179 McNary Dam (river mile 309.5).

180 (2) Effective January 1, 2013, the use of barbless hooks is required when angling for salmon or steelhead or trout in  
181 the following areas:

182 (a) Within the Youngs Bay Select Area (Clatsop County) from the Highway 101 Bridge upstream to markers at  
183 the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers including the lower Lewis and Clark River upstream to the  
184 Alternate Highway 101 Bridge, and the Walluski River upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge.

185 (b) Within the Knappa/Blind Slough Select Area (Clatsop County) from markers at the west end of Minaker  
186 Island upstream to markers at the mouth of Blind Slough, continuing upstream to the railroad bridge in Blind Slough.

187 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119

188 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.162 & 506.129

189 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13

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### 191 **635-023-0095**

#### 192 **Sturgeon Season**

193 (1) The **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** provide requirements for the Columbia River Zone and the  
194 Snake River Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time, and, to  
195 the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**.



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196 (2) In 2013, the mainstem Columbia River and Oregon tributaries upstream to the mainline railroad bridges from the  
197 Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam, excluding the lower Willamette River upstream to  
198 Willamette Falls, Multnomah Channel, and the Gilbert River, is open to the retention of white sturgeon with a fork  
199 length of 38-54 inches, three days per week, Thursdays through Saturdays, during the following periods:

200 (a) January 1 through July 31; and

201 (b) October 20 through December 31.

202 (3) In 2013, the mainstem Columbia River from Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) downstream to the mouth at  
203 Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay is open to the retention of white sturgeon seven days per week during the following  
204 periods:

205 (a) January 1 through April 30;

206 (b) May 12 through July 8 (or until guideline is met).

207 (4) During the fishing period as identified in subsection (3)(a) of this rule, only white sturgeon with a fork length of  
208 38-54 inches may be retained.

209 (5) During the fishing periods as identified in subsection (3)(b) of this rule, only white sturgeon with a fork length of  
210 41-54 inches may be retained.

211 (6) Effective January 1, 2013, the annual bag limit for white sturgeon is one (1) fish.

212 (7) Angling for sturgeon is prohibited from:

213 (a) Bonneville Dam downstream 9 miles to a line crossing the Columbia River from Navigation Marker 82 on the  
214 Oregon shore westerly to a boundary marker on the Washington shore upstream of Fir Point from May 1 through  
215 August 31;

216 (b) Highway 395 Bridge upstream to McNary Dam; and

217 (c) From the west end of the grain silo at Rufus upstream to John Day Dam during May 1 through July 31.

218 (d) The upper and lower ends of Sand Island and corresponding markers on the Oregon shoreline (slough at  
219 Rooster Rock State Park) from January 1 through April 30.

220 (8) The mainstem Columbia River from McNary Dam upstream to the Oregon-Washington border at river mile 309.5  
221 is open to retention of white sturgeon with a fork length of 43-54 inches, seven days per week from February 1  
222 through July 31.

223 (9) Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited all year in all areas.

224 (10) Catch-and-release angling is allowed year-round except as described above in sections (7)(a) through (7)(d).

225 (11) Effective January 1, 2014, the mainstem Columbia River from the mouth at Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville  
226 Dam, including Oregon tributaries upstream to the mainline railroad bridges, is closed to the retention of white  
227 sturgeon.

228 Stat. Auth.: ORS 183.325, 506.109 & 506.119

229 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.129 & 507.030

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231 **635-039-0090**

### 232 **Inclusions and Modifications**

233 (1) The **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** provide requirements for sport fisheries for marine fish, shellfish,  
234 and marine invertebrates in the Pacific Ocean, coastal bays, and beaches, commonly referred to as the Marine



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235 Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any  
236 inconsistency, they supersede the **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**.

237 (2) For the purposes of this rule, a "sport harvest cap" is defined as the amount that may be impacted (combined  
238 landings and other fishery related mortality) by the Oregon sport fishery in a single calendar year. For 2012 the  
239 sport harvest caps are:

240 (a) Black rockfish, 440.8 metric tons.

241 (b) Cabezon, 16.8 metric tons.

242 (3) For the purposes of this rule, "Other nearshore rockfish" means the following rockfish species: black and yellow  
243 (*Sebastes chrysomelas*); brown (*S. auriculatus*); calico (*S. dalli*); China (*S. nebulosus*); copper (*S. caurinus*);  
244 gopher (*S. carnatus*); grass (*S. rastelliger*); kelp (*S. atrovirens*); olive (*S. serranoides*); quillback (*S. maliger*); and  
245 treefish (*S. serriceps*).

246 (4) For the purposes of this rule a "sport landing cap" is defined as the total landings for a given species, or species  
247 group, that may be taken in a single calendar year by the ocean boat fishery. For 2012 the sport landing caps are:

248 (a) Black rockfish and blue rockfish combined, 481.8 metric tons.

249 (b) Other nearshore rockfish, 13.6 metric tons.

250 (c) Greenling, 5.2 metric tons.

251 (5) In addition to the regulations for Marine Fish in the **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**, the following  
252 apply for the sport fishery in the Marine Zone in 2012:

253 (a) Lingcod (including green colored lingcod): 2 fish daily bag limit.

254 (b) All rockfish ("sea bass" "snapper"), greenling ("sea trout"), cabezon, skates, and other marine fish species  
255 not listed in the **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** in the Marine Zone, located under the category of  
256 Species Name, Marine Fish: 7 fish daily bag limit in aggregate (total sum or number), of which no more than one be  
257 a cabezon from April 1 through September 30. Retention of the following species is prohibited:

258 (A) Yelloweye rockfish;

259 (B) Canary rockfish; and

260 (C) Cabezon from January 1 through June 30 and from October 1 through December 31.

261 (c) Flatfish (flounder, sole, sanddabs, turbot, and all halibut species *except* Pacific halibut): 25 fish daily bag limit  
262 in aggregate (total sum or number).

263 (d) Retention of all marine fish listed under the category of Species Name, Marine Fish, except Pacific cod,  
264 sablefish, herring, anchovy, smelt, sardine, striped bass, hybrid bass, and offshore pelagic species (excluding  
265 leopard shark and soupfin shark), is prohibited when Pacific halibut is retained on the vessel during open days for  
266 the all-depth sport fishery for Pacific halibut north of Humbug Mountain. Persons must also consult all publications  
267 referenced in OAR 635-039-0080 to determine all rules applicable to the taking of Pacific halibut.

268 (e) Harvest methods and other specifications for marine fish in subsections (5)(a), (5)(b) and (5)(c) including the  
269 following:

270 (A) Minimum length for lingcod, 22 inches.

271 (B) Minimum length for cabezon, 16 inches.

272 (C) Minimum length for greenling, 10 inches.



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273 (D) May be taken by angling, hand, bow and arrow, spear, gaff hook, snag hook and herring jigs.

274 (E) Mutilating the fish so the size or species cannot be determined prior to landing or transporting mutilated
275 fish across state waters is prohibited.

276 (f) Sport fisheries for species in subsections (5)(a), (5)(b) and (5)(c) and including leopard shark and soupfin
277 shark are open January 1 through December 31, twenty-four hours per day, except as provided in subsections
278 (5)(a) and (5)(d), and ocean waters are closed for these species during April 1 through September 30, outside of the
279 30-fathom curve (defined by latitude and longitude) as shown on Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations Part 660
280 Section 71. A 20-fathom, 25-fathom, or 30-fathom curve, as shown on Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations Part
281 660 Section 71 may be implemented as the management line as in-season modifications necessitate. In addition,
282 the following management lines may be used to set area specific regulations for inseason action only:

283 (A) Cape Lookout (45°20'30" N latitude); and

284 (B) Cape Blanco (42°50'20" N latitude).

285 (g) The Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA) is defined by coordinates specified in
286 Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations Part 660 Section 70 (October 1, 2012 ed.). Within the YRCA, it is unlawful
287 to fish for, take, or retain species listed in subsections (5)(a), (5)(b) and (5)(c) of this rule, leopard shark, soupfin
288 shark, and Pacific halibut using recreational fishing gear. A vessel engaged in recreational fishing within the YRCA
289 is prohibited from possessing any species listed in subsections (5)(a), (5)(b) and (5)(c) of this rule, leopard shark,
290 soupfin shark, and Pacific halibut. Recreational fishing vessels in possession of species listed in subsections (5)(a),
291 (5)(b) and (5)(c) and including leopard shark, soupfin shark, and Pacific halibut may transit the YRCA without fishing
292 gear in the water.

293 (h) Effective April 1, 2013, the annual bag and possession limit for white sturgeon is two (2) fish and catch-and-
294 release angling for white sturgeon is allowed year-round. Effective January 1, 2014, all waters within the Marine
295 Zone are closed to the retention of white sturgeon and catch-and-release angling is allowed year-round.

296 (6) Razor clams may be taken by hand, shovel, or cylindrical gun or tube. The opening of the gun/tube must be
297 either circular or elliptical with the circular gun/tube opening having a minimum outside diameter of 4 inches and the
298 elliptical gun/tube opening having minimum outside diameter dimensions of 4 inches long and 3 inches wide.

299 [Table 1, as referenced, is available from the Department.]

300 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146, 497.121 and 506.119
301 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.004, 496.009, 496.162 and 506.129
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303 Columbia River Recreational and Commercial Fisheries Management Strategies
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305 635-500-6700

306 Organization of Rules

307 These rules (OAR 635-500-6700 through 635-500-6765) establish the Commission's policy for the non-tribal
308 Columbia River Recreational and Commercial Fisheries Management Framework.

309 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119
310 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129
311 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13
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314 **635-500-6705**

315 **Guiding Principles for Columbia River fisheries management:**

- 316 (1) Promote the recovery of ESA-listed species and the conservation of wild stocks of salmon, steelhead, and  
317 sturgeon in the Columbia River.
- 318 (2) Continue leadership on fish recovery actions, including improved fish survival through the federal Columbia River  
319 hydropower system, improved habitat conditions in the tributaries and estuary, hatchery reform, reduced predation  
320 by fish, birds, and marine mammals, and harvest management that meets conservation responsibilities.
- 321 (3) Continue to meet terms of *U.S. v. Oregon* management agreements with Columbia River Treaty Tribes.
- 322 (4) In a manner that is consistent with conservation and does not impair the resource, seek to enhance the overall  
323 economic well-being and stability of Columbia River fisheries in Oregon.
- 324 (5) For steelhead, salmon and sturgeon, prioritize recreational fisheries in the mainstem and commercial fisheries in  
325 off-channel areas of the lower Columbia River. Toward this end:
- 326 a) Assign mainstem recreational fisheries a sufficient share of ESA-impacts and harvestable surplus to enhance  
327 current fishing opportunity and economic benefit.
- 328 b) Assign commercial fisheries a sufficient share of the ESA-impacts and harvestable surplus to effectively  
329 harvest fish in off-channel areas and harvest surplus fish with selective techniques in the mainstem Columbia River.
- 330 (6) Phase out the use of non-selective gill nets in non-tribal commercial fisheries in the mainstem Columbia River.  
331 Transition gill net use to off-channel areas.
- 332 (7) Enhance the economic benefits of off-channel commercial fisheries, in a manner consistent with conservation  
333 and wild stock recovery objectives. Enhancements include:
- 334 (a) Providing additional hatchery fish for release in off-channel areas by shifting currently available production,  
335 and where possible providing new production for release in off-channel areas, emphasizing complementary  
336 conservation benefits in tributaries.
- 337 (b) Expanding existing seasons and boundaries in off-channel areas and/or establishing new off-channel areas,  
338 allowing increased harvest in areas where the likelihood of impacting ESA-listed stocks is lower than the mainstem.
- 339 (8) Develop and implement selective-fishing gear and techniques for commercial mainstem fisheries to optimize  
340 conservation and economic benefits consistent with mainstem recreational objectives, combined with incentives to  
341 commercial fishers to expand the development and implementation of these gear and techniques.
- 342 (9) Maintain consistent and concurrent policies between Oregon and Washington related to management of non-  
343 tribal Columbia River fisheries, to ensure orderly fisheries as well as the sharing of investments and benefits.
- 344 (10) To maximize economic return, develop a program that seeks to implement Marine Stewardship Council or  
345 other certification of commercial salmon and sturgeon fisheries in the Columbia River as sustainably managed  
346 fisheries.

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348 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119  
349 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129  
350 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13  
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352 **635-500-6710**

353 Department staff shall manage fisheries consistent with the guiding principles and the allocation framework and  
354 provisions in OAR 635-500-6715 through 635-500-6765.

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356 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119  
357 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129  
358 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13  
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360 **635-500-6715**

361 **Spring Chinook**

362 (1) Transition Period (2013-2016).

363 (a) In 2013, assign 65%, then 70% of the ESA-impact for upriver spring Chinook stocks to mainstem  
364 recreational fisheries.

365 (b) In 2013, assign 35%, then 30% to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries.

366 (2) Long Term (2017 and Beyond).

367 (a) Assign 80% of the ESA-impact to mainstem recreational fisheries.

368 (b) Assign 20% to commercial fisheries.

369  
370 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119  
371 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129  
372 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13  
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374 **635-500-6720**

375 **Summer Chinook**

376 (1) Transition Period (2013-2016).

377 (a) In 2013-14, assign 60%, then 70% of the harvestable surplus available for use downstream from Priest  
378 Rapids Dam to mainstem recreational fisheries.

379 (b) In 2013-14, assign 40%, then 30% to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries.

380 (2) Long Term (2017 and Beyond).

381  
382 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119  
383 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129  
384 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13  
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386 **635-500-6725**

387 **Sockeye**

388 (1) Transition Period (2013-2016).

389 (a) Assign 70% of the ESA-impact for Snake River sockeye to mainstem recreational fisheries.

390 (b) Assign 30% to mainstem commercial fisheries for incidental harvest of sockeye in Chinook-directed  
391 fisheries.

392 (2) Long Term (2017 and Beyond).

393 (a) Assign approximately 80% of the ESA-impact for Snake River sockeye to mainstem recreational fisheries.

394 (b) Assign the remaining balance to commercial fisheries for incidental harvest of sockeye in Chinook-directed



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395 fisheries.

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398 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129  
399 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13  
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401 **635-500-6730**

402 **Tule Fall Chinook**

403 (1) Transition Period (2013-2016).

404 (a) Assign no more than 70% of the ESA-impact for lower Columbia River Tule fall Chinook to mainstem  
405 recreational fisheries.

406 (b) Assign not less than 30% to off-channel commercial fisheries, mainstem commercial fisheries that target  
407 Upriver Bright and Lower River Hatchery Fall Chinook.

408 (2) Long Term (2017 and Beyond).

409 (a) Assign no more than 80% of the ESA-impact for lower Columbia River Tule Fall Chinook to mainstem  
410 recreational fisheries.

411 (b) Assign not less than 20% to off-channel commercial fisheries and mainstem commercial fisheries that target  
412 Upriver Bright and Lower River Hatchery Fall Chinook and hatchery coho.

413  
414 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119  
415 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129  
416 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13  
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418 **635-500-6735**

419 **Upriver Bright Fall Chinook**

420 (1) Transition Period (2013-2016).

421 (a) Assign no more than 70% of the ESA-impact for Snake River Wild Fall Chinook to mainstem recreational  
422 fisheries.

423 (b) Assign not less than 30% to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries. Provide additional mainstem  
424 commercial harvest when recreational fishery objectives (OAR 635-500-6760) are expected to be met.

425 (2) Long Term (2017 and Beyond).

426 (a) Assign no more than 80% of the ESA-impact for Snake River Wild Fall Chinook to mainstem recreational  
427 fisheries.

428 (b) Assign not less than 20% to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries. Provide additional mainstem  
429 commercial harvest when recreational fishery objectives (OAR 635-500-6760) are expected to be met.

430  
431 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119  
432 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129  
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435 **635-500-6740**

436 **Coho**

437 (1) Transition Period (2013-2016).



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438 (a) Assign commercial fisheries a sufficient share of the ESA-impact for Lower Columbia Natural coho to  
439 implement off-channel coho and fall Chinook fisheries and mainstem fall Chinook fisheries.

440 (b) Assign the remaining balance to in-river mainstem recreational fisheries. If these fisheries are expected to  
441 be unable to use all of the ESA-impact for Lower Columbia Natural coho, assign the remainder to mainstem  
442 commercial coho fisheries.

443 (2) Long Term (2017 and Beyond).

444 (a) Assign commercial fisheries a sufficient share of the ESA-impact for Lower Columbia Natural coho to  
445 implement off-channel coho and fall Chinook fisheries and mainstem fall Chinook and hatchery coho fisheries.

446 (b) Assign the balance to in-river mainstem recreational fisheries. If these fisheries are unable to use all of the  
447 ESA-impact for Lower Columbia Natural coho, assign the remainder to mainstem commercial coho fisheries.

448  
449 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119  
450 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129  
451 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13  
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### 453 **635-500-6745**

#### 454 **Chum**

455 (1) Transition Period (2013-2016).

456 (a) Assign commercial fisheries a sufficient share of the ESA-impact for chum to implement off-channel and  
457 mainstem fisheries targeting other salmon species.

458 (b) Prohibit the retention of chum salmon in recreational and commercial fisheries.

459 (2) Long Term (2017 and Beyond).

460 (a) Assign commercial fisheries a sufficient share of the ESA-impact for chum to implement off-channel and  
461 mainstem fisheries targeting other salmon species.

462 (b) Prohibit the retention of chum salmon in recreational and commercial fisheries

463  
464 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119  
465 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129  
466 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13  
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### 468 **635-500-6750**

#### 469 **White Sturgeon**

470 (1) Transition Period (2013-2016).

471 (a) In years when retention is allowed, allocate 90% of the harvestable surplus downstream from Bonneville  
472 Dam for use in non-tribal fisheries and hold 10% in reserve as an additional conservation buffer above the  
473 maximum harvest rate allowed in Oregon's white sturgeon conservation plan.

474 (b) Assign 80% of the white sturgeon available for harvest to the recreational fishery.

475 (c) Assign 20% to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries.

476 (2) Long Term (2017 and Beyond).

477 (a) In years when retention is allowed, allocate 90% of the harvestable surplus downstream from Bonneville  
478 Dam for use in non-tribal fisheries and hold 10% in reserve as an additional conservation buffer above the  
479 maximum harvest rate allowed in Oregon's white sturgeon conservation plan.



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480 (b) Assign 80% of the white sturgeon available for harvest to the recreational fishery.

481 (c) Assign the balance (20%) to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries.

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### 487 **635-500-6755**

#### 488 **Additional Commercial Opportunity**

489 Additional opportunity for mainstem commercial fisheries shall be provided:

490 (1) If recreational fisheries are predicted to be unable to use their allocated impacts;

491 (2) If established objectives for mainstem recreational fisheries are predicted to be met; or

492 (3) If needed to remove lower river hatchery tule Chinook and coho using selective techniques to meet conservation  
493 objectives.

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495 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119

496 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

497 Hist.: Adopted 12-7-12, f. 12-27-12, ef. 1-1-13

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### 500 **Miscellaneous Columbia River Management Provisions**

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#### 501 **635-500-6760**

#### 502 **Fall Recreational Fishery Objectives**

503 Within limitations described in OAR 635-500-6730 thru OAR 635-500-6750, fall recreational fishery objectives  
504 include:

505 (1) Buoy 10 to Tongue Point.

506 The recreational fishing objective for Buoy 10 is defined as a season beginning August 1 and continuing through  
507 Labor Day (34 days; assuming Labor Day is September 3).

508 (2) Tongue Point to Warrior Rock.

509 The recreational fishing objective for the area from Tongue Point upstream to Warrior Rock is defined as a season  
510 beginning August 1 and continuing through September 7 as non-mark selective with an additional week of mark  
511 selective fishing during September 8-14 (45 days).

512 (3) Warrior Rock to Bonneville Dam.

513 The recreational fishing objective for the area from Warrior Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam is defined as a  
514 season beginning August 1 and continuing through October 31 when the season is assumed to be essentially  
515 complete (92 days).

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517 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119

518 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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### 521 **635-500-6765**

#### 522 **Adaptive Management.**

523 (1) The Department shall use adaptive management principles within its statutory authority in support of achieving



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524 the expectations outlined in the guiding principles of this plan.

525 (2) The Commission will monitor implementation of the plan with an initial review in 2014 and undertake a  
526 comprehensive review at the end of the transition period. If the guiding principles are not being met, efforts will be  
527 made to determine why and the Commission will direct the Department to identify and evaluate alternative or  
528 additional management actions necessary to meet the principles.

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531 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129  
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