



Oregon Administrative Rules Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Columbia River Recreational and Commercial Fisheries Management Strategies

635-500-6700

Organization of Rules

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

Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 & 506.119

Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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Guiding Principles for Columbia River fisheries management:

(1) Promote the recovery of ESA-listed species and the conservation of wild stocks of salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon in the Columbia River.

(2) Continue leadership on fish recovery actions, including improved fish survival through the federal Columbia River hydropower system, improved habitat conditions in the tributaries and estuary, hatchery reform, reduced predation by fish, birds, and marine mammals, and harvest management that meets conservation responsibilities.

(3) Continue to meet terms of *U.S. v. Oregon* management agreements with Columbia River Treaty Tribes.

(4) In a manner that is consistent with conservation and does not impair the resource, seek to enhance the overall economic well-being and stability of Columbia River fisheries in Oregon.

(5) For steelhead, salmon and sturgeon, prioritize recreational fisheries in the mainstem and commercial fisheries in off-channel areas of the lower Columbia River. Toward this end:

a) Assign mainstem recreational fisheries a sufficient share of ESA-impacts and harvestable surplus to enhance current fishing opportunity and economic benefit.

b) Assign commercial fisheries a sufficient share of the ESA-impacts and harvestable surplus to effectively harvest fish in off-channel areas and harvest surplus fish with selective techniques in the mainstem Columbia River.

(6) ~~Phase out the use of non-selective~~ **Limit the use of** gill nets in non-tribal commercial **salmon** fisheries in the mainstem Columbia River **to Commercial Zones 4 and 5**. ~~Transition-~~ **Limit other** gill net use to off-channel areas **only**.

(7) Enhance the economic benefits of off-channel commercial fisheries, in a manner consistent with conservation and wild stock recovery objectives. Enhancements include:

(a) Providing additional hatchery fish for release in off-channel areas by shifting currently available production, and where possible providing new production for release in off-channel areas, emphasizing complementary conservation benefits in tributaries.

(b) Expanding existing seasons and boundaries in off-channel areas and/or establishing new off-channel areas, allowing increased harvest in areas where the likelihood of impacting ESA-listed stocks is lower than the mainstem.

(8) Develop and implement selective-fishing gear and techniques for commercial mainstem fisheries to optimize conservation and economic benefits consistent with mainstem recreational objectives, combined with incentives to commercial fishers to expand the development and implementation of these gear and techniques.

(9) Maintain consistent and concurrent policies between Oregon and Washington related to management of non-



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40 tribal Columbia River fisheries, to ensure orderly fisheries as well as the sharing of investments and benefits.

41 (10) To maximize economic return, develop a program that seeks to implement Marine Stewardship Council or
42 other certification of commercial salmon and sturgeon fisheries in the Columbia River as sustainably managed
43 fisheries.

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

45 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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47 **635-500-6710**

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

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

51 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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53 **635-500-6715**

54 **Spring Chinook**

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

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

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

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

60 (a) Assign 80% of the ESA-impact to mainstem recreational fisheries. **If recreational allocation, including**
61 **areas upstream of Bonneville Dam and in the Snake River, are unlikely to be used, transfer unused portion**
62 **to commercial fishery.**

63 (b) Assign 20% to commercial fisheries. **Mainstem commercial fisheries may occur only after the run size**
64 **update and will use tangle nets or other selective gear, if developed.**

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

66 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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68 **635-500-6720**

69 **Summer Chinook**

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

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

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

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

75 **(a) Assign 80% of the harvestable surplus available for use downstream from Priest Rapids Dam to**
76 **mainstem recreational fisheries.**

77 **(b) Assign 20% to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries. If allocation is unlikely to be used,**
78 **transfer unused portion to recreational fisheries above Bonneville Dam.**

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

80 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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82 **635-500-6725**

83 **Sockeye**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

93 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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95 **635-500-6730**

96 **Tule Fall Chinook**

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

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

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

102 **(2) Conservation set-aside**

103 **(a) Reserve up to 1% of overall non-tribal fall Chinook ESA-impacts from non-tribal fisheries south of**
104 **the US/Canada border to establish selective fisheries in the Columbia River downstream of the Lewis River**
105 **targeting hatchery fall Chinook and hatchery coho.**

106 **(3)[(2)]** Long Term (2017 and Beyond).

107 (a) Assign no more than ~~80~~**70**% of the remaining ESA-impact for lower Columbia River Tule Fall Chinook to
108 mainstem recreational fisheries.

109 (b) Assign not less than ~~20~~**30**% of the remaining ESA-impact for lower Columbia River Tule Fall Chinook
110 to off-channel commercial fisheries and mainstem commercial fisheries that target Upriver Bright and Lower River
111 Hatchery Fall Chinook and hatchery coho.

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

113 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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115 **635-500-6735**

116 **Upriver Bright Fall Chinook**

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

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

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



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

123 (a) Assign no more than [80]70% of the remaining ESA-impact for Snake River Wild Fall Chinook to mainstem
124 recreational fisheries.

125 (b) Assign not less than [20]30% remaining ESA-impact for Snake River Wild Fall Chinook to off-channel
126 and mainstem commercial fisheries. Provide additional mainstem commercial harvest when recreational fishery
127 objectives (OAR 635-500-6760) are expected to be met.

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

129 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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131 **635-500-6740**

132 **Coho**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

145 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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147 **635-500-6745**

148 **Chum**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

158 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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160 **635-500-6750**

161 **White Sturgeon**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

175 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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177 **635-500-6755**

178 **Additional Commercial Opportunity**

179 Additional opportunity for mainstem commercial fisheries shall be provided:

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

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

182 (3) If needed to remove lower river hatchery tle Chinook and coho using selective techniques to meet conservation
183 objectives.

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

185 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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187 **Miscellaneous Columbia River Management Provisions**

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189 **635-500-6760**

190 **Fall Recreational Fishery Objectives**

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

193 (1) Buoy 10 to Tongue Point.

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

196 (2) Tongue Point to Warrior Rock.

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

200 (3) Warrior Rock to Bonneville Dam.

201 The recreational fishing objective for the area from Warrior Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam is defined as a
202 season beginning August 1 and continuing through October 31 when the season is assumed to be essentially



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203 complete (92 days).

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

205 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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207 **635-500-6765**

208 **Adaptive Management.**

209 (1) The Department shall use adaptive management principles within its statutory authority in support of achieving
210 the expectations outlined in the guiding principles of this plan.

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

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

216 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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218 **635-014-0090**

219 **Inclusions and Modifications**

220 **(1) The ~~2017~~[2016] Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** provide requirements for the Northwest Zone. However,
221 additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency,
222 they supersede the ~~2017~~[2016] Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet.

223 **(2) Effective January 1, 2017, the use of barbed hooks is allowed when angling for salmon, steelhead, or**
224 **trout in the following areas: Youngs Bay Select Area (Clatsop Co.) from the Highway 101 Bridge upstream**
225 **to markers at confluence of Youngs and Klaskanine rivers, including lower Lewis and Clark River upstream**
226 **to Alternate Highway 101 Bridge, and lower Walluski River upstream to Highway 202 Bridge; and Gnat**
227 **Creek (Clatsop Co.) from railroad bridge upstream to Aldrich Point Road Bridge. Use of barbless hooks is**
228 **still required when angling for these species in nearby areas within the Columbia Zone.**

229 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146, 497.121, 506.119

230 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.004, 496.009, 496.162, 506.129

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232 **635-017-0090**

233 **Inclusions and Modifications**

234 (1) The ~~2017~~[2016] Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Willamette Zone. However,
235 additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency,
236 they supersede the ~~2017~~[2016] Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

237 **(2) Beginning January 1, 2017, the use of barbed hooks is allowed when angling for salmon, steelhead, or**
238 **trout in Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls (including Multnomah Channel and Gilbert River)**
239 **and in lower Clackamas River upstream to Highway 99E Bridge.**

240 **(3)[(2)] Pacific Lamprey Harvest:**

241 (a) Pursuant to OAR 635-044-0130(1)(b), authorization from the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission must be
242 in possession by individuals collecting or possessing Pacific lamprey for personal use. Permits are available from



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243 ODFW, 17330 SE Evelyn Street, Clackamas, OR 97015;

244 (b) Open fishing period is June 1 through July 31 from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; personal use harvest is permitted
245 Friday through Monday each week. All harvest is prohibited Tuesday through Thursday;

246 (c) Open fishing area is the Willamette River at Willamette Falls on the east side of the falls only, excluding
247 Horseshoe Area at the peak of the falls;

248 (d) Gear is restricted to hand or hand-powered tools only;

249 (e) Catch must be recorded daily on a harvest record card prior to leaving the open fishing area. Harvest record
250 cards will be provided by ODFW. All harvest record cards must be returned to the ODFW Clackamas office by
251 August 31 to report catch. Permit holders who do not return the harvest record cards by August 31 will be ineligible
252 to receive a permit in the following year.

253 (f) Harvesters must allow sampling or enumeration of catches by ODFW personnel.

254 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146, 497.121, 506.119

255 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.004, 496.009, 496.162, 506.129.

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257 **635-023-0090**

258 **Inclusions and Modifications**

259 (1) The **2017[2016] Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** provide requirements for the Columbia River Zone and
260 Snake River Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the
261 extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the **2017[2016] Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**.

262 **(2) Effective January 1, 2017, the use of barbed hooks is allowed when angling for salmon, steelhead or**
263 **trout in the following areas:**

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

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

270 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146, 497.121, 506.119

271 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.004, 496.009, 496.162, 506.129.

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