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**Public Correspondence**

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**Subject: Don't walk away from Columbia River fishery reforms**

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## ODFW Commission

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**From:** Cliff Robinett <openme46@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 6:35 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commissioners  
**Subject:** Don't walk away from Columbia River fishery reforms

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I stand in strong opposition to any effort by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to walk away from the bi-state agreement to reform the management of Columbia River salmon fisheries. This historic, compromise plan included a commitment to ending non-selective gillnet fisheries and prioritizing recreational fisheries in the Columbia River.

After continued obstruction to improving commercial fishing practices, the gillnet lobby is now asking the Commission to make major changes to the plan. I am urging you to stand by the promises that were made in the plan, including the move away from non-selective gillnets and the need to fully recognize the economic contributions of recreational anglers to Oregon's economy and ODFW's budget.

The use of non-tribal gillnets in the lower Columbia River has been controversial for decades. Oregon walking away from this compromise plan will reignite conflict over the management of Columbia River fisheries and is a slap in the face to the 175,000 Oregon anglers who purchase fishing licenses and the endorsement to fish the Columbia River each year - generating over \$13 million a year to implement this plan and implement this plan.


I urge you to faithfully implement this plan.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Cliff Robinett  
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La Pine, OR 97739  
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**From:** jayson gettman <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 6:36 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commissioners  
**Subject:** It is high time to move beyond gillnets on the Columbia River

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

In 2012 Oregon and Washington agreed to a compromise plan to end the conflict over commercial gillnetting on the Columbia River. As we near the end of the four-year transition period, the commercial gillnet lobby and its advocates on the Commission are trying to undo this compromise plan. I urge you to stand against this effort.

With over a dozen endangered stocks of salmon and steelhead passing through the lower Columbia River the use of non-selective gillnets has been controversial for decades. In fact, two decades ago the National Marine Fisheries Service proposed removing gillnets from the mainstem to recover endangered Snake River salmon. For two decades the gillnet lobby has blocked needed changes.

Over the past three years, recreational anglers have paid millions of dollars to implement this plan, including providing increased commercial harvests in off-channel gillnet zones. The 175,000 anglers who purchase licenses and endorsements to fish the Columbia River generate over \$13 million in total revenue. The gillnet fleet generates less than \$300,000 for ODFW annually. ODFW can't afford to lose the support of recreational anglers and the revenue they provide they agency.

Think twice before walking away from this plan.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 6:39 PM  
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**Subject:** Honor your promises on Columbia River fishery reforms

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Governor Brown and the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission must stand by their commitments to honor the promises of the Columbia River gillnet reforms. Unfortunately, it appears that Oregon is considering walking away from the bi-state agreement.

After years of acrimonious conflict over non-selective gillnetting, Oregon and Washington agreed to a plan to end non-selective gillnetting and prioritize recreational fishing in the mainstem. The plan sought to maintain the economics of the commercial fishery through increased harvests in off-channel areas and selective fishing practices in the mainstem.

From the very beginning the gillnet industry has fought efforts to develop selective commercial fisheries because they wanted to continue gillnetting. Now they are asking the Oregon Commission to reward this obstruction by blocking implementation of the plan. They are also seeking new promises of economic gains that were never part of the agreement.


Recreational anglers have been paying an endorsement fee to implement this plan - in addition to the license fees they pay to fund ODFW's budget. Reject these tactics and stand by the agreement.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Shawn J Mason (A Voter)  
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## ODFW Commission

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**From:** Mikesteen <mikesteenmsc@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2016 3:31 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Gillnet Reform

Sent from my iPad, so what about the 9.75\$ anglers have paid? The state should have to refund it! Honor the deal!! Commercial fisherman revenue is but a fraction of what recreational fishermen pump into the economy

## ODFW Commission

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**From:** mark davids <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 9:55 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commissioners  
**Subject:** Columbia River fishery reforms

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I stand IN STRONG OPPOSITION to any effort by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to walk away from the bi-state agreement to reform the management of Columbia River salmon fisheries. This historic, compromise plan included a commitment to ending non-selective gillnet fisheries and prioritizing recreational fisheries in the Columbia River. Come on, why did Kate do such a blasphemous thing as to appoint Bruce Buckmaster, to the Commission?

After continued obstruction to improving commercial fishing practices, the gillnet lobby is now asking the Commission to make major changes to the plan. I am urging you to stand by the promises that were made in the plan, including the move away from non-selective gillnets and the need to fully recognize the economic contributions of recreational anglers to Oregon's economy and ODFW's budget.

The use of non-tribal gillnets in the lower Columbia River has been controversial for decades. Oregon walking away from this compromise plan will reignite conflict over the management of Columbia River fisheries and is a slap in the face to the 175,000 Oregon anglers who purchase fishing licenses and the endorsement to fish the Columbia River each year - generating over \$13 million a year to implement this plan and implement this plan.

I urge you to faithfully implement this plan.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

yours truly  
2818 SE Main St  
Portland, OR 97214  
usajaguar@yahoo.com

## ODFW Commission

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**From:** paulmikesh@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 6:01 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission; curt melcher  
**Subject:** Columbia River Commercial Fishing Reforms

Having fished the Columbia River for over fifty years and witnessed first hand the destruction that gillnets have rendered to our river I urge you to stay the course and leave these reforms in place if for no other reason than for future generations of Oregonians.

The commercial fishing industry should have come to the conclusion on their own that selectively fishing was the future of commercial fishing on the river but they had to be forced into reform. No, they are simply more interested in maintaining traditional fishing methods at the expense of the greater majority of Oregonians that deserve to see more protections in place to save endangered runs of anadromous fish. The commercials' reluctance to begin exclusive use of seines makes my point. They are simply more interested in maintaining the destructive tradition of using gillnets.

They say that seines won't work. Well then what do they recommend as an alternative selective technique? If they can't come up with a workable alternative then we should force them to use rod and reel w/barbless hooks as the sportfisherman use. They can fish for as long as the river is open to the sports and sell their fish as they have in the past. My godfather fished out of Chinook, WA for years and always seemed to do well enough to make it profitable. If that doesn't meet with their approval then sell commercial licenses to whoever wants to buy one in order to supply fish to our markets. I personally would jump at the chance to supplement my retired income and know that I could make it pay.

If that doesn't work for them let them dip net fish at the fish ladders at Bonneville Dam. What a great selective idea. The fish would be quickly identified and safely released if a native fish was netted.

One thing I can promise you is that if these reforms are not followed through with I will work to get commercial fishing out of the river once and for all.

Paul Mikesh  
Columbia County Coastal Conservation Association  
Columbia City, OR



## ODFW Commission

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**From:** John Meek <john-meek@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 11:47 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commissioners  
**Subject:** Don't renege on Columbia River fishery reforms

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I stand in strong opposition to any effort by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to walk away from the bi-state agreement to reform the management of Columbia River salmon fisheries. This historic, compromise plan included a commitment to ending non-selective gillnet fisheries and prioritizing recreational fisheries in the Columbia River.

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I urge you to faithfully implement this plan.

Thank you,  
John Meek  
Beaverton

Sincerely,

John Meek  
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Beaverton, OR 97007  
john-meek@comcast.net

## ODFW Commission

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**From:** Steve@anglerinnovations.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 9:07 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us; curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Gillnet reform hearing on November 12, 2016

Dear Mr. Melcher and ODFW:

I have fished in the Columbia River over the course of my 65 years of my life. The knowledge that a change in the plan/agreement of a few years back to discontinue commercial fishing on the Columbia is exasperating. At a time when people need to trust our government more than ever, it seems that such trust may again be insulted by this potential change in the previous plan.

We have expected to see reduced commercial catches by this time, and as a sport angler, my experience this year is a seeming increase in commercial activity.

Please support the Columbia River sport anglers and the business they bring to Oregon and Washington!

Steve Lumsden  
Angler Innovations, Inc.  
Boring, OR

## ODFW Commission

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**From:** kris@anglerinnovations.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 6:45 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us; curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Gillnet reform hearing on Nov 12th

Dear ODFW and Mr. Melcher: We are a life-long salmon fishing family; the priority that may potentially be AGAIN given to the commercial fishing industry on the Columbia River is so discouraging! We've already hashed out this issue once, a plan has been agreed to by WA and OR, and now **you are considering changing it? Many of the people we know have quit buying fishing licenses because this whole fight is so discouraging.**

--Sport fishing, and the money it generates in tourism, is far more valuable to OR than the money generated

by commercial fishing

--I've never heard anyone complain that they couldn't buy salmon for dinner at the store

--If you discourage and de-value sport fishing, you will be making a grave error on behalf of the thousands

of small businesses that count on sport fishing; the plan in place will not kill the commercial trade; just modify it

--Non-selective gill nets are a travesty when conservation is so important, especially to Oregonians.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kris Lumsden  
Angler Innovations, Inc. . . . *the edge for the passionate.*

## ODFW Commission

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**From:** Bradley Stafford <coonisle91@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2016 10:48 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us; info@ccaoregon.org  
**Subject:** Save our fish

I am writing in favor of the Columbia River gillnet reforms. I have been fishing the Columbia River for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon for over 40 years. I have seen what the gillnets do to our fish stocks. Sturgeon which used to be so called incidental catch, was targeted by the commercial fishing industry. The sturgeon were so decimated that the sport fisherman can no longer keep a single fish. I worked at a plywood mill with a couple of my friends who have gillnet boats. They gillnet just to pad their primary income. The sport fishing industry has done everything we have been asked to do. We fish with barbless hooks, and pay extra money to offset the cost of implementing the gillnet ban. The revenue to the state by the sport fisherman far exceeds what commercial fishing contributes. I am very disappointed in Governor Browns appointment of mr. Buck master to the ODFW board. This just shows how this state is not serious about protecting our Columbia River fish. Please uphold the gillnet ban on the Columbia River for our future generations of fishermen.

Sincerely Brad Stafford

Sent from my iPhone

## **ODFW Commission**

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**From:** Joe Quashnick <salmonsnatcher25@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2016 8:55 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Mainstem gillnetters deserve the river!

**On behalf of my commercial fishing family and commercial fishing friends I am writing you this letter asking you, not take our main stem gillnetting rights away from us, our families depend of main stem gillnetting. The fact is most of the fisherman make a lot of there money from the main stem gillnet fishery. This last fall in Young's bay it was a complete bust, hardly any Coho returned to the area, but thankfully the main stem had a good return of fall Chinook salmon, and we fished the main stem and still made a good season. Taking the main stem gillnets away from the fisherman would approximately take at least half of there income for the year, away from them. With my fishing experience not being able to fish the main stem would take about 2/3rds of my income. I cannot afford the start up a very, VERY expensive seine operation. Even if I somehow could come up with the funds to start a seine operation, it's not a money maker. The Kitzhaber plan takes a lot of our allocation and shifts it over to the sport fishery. We will not be able to make a living using a seine in the main stem, it takes to much man power, where as with is a gillnet operation most people can run there operation with 1 or 2 people, seines will take at least 4-5 people, therefore profits are cut tremendously. The people of Oregon obviously (over 66% of them) want there Columbia river commercial gillnet fisherman in the main stem river, NOT SEINERS. If anything the people of Oregon deserve more fish, to be available to purchase them. We should not take an industry away from hard working families, to enhance a sport/hobby. The commercial gillnet fishery provides the non fishing public with fresh caught wild salmon while generating millions of dollars into the local economy. Gillnets are a selective fishery if NOAA did not think they were we wouldn't be using them. The CCA is all about greed, there looking to take our fish away from us, PLEASE don't let them. I'm hoping you take this into consideration and know how many jobs are actually at risk here, you got the Fisherman, Deckhands, Mechanics, Auto Parts stores, Fishing Supply stores, Net builders, Fish Processors, Fish Markets, Restaurants, Etc. All these jobs will be effected by the removal of main stem gillnets. The CCA is out to give the Gillnet fisherman a bad rep by showing pictures of derelict gillnets, birds tangled in nets, seals, and beavers. Well the fact is 99% of all those pictures you see are not from the Columbia river, there from places elsewhere. The gillnet fishery on the Columbia is the most regulated fishery there is, we have observers on boats fishing with us, and there numbers don't lie. They claim we kill too many steelhead and endangered species, well we DO NOT! If we did it wouldn't be the CCA shutting us down. All the catches and by-catches are recorded by observers, the data DOES NOT LIE! Please don't take our main stem gillnet fishery away from us, WE DEPEND ON IT! Thanks so much for taking the time to read this, and I hope you make the right decision.**

**- Joe Quashnick**

**Owner/Operator F/V Salmon Snatcher**

Sent from my iPhone

## ODFW Commission

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**From:** twosteppers <twosteppers@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 4:27 PM  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** curt.melcher@state.or.us; info@ccaoregon.org  
**Subject:** Gill Net Reforms

To Whom it May Concern,

It is incumbent on you to follow through with the reforms that you (ODFW) and the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission agreed to do by 2017. I understand that the Gill Netters and their representative(s) on and off the Commission are attempting to "go back to the way it was". It is time to step up to the plate and do the right thing for the fish.

Keep in mind that the sports anglers provide the majority of money that goes to the ODFW. A great deal more than is provided by the commercial fisheries. Also keep in mind that the sports anglers were required to use barbless hooks during the entire transition period while the gill netters continued to fish the way they had been for years.

Governor Brown said she would change the makeup of the commission if it tried to back out of the agreement.

Thanks,  
Mike Grove  
[twosteppers@comcast.net](mailto:twosteppers@comcast.net)  
503-314-9339 Cell

**From:** [Michelle Tate](#)  
**To:** [Amanda Mckenzie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Gill nets  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2016 2:26:47 PM

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From: Joyce [<mailto:jkellytwo@comcast.net>]  
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 3:12 PM  
To: [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
Subject: Gill nets

We now have more selective ways to harvest fish it's time to move on. Sometimes people have to change its time to be done with this ridiculous method off harvesting

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Steve Vinyard](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us); [curt.melcher@state.or.us](mailto:curt.melcher@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** In support of Gillnet Reforms  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016 11:45:19 AM

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Hello everyone, this is Stephen Vinyard from Hood River, OR. I'm writing you in support of the already approved Gillnet Reforms that a lot of good people helped to put in place. I would hate to see ugly bureaucracy happen and derail or slow the implementation of that plan.

I come from a private timber family and have seen the good and the bad of the conservation movement and also the same for the commercial timber industry as well. This issue is much more cut-and-dried though in my opinion. We have a small gillnet industry that is literally harvesting endangered species and harming the sustainability of the fish and surrounding ecosystem. This is a fact. I understand changing that industry and removing it is extremely hurtful for those who rely on it. I have experienced that first hand yet still know that this is unavoidable.

I'm concerned about Mr. Buckmaster's appointment to the commission and think that it does very little to support the people. That worries me greatly. We see enough handshake cronyism in DC and it's sad to see it worm its way into our local govt. Especially in such a way that does nothing to help the vast majority of the people, harvesting endangered species and driving little to no revenue. Please consider appointments that serve the people of Oregon, not a tiny, ineffective industry of Oregon that has already lost its battle for sustainability by refusing to change.

Also note that the vast majority of ODFW funding comes from the people. Your constituents. The regular Joe's who fish, spend money on it and enjoy the bounty of our river. Clearly we will eventually see the drop in that revenue as fish numbers remain low and difficult. The gillnet situation is an easy button compared to off-shore fishing, so why not fix it? The people want it, this is not a political issue. Please work hard to force this plan to happen quickly.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Vinyard  
Hood River, OR

**From:** [garyo@trailer-city-portland.com](mailto:garyo@trailer-city-portland.com)  
**To:** [ODFW.commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.commission@state.or.us); [curt.welcher@state.or.us](mailto:curt.welcher@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Honor the Gill Net Reforms / Agreement  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016 11:11:46 AM

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ODFW –

Please honor the gill net reforms/agreements made for the Columbia River.

Sincerely,

Gary Osterhage

**From:** [Jerry Luttrupp](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Killnets  
**Date:** Sunday, October 16, 2016 11:21:49 PM

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Get these non-selective kill nets off the river

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** TERRY WALKER  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** gill net reform  
**Date:** Sunday, October 16, 2016 6:26:56 PM

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Dear ODFW commission, I have been an avid fisherman all my life and I love the outdoors. Im writing you to let you know how important it is to me and all the sportsmen in the PNW, to inake sure you do all you can to help ban all Gillnets on the mainstream columbia river as proposed by Governor Kitshaber. I hope you will do what is right for the fish stocks this time and not bend to the pressure of special interests and the commercial gill netters. I also want to say that with the increased license fees and restrictions on our sport that there are a lot of fishermen and hunters that are giving up the outdoors because of the fee increases and restrictions. If the gill nets are allowed to continue, I too will no longer waste my time supporting an organization that does not protect whats left of our endangered fisheries. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely; Mr Terry A. Walker Scappoose OR

**From:** [robert.eckert](mailto:robert.eckert@odfw.com)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Gillnet Ban  
**Date:** Sunday, October 16, 2016 10:09:38 AM

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I urge you to stay the course with the present Gillnet ban. It has taken much work, a lot of money that Sportsfishermen have already paid for, and there has also been a price paid in success rates over the past few years because of the vindictive barbless hook reform.

Might I remind those to whom it may concern that our great Columbia River is one of the last rivers in North America to allow commercial netting in our river. This reform will help our Salmon/Steelhead runs back to healthier numbers, and benefit all long term.

It's not as if the commercial lobby won't be able to employ seine nets either.

The time has passed for commercial gillnetting on our Columbia River, and these reforms must stand in 2017.

As a local Sportsfisherman, my family has fished these waters in the Pacific NW. Since the 1950's, ODFW & WDFW should consider the lack of Revenue that is coming if these reforms are not upheld. The Sportsfishermen lobby will band together and boycott licenses. Will the money change hands due to the extreme popularity of our local table fare counter the loss in Revenue? If we don't stay the course on these reforms, we will be sure to find this out.

Many Sportsfishermen know over the years some of the gillnetters. The perception being lobbied that gillnetters make their living SOLELY on their take of Salmon is not reality. These are mostly in addition to other means of income. As far as we can see, this industry is being driven by greed at many different levels, and it greatly compromises the enjoyment of thousands of sportsfishermen every year that pump untold millions into the economy for bait, gear, boats, licenses, endorsements etc.

I urge those to whom it may be concerned to stay the course so we can move onto other important matters facing this industry. Like the implementation of these reforms with a police force egregiously undermanned and underfunded to enforce these new reforms. Let's not move backwards after all the sacrifices already made.

Concerned Sportsfisherman

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Randy Dandy](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** gill nets  
**Date:** Sunday, October 16, 2016 8:36:11 AM

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as a sports fishermen I have seen a disappointing decline of salmon year after year. Fishing for spring Chinook used to be exciting and fun. But with every year the fish count growing smaller and smaller until catching a springer is difficult. Between gillnets and sea lions and birds, those three have almost wiped out our salmon. taking the nets off the river is just the first step to improving our salmon runs. So please take this first step in the right direction.

Sincerely hopeful  
Randy Laws

**From:** [Les](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us); [curt.melcher@state.or.us](mailto:curt.melcher@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Columbia River reforms  
**Date:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 12:56:58 PM

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Dear ODFW Commissioners & Mr. Melcher:

I am writing you urge you to keep the current Columbia River fishing reforms in place. When I retired 15 years ago I took up fishing as my main hobby and am passionate about fishing along with many of my friends. I believe the current reforms are appropriate and should be kept in place for the following reasons

Non-selective gillnets don't belong on the Columbia River main stem where 13 ESA listed salmon stocks migrate in route to their native rivers & streams. Gillnets have been banned across the world due to their bycatch of non-target species. In the Columbia River this includes depressed sturgeon and steelhead populations. We need fisheries in the Columbia River that are capable of selective harvesting hatchery fish and releasing the ESA-listed wild stocks.

Plenty of Columbia River fish are available to consumers via the commercial fishing of these fish in Alaska, Canada and off the Washington and Oregon Coasts before Columbia River Treaty Tribes are intitled to harvest ½ of the remaining salmon. I believe the 375,000 Columbia River basin sports anglers in Oregon and Washington deserve priority for the limited number of remaining fish. After all we provide the bulk of the revenue to support the fishery

Very Truly Yours

Les Fahey

**From:** [Steve Mawdsley](mailto:Steve.Mawdsley)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** COLUMBIA RIVER GILL NET REFORMS  
**Date:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 8:49:05 AM

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Dear ODFW members,

I strongly urge you to continue to support the gill net reforms developed through years of work by numerous parties in both Oregon and Washington. Please stand for this agreement & don't let the one-sided arguments from the gill net fishermen destroy what has been accomplished here. I get that not everyone is happy with the final agreement but compromise was necessary to get the work done.

The recreational fishery is quite valuable to our State and needs to be protected. This agreement does that and protects the gill net fishery as well. Please keep it in place.

Thank you for your support and efforts on behalf of all the fishermen & sportsmen in Oregon.

Steve Mawdsley



**From:** Emil Georges  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Removing gill nets from mainstem Columbia  
**Date:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 7:16:13 AM

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Dear Commission,

I have lived in Oregon for nearly 60 years and have been an avid sports fisherman for most of those years. when I was a young man I would listen to stories about the the good old days when you could walk across the Clackamas river on the backs of salmon. Now I find myself talking about the good old days of fishing with young people. The common denominator with my experience and the experience of the previous generation long gone, is the decimation of the salmon runs and the large part that indiscriminate commercial gillnetting has had in their demise. I was suspicious of the Kitzhauber plan when it was revealed and questioned if the gillnet lobby and politicians in Oregon would ever let it happen, but I supported it, non the less.

Now I hear the plan is threatened. The time is past due to get the nets out of the Columbia River. The last few years when the fall salmon were coming up in large numbers, Astoria was booming with tourists coming there to fish. Their economy gets a big boost in August and September. It can be this way in the Spring and summer as well, up and down the Columbia, if we prioritize the sports fishing industry. People can plan their vacation dates without worrying if the season will be cut short, we can reduce some of the restrictions on sports fishing and other ways make Oregon the go to place to fish. Why travel to Alaska or B.C when we have so much to offer.

You have the opportunity to make Oregon great again. Please do not fail us.

Sincerely  
Emil Georges  
18854 SE Carmel Dr.  
Damascus, Oregon 97089

**From:** Ron Van Domelen  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Defending Columbia River Gillnet Reforms  
**Date:** Friday, October 14, 2016 7:15:37 PM

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Columbia River basin salmon and steelhead sport fisheries are worth over \$100 million dollars to our region's economy and are responsible for tens of thousands of jobs. These fishing resources are financially needed for the region.

I began fishing with my Dad at 12 years and currently am 79 years old. I'd like this resource to be available for my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to enjoy of this great natural resource.

Resources are disappearing because of commercial over harvesting by gill netting and other methods. These people act like they are owed a living and own the fish. The fish belongs to all people from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho not just a few. Salmon and steelhead fisheries matter to me because I have fished buoy 10 on the Columbia River and the Dam hole on the Trask River. The rules keep changing on a daily and weekly basis.

Nearly 175,000 Oregon anglers purchase the Columbia River basin endorsement annually

**The law, the bi-state compromise plan needs to take effect in 2017.** Backsliding on this plan will affect ODFW revenue and support from anglers.

**My Major concerns:**

1. Non-selective gillnets don't belong in the main stem of the lower Columbia River where 13 ESA-listed salmonoid stocks migrate in route to their native rivers and streams.
2. Gillnets have been banned across the world due to their bycatch of non-target species. In the Columbia this includes depressed sturgeon and steelhead populations.
3. In the Columbia River we need fisheries capable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish and releasing weak and ESA-listed wild stocks if we want to meet ESA obligations and maintain hatchery production.
4. Lower Columbia River gillnet fisheries in Oregon and Washington have an average annual ex-vessel value of about \$3.5 million in license, endorsement, and excise tax revenue for ODFW. By comparison, the non-tribal gillnet fleet generates about \$250,000 in annual revenue.

**Issues of Fairness:**

1. Nearly 175,000 Oregon anglers purchase the Columbia River basin endorsement annually- generating over \$13 million in license, endorsement, and excise tax revenue for ODFW. By comparison, the non-tribal gillnet fleet generates about \$250,000 in annual revenue.
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3. The 375,000 Columbia River basin sport anglers in Oregon and Washington

deserve prioritized opportunity for the limited number of salmon that remain after extensive commercial and tribal harvests.

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**From:** [Robbinlo](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** gillnet ban  
**Date:** Friday, October 14, 2016 6:06:47 PM

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Please keep the planned total gill net ban on the Columbia River intact. There is too much pressure on wild stocks of salmon. Between the ocean conditions, sea lions, global warming, cormorants and terns, gill-nets must be banned from the Columbia River. Gillnets kill everything. Check out what the gillnets have done to Chesapeake Bay, striped bass are gone in a lot of areas. Please keep the the agreed ban intact and on time.  
Sincerely, Robert Roman

**From:** [James T Marquoit](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us); [curt.melcher@state.or.us](mailto:curt.melcher@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Columbia River Harvest Reform  
**Date:** Friday, October 14, 2016 5:19:34 PM

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Dear Commissioners and Mr Melcher ;

I am writing to urge you to uphold your obligation to the thousands of recreational anglers who have for years paid the vast majority of the funds that finance the department and for the recovery of ESA listed stocks. It's time to step up to bat and accept that the Columbia River Reforms were the right thing to do, and were long overdue. It's good for the fish, and good for the economy. We must not allow a handful of greedy gillnetters rule the river any longer. Let's not go back to the years of acrimony and distrust that preceded the plan.

I sincerely hope that each of you is up to the challenge and that the Governor will keep her promises as well.

Sincerely,  
James T. Marquoit

**From:** [Mike Sweet](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us); [curt.melcher@state.or.us](mailto:curt.melcher@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Columbia River gillnet reforms  
**Date:** Friday, October 14, 2016 4:59:02 PM

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I am writing to voice my concern over gill netting on the Columbia River. The sport fishing group has done their part. They have paid the Columbia River Endorsement for the last several years. They have fished with barbless hooks, even though the science does not support any increased survival rate after catch and release with the barbless hooks. They are no longer allowed to retain any sturgeon in order to protect the species but gill nets kill everything. It is long past time to remove gill nets from the mainstem Columbia. They kill native as well as hatchery fish. Please do not give in to the pressures from the special interest groups. Follow the plan.

Thank you,  
Mike Sweet  
Salem, OR

**From:** [marilyn.leno](mailto:marilyn.leno)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org); [curt.melcher@state.or.us](mailto:curt.melcher@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Gillnetters renege  
**Date:** Friday, October 14, 2016 11:07:50 AM

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I am so very disappointed in the Gillnet Association dishonoring themselves by renegeing on an agreement to change their nets. We the sportsmen changed the way we fished immediately by using barbless hooks not to mention we've been paying extra money on our license fees to help out this good cause that the gillnetters have decided is not necessary. They will still get their fish, they just won't kill all the endangered fish in their kill nets doing it. What is their problem? Why did they agree in the first place to change their nets? Was it their agenda to string everybody along. Kate Brown needs to make the Gillnet Association honor their agreement to change up the nets like the **Sportsmen honored** their agreement to change the way we fish and help pay for the net improvement. The **gillnetters** are being very **unsportsmen** like by renegeing on the agreement. It is up to ODFW and Kate Brown to make the Gillnet Association stand by their word and honor the agreement that they agreed to. **Shame on you Gillnetters.**

Sincerely,  
Marilyn J. Leno

**From:** [Leslie Upton](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Gill Net Reforms  
**Date:** Friday, October 14, 2016 10:24:48 AM

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Please honor the current gill net standards. The rivers and the salmon belong to all not just the tribes and changing the gill net standards only benefits one group of people. It's unfair and they know it too, that's why they want to change. Backsliding on this plan will have an effect on ODFW.

Major concerns:

Non-selective gill nets don't belong in the mainstream of the lower Columbia River where 13 ESA-listed salmonid stocks migrate in route to their native rivers and streams.

Gill nets have been banned across the world due to their by catch on non-target species. In the Columbia River this includes depressed sturgeon and steelhead populations.

In the Columbia River we need fisheries capable of selecting harvesting hatchery fish and releasing weak and ESA-listed wild stocks if we want to meet ESA obligations and maintain hatchery production.

The Columbia River basin salmon and steelhead sport fisheries are worth over \$100 million dollars to our region's economy and are responsible for tens of thousands of jobs - unfortunately, these fisheries are frequently constrained by mainstream gill net fisheries.

Lower Columbia River gill net fisheries in Oregon and Washington have an average annual exvessel value of about \$3.5 million. Of the 209 Oregon gill net licenses, only 4 had landings greater than \$500,000; 60 percent have landings between \$0-\$10,000

Please don't do to our salmon and steelhead what's been done to the our wild horses of poor mismanagement and listening to the gill net lobbyists.

Sincerely,

Leslie Upton



**From:** [bensonsfishing@aol.com](mailto:bensonsfishing@aol.com)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** please keep the course with the gill net reforms!! Thank you, Benson Lee  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 3:37:54 PM

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**From:** [Robert Kean](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Gill Net Reforms  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 1:45:02 PM

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Commission Members,

Please honor the gill net reforms on the Columbia River Basin. I hope you as a group continue to support getting gill nets off the river. I plan on attending the commission meeting on Nov. 9th in Salem. I am a sport fisherman and a life long Oregon resident.

Thank you,

Bob Kean  
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**From:** [John Krieg](mailto:John.Krieg@odfw.com)  
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**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Gill net reforms.  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 12:19:24 PM

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To Whom it may concern:

I am a long time Oregon Resident, 68 years now, I enjoy the out of doors, fishing and hunting, etc.

I urge you to HONOR the gill net reforms, that have been shoved down our throats, get the government straightened out and quit messing with our activities. The costs for what you people are doing, is stupid. CCA has done more to improve our fishing rights and improved fish quality, than any government agency has. You need to listen to we the people....

I want fishing for generations to come, for all our families futures.

There have been to many years of controversy surrounding the use of gillnets.

Backsliding on this plan will have a great effect on my support of ODFW, I'm about ready to quit even buying tags and licenses, do to the fact of all the regulations and costs that are being placed on us. Need to think about the \$13 million in licenses, and endorsement you get from Oregon anglers.

Non-selective gillnets don't belong in the main-stem of the lower Columbia River.

You have SOME of my thoughts...

And be careful of who you vote for governor.

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**From:** [Charlie Tindall](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Gill netting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 12:10:26 PM

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Curt Melcher,

It was very sad to hear that you and even our governor support the gill nets. I hear all the time that we need to save the wildlife over even people. The sports fishery could never effect the population of fish like the gill nets. I have spent time working with government and I know how important politically it is to align yourself with the money. I am asking that you dig deep and make a common sense decision on this issue and support the gill net reforms!

Thank you for considering this common sense decision,  
Charlie Tindall

**From:** [Mike Drake](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Columbia River Gill Netting  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 10:51:54 AM

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Dear ODFW Commission,

I urge ODFW and the Commission to stay the course on eliminating Columbia River Gillnetting. We (recreational fisherman) have now paid two years of the Columbia River endorsement fee to make the plan and phase in work. Do Not go back on your word! This is necessary to remove Gill nets and provide more opportunity for recreation fisherman and the overwhelming economic impact of sport fishing as compared with the narrow impact of the Gill net fishery. This old practice must be sun-setted in our new world of climate change.

**From:** [Hans and Lois Blom](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us); [curt.melcher@state.or.us](mailto:curt.melcher@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Gill nets return to the main stem Columbia?  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 10:02:55 AM

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Dear sirs,

In 2002, many concerned Oregon fishermen, as well as many other citizens including my wife and I were pleased to see the adoption of the Kitzhaber plan by the Oregon and Washington Fish Commissions. This was a huge step forward because that plan gradually removed the gill nets from the main stem of the Columbia river. This plan was adopted because anyone with common sense, and with just a little knowledge of what gill nets do, could not possibly vote against the reforms. You know as well as we do that gill nets indiscriminately kill fish and even trapped mammals. The problem has always been that gill nets are non selective and therefore cannot discriminate between endangered Salmon and Steelhead and hatchery fish. It is commonly understood that the states of Oregon and Washington claim to be progressive and conservation minded and so it is inconceivable to us that they would allow the the gill net reforms to be undone..

So we urge you to do everything in your power to honor the hard won gill net reforms.

sincerely,

Hans and Lois Blom.

**From:** Terry Whitecotton  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** gill nets  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 9:37:50 AM

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Why do I have to pay extra to fish the Columbia River and the gill nets keep fishing too?

Stop charging me to raise fish for the gill nets

Terry Whitecotton

**From:** [Jerry Hudson](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Gill net Reforms  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 9:11:54 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm urging you to honor the gill net reforms negotiated for the Columbia River. These reforms are essential for the sustainability of Salmon runs as well as Recreational and Commercial fishing.

Regards,

Jerry Hudson



**From:** [Jonathan Weitz](mailto:Jonathan.Weitz@odfw.com)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Keep Gill nets and Purse Seine nets off the lower Columbia  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 8:02:22 AM

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As an avid angler and steward of our limited resources I urge you to honor the bi-state compromise plan. The value to Oregon of a strong sport fishing industry is known and substantial. Commercial gill net and purse seine nets should not be allowed on the lower Columbia as they are non-selective and significantly impact the sports fishery and endanger listed salmon stocks. The bi-state plan has already been agreed upon by all parties and should be honored. If it is not then sports fisherman could regroup and push for a ban on all commercial harvest in the lower Columbia which is supported by a number of other interests including PETA and The Human Society. Backsliding on this plan will reduce my support of ODFW, which can't survive without the support and revenue generated by anglers.

Non-selective gillnets don't belong in the main stem of the lower Columbia River where 13 ESA-listed salmon stocks migrate in route to their native rivers and streams. Gillnets have been banned across the world due to their bycatch of non-target species. In the Columbia River this includes depressed sturgeon and steelhead populations. In the Columbia River we need fisheries capable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish and releasing weak and ESA-listed wild stocks if we want to meet ESA obligations and maintain hatchery production.

Columbia River basin salmon and steelhead sport fisheries are worth over \$100 million dollars to our region's economy and are responsible for tens of thousands of jobs – unfortunately, these fisheries are frequently constrained by lower Columbia gillnet/purse seine fisheries. Lower Columbia River gillnet fisheries in Oregon and Washington have an average annual ex-vessel value of about \$3.5 million. Of the 209 Oregon gillnet licenses, only 4 had landings greater than \$50,000; 60 percent have landings between \$0-\$10,000. The economic value to Oregon's is substantially more as a sport fishery than a commercial fishery. There are countless boat manufacturers in the state as well as tackle stores, restaurants, fishing guides, hotels and others that benefit from a strong sports fishing and tourist industry. The sport fishing tourist industry is significant and could support additional economic opportunities in the state.

Nearly 175,000 Oregon anglers purchase the Columbia River basin endorsement annually – generating over \$13 million in license, endorsement, and excise tax revenue for ODFW. By comparison, the non-tribal gillnet fleet generates about \$250,000 in annual revenue.

Columbia River basin salmon are harvested commercially in Alaska, Canada, off the Washington coast before Columbia River treaty tribes are entitled to harvest 1/2 of the remaining salmon. All of these salmon are made available to consumers. The 375,000 Columbia River basin sport anglers in Oregon and Washington plus countless tourists that utilize this resource deserve prioritized opportunity for the limited number of salmon that remain after extensive commercial harvests. As well Tribal harvest should be a priority in the state since the Tribes have done extensive work to rebuild upriver stocks of endangered salmon.

**From:** [RICHARD TRON](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us); [curtmelcher@state.or.us](mailto:curtmelcher@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Gill net ban  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 5:53:51 AM

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Is there any possible reason to overturn a legal agreement supported by hundreds of thousands of Oregonians and Washingtonians for the benefit of two hundred some odd gill netters who care nothing about the health of the salmon and steelhead runs they have been pillaging for years? I think not. If the agreement is overturned, ESA-listed runs will be endangered again, the thousands of recreational fishermen who fish the Columbia will again have their efforts and investment of money in achieving the agreement thwarted for the benefit of a greedy few and upriver anglers will again be cheated of opportunities rightfully theirs. Using political means to undermine the will of the majority for the benefit of the few is always a bad idea. Do not let it happen. A greater and more successful fishery will be the result of letting things stand as they have been agreed upon by both Oregon and Washington. Economically and morally it is the right thing to do!

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Richard S. Tron

Sent from my iPad;

**Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** Brad Parr <bkparr@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 12:13 AM  
**To:** curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Steve Parr  
**Subject:** COLUMBIA RIVER GILL NET REFORMS

Dear Curt,

I have been fishing as an Oregon resident for over 50 years and the fight against greedy gillnetter has gone on for that long or more. It's time to protect the salmon, I'll say it again, **protect the salmon** and not just a few gillnet jobs.

Columbia River basin salmon and steelhead sport fisheries are worth over \$100 million dollars to our region's economy and are responsible for tens of thousands of jobs; from tackle shops, guides and charters, fuel stations, airlines, hotels, motels, restaurants and more- unfortunately, these businesses are frequently put on temporary unemployment by mainstem gillnet fisheries and quotas.

Lower Columbia River gillnet fisheries in Oregon and Washington have an average annual value of about \$3.5 million, while nearly 175,000 Oregon anglers purchase the Columbia River basin endorsement annually - generating over \$13 million in license, endorsement, and excise tax revenue for ODFW. By comparison, the non-tribal gillnet fleet generates about \$250,000 in annual revenue. The 375,000+ Columbia River basin sport anglers in Oregon and Washington deserve prioritized opportunity for the limited number of salmon that remain after extensive commercial harvest and have paid dearly for the privilege unlike the few gillnetters.

Stay with the plan, sportsmen have.

Respectfully,

*Brad Parr  
Dawn Parr  
Tualatin, OR  
Whitney Parr  
Bend, OR*

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Jerry Hudson <hud2002@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 9:18 AM  
**To:** curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Gill net reform

Dear Mr. Melcher,

I'm asking that you honor the Columbia River gill net reforms negotiated in good faith. These reforms are essential to sustained Salmon runs as well as Commercial and Recreational fishing.

Regards,

Jerry Hudson

**Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** Robert Kean <bkean51@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 1:45 PM  
**To:** curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Gill Nets

Director,

I hope that you continue to support gill net reforms on the Columbia River Basin. As a life long Oregonian and sport fisherman I am in favor of these reforms. I plan on being at the November 9th Commission meeting.

Thank you,

Bob Kean  
Dallas , Oregon

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** CenturyLink Customer <kbcjbach@q.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 8:26 AM  
**To:** curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** gill netters

Mr. Curt Melcher: This E-Mail directed at you is in reference to gill nets on the Columbia. CCA has been fighting this issue along with hundreds of fisherman for along time. I thought we all had a understanding and came to a compromise on a fix. Every fix in the world is not going to make everyone happy. As always the gill netters are putting up lots of roadblocks to this new gill net age coming. I understand it is their way of making a living. in 2012 a plan was put into effect to be phased into full operation in 2017. I have heard rumor that Kate Brown and Odfw are considering scrapping the whole idea. This is what makes people who hunt and fish and contibute thousands of dollars into ODFW and the economy very upset with government. If the plan is scrapped to do over again to more accomidate the gill netters then again the consumer has lost. Maybe a few will not buy a combination license to protest. No problem for ODFW as you will just raise the cost of all licenses to adjust for the loss of revenue to your agency. You need to also understand to the loss of the economy. In the end let us move forward with the intended phase in as was agreed to and see if that works for everyone. We know that our fight to preserve a good Columbia River fishery for the public is important to all. Quit lining the pockets of political goverment and the gill netters and move on to the phase in. Kevin Bachle

**From:** [Brad Parr](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Cc:** [Steve Parr](#)  
**Subject:** COLUMBIA RIVER GILL NET REFORMS  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 12:06:49 AM

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Stay with the plan, sportsmen have.

Respectfully,

*Brad Parr  
Dawn Parr  
Tualatin, OR  
Whitney Parr  
Bend, OR*



**Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** Jim Marquardt <joemarquardt55@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 7:15 PM  
**To:** curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Gill net ban.

Mr. Melcher,

Please help to ensure that the plan to fully implement the ban on gill nets in the Columbia main stem continues. It is important to me and thousands of other recreational fishermen as well.

Thank you, Jim Marquardt

**Amanda Mckenzie**

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**From:** Lee Plummer <lplummer@wescocedar.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:50 AM  
**To:** curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Columbia River Gill Nets

Mr. Curt Melcher

I would like to urge you to keep the gill nets reforms as they are.

Thank You for your efforts.

Lee F. Plummer

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Juno <stillcreek55@juno.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 2:58 PM  
**To:** curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Gill net reforms

Dear Mr Melcher

I am writing to encourage you to support the recently enacted gill net reforms. These reforms are important to maintaining our salmon resources which support a wide range of businesses in our economy

Regards

Eric Gross

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Hoibster <hmindt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:02 AM  
**To:** curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Gillnetting Columbia River

PLEASE STOP THE SLAUGHTER OF INDESCRIMINATE (supposedly) UNTARGETED endangered species in these Columbia river gillnettes!

I have seen the nets in the Astoria area drain the river of all the available fish to be caught. I fish here yearly, its my home town, and have personally seen the gillnetting of EVERY salmon & sturgeon we were trying to fish for. WE HAD TO RELEASE THE WILD SALMON, but not those gillnetters!!!!!!!!!! They kept EVERY fish we saw them net. And there were several that day.

I contacted "Chris" at ODFW and was assured that new nets were being implemented to target ONLY the legal to keep fish they caught. Well, I havent seen ANY SUCH CHANGE TAKE PLACE.

Please, Gov. Brown, I plan on voting to keep you in office, so please protect what is important to me..... Stop Gillnetting on the Columbia river as it exists today.

By the way, I know a few of these gillnetters. They are realestate investors and full time plumbers and Glass shop/installers. Its a HOBBY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Its not their main source of income..... They dont even need to be doing this fishing ..... Its a hobby only!!!!!!

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Herb

## Amanda Mckenzie

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**From:** Scott Kappes <scottk@capacitycommercial.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:45 AM  
**To:** curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Cc:** info@ccaoregon.org  
**Subject:** Jerry the Barber's Friend, Scott Kappes

Curt,

I saw you in Jerry's shop a couple weeks ago. I thought you were an attorney friend!! Sorry about that!

I wanted to reach out and say hello but just as important (at least to me), is to reinforce my desire to get those gillnets out of the main stem of the Columbia! You know it needs to happen, everyone knows how destructive they are to our native runs, and what's even more surprising, is that the "environmentally friendly" groups aren't jumping on this issue as well!

Seriously, with the seals (that we can't really do anything about) and a huge increase in our local population, our fish runs on the Columbia and Willamette are in decline. Couple this with a change in atmospheric conditions (aka global warming), I really believe our runs are in danger. I mean, look at the Willamette Spring Chinook run in 2016. It was the worst I've ever seen and it'll probably be even worse in 2017. What happens in 2018 when those fish don't return after the die off 2 years ago!! Also, didn't we agree to ship 100,000 smolts to the gillnet fleet on Youngs Bay??

Curt, I live on the Willamette near Gladstone. I saw (and smelled) those dead fish all up and down the river, including the Clackamas. We've got issues that go beyond just the gillnets but, we need to (we ALL need to) recognize, as user groups and sportsmen, to start really protecting some of these runs. We agreed to start with moving the gillnets off the main stem and that still needs to be a priority but let's not get sidetracked with the Commercial Fishing lobbyist trying to "modify" the plan. Do the right thing, not just for me, but for you, my kids, your kids, grandkids, etc.

Thanks for your time. I know you're a busy guy and this is probably the last letter you need to receive but it IS important to stay on track with conserving what we have.

Thanks Curt!

Scott

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**Subject:** Maintain Columbia gillnetting reforms  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:48:56 PM

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Commissioners -

Please resist efforts to roll back the reforms to phase out gill nets on the main stem of the lower Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets don't belong on a river where 13 ESA-listed salmonid stocks migrate in route to their native rivers and streams. Gillnets have been banned across the world due to their bycatch of non-target species. In the Columbia River this includes depressed sturgeon and steelhead populations. We need selectively harvest practices if we want any chance of restoring wild runs of salmon that are a critical part of Pacific NW culture.

Thank you,  
Tom Armstrong  
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**Subject:** Gill net reform  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 7:47:12 PM

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Dear men and women of the ODFW:

As a native Oregonian and a life long hunter and fisherman I have seen the steady increases in the cost of licenses, tags and recently the additional charge for the Columbia Endorsement. In my nearly 68 years I have also seen a dramatic decrease in the numbers of fish available to anglers some times due to mismanagement as is the case with my Home river the Clackamas. When you drive along this pristine river from its confluence with the Willamette to the upper reaches past Ripplebrook and Austen hot springs you see a waterway that **should** be full of fish for sportsman and sportswomen young and old. It used to be that way but bad decisions and mismanagement has destroyed those opportunities . Now an agreement between the gill netters and the angling communities of both Washington and Oregon could be in jeopardy if the powers that be do not follow through as promised. This agreement brought about many concessions by the sports anglers such as the aforementioned Columbia Endorsement fee, lost fishing days, barb less hook requirements and others. I urge you to make sure the gill net reform goes forward as agreed to protect a valuable resource which not only provides opportunities for sport anglers but revenue for both states.

Thank you for your consideration. Gary Holbrook

**From:** [Jerome Markesino](#)  
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**Subject:** Gill Nets  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 4:41:22 PM

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Please support the efforts to eliminate Gill Nets from the Columbia River. By doing so we will have:

- Improved conservation of our wild, ESA-listed salmonids and other bycatch species
- Increased opportunity for recreational fisheries throughout the Columbia River basin
- Greater recognition of the economic and license revenue value of Columbia River sport fisheries
- Millions of dollars that have been spent to implement this plan – most of it coming from a \$9.75 Columbia River endorsement paid by recreational anglers!

This passing fishing season has been a deplorable mess. Please remove the gill nets.

Jerry Markesino



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**Subject:** Gill nets in the Columbia  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 4:20:13 PM

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Commissioners and mr melcher,

I'm writing this email to request you think long and hard over this gill net issue. We have an agreement with Washington on a compromised program going forward. I want you and the governor to stand up and back the compromise and not allow gill netters to get back on the Columbia or any where for that matter. Salmon and Steelhead should be a part of Oregon for oregonians, not gill netters.

Anglers support the ODFW in a big way and the Columbia endorsement bring in millions of dollars to your wallet. I think it was a mistake to put the "fox in the hen house" with Mr Buckmaster. He is for all practical purposes a lobbyist.

Gill netters have been banned across the world for their tactics. Why have them in Oregon on our treasured River?

Thank you  
Charles Patchin  
503-646-4251

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**Subject:** Columbia Gill nets  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 3:41:41 PM

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Please complete the plan as agreed to eliminate the nets in the mainstream in 2017. So much time, effort and \$ has been put into this ruling by your citizens. Do not let the gillnet groups turn back the clock. 50000 sportsmen have clearly worked to correct the action.

Thank you, Len Clarke  
503-245-0011

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Juno](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Gill net reforms  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 3:00:26 PM

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I am writing to encourage you to maintain supporting the recent gill net reforms. These reforms are important to maintaining our fisheries as well a the businesses that rely on them.

Regards

Eric Gross

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**Subject:** Gill net agreement on Columbia  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 2:18:42 PM

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Curt,

I am 79 years old and have lived in Oregon most of my life. I live to hunt and fish. I have been active in conservation groups and always tried to put Oregon natural resources first.

Now I hear that the gill netters aided by gov. Brown and Buckmaster are trying to back out on the agreement to end gillnets on the lower Columbia next year.

This cannot be allowed to happen! The sport fishermen and CCA, the states of Washington and Oregon bent over backward to help the gillnetters transition to fishing methods that would help troubled stocks of salmon recover.

Please implement the agreement.

Reinard Okesonmy Samsung Galaxy Tab®4

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**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Ban Gill netting.  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 2:10:37 PM

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Hello, I'd like to voice my concern that we are still discussing the maintenance of gill netting in the mainstream Columbia river. It's an archaic form of harvesting that kills everything....even endangered or threatened species. The revenue for the state isn't worth the damage that is done. Not to mention that most gillnetters have very little oversight as to the catches they are really taking. And yes, those gillnetting jobs would be lost but the boats can be repurposed for other uses and the owners trained for other jobs. It's time to take a stand for our fish and our game fishery.

Also, if removing gillnetting can increase the sport fishery, imagine the additional revenue in licenses, and broader economic growth through sport related purchases, and new jobs with more guide services and outfitters??? It seems simple. Removing gillnetting from the Columbia is a multiplier for the state. Keeping it is just a dying industry grasping at old practices in a changing world. There is no long term benefit to gillnetting. There is huge upside to supporting a reinvention of fish management that promotes conservation, population growth, and habitat. These things lead to more fish, more fisherman, and more money.

Let's be known as a progressive/forward thinking state and lose the principles of the past that have seen 13 salmonid species in the Columbia system make the endangered species list. We should be ashamed that we are still allowing this to happen in our river.....

Regards,  
Eric Olson

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**Subject:** Gill Net ban  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 2:09:39 PM

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Dear Commission Members:

I've lived in Oregon all my life and take great pride in Oregon's leadership integrity. Since the years of Tom McCall and Victor Atiyeh our leaders have remained committed to what they agree to.

The compact reached in unison with Washington is a pledge to our citizens and those whose license and tag fees support Oregon's wild species. Please don't weaken your resolve now. Make Oregonians proud of our Wildlife Commission and don't bow to the self pressure of a small group who care only for themselves.

Stan McClain

Member - Salem CCA Chapter

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**Subject:** Gill Nets  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 1:54:48 PM

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I attended the last commission meeting on gill nets. Although it was hard to hear the biologist, it sounded like purse seine fish average seven (7) pounds smaller. As gill nets are size specific, removal of big wild fish from the gene pool year after year should be unacceptable. Thank you for your time.  
E.M. Anderson, Salem, Oregon.

**From:** [Jimmy Jeffrey](#)  
**To:** [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Gillnet reform  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 1:48:16 PM

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Please honor the commitment to remove gillnets from the Columbia River.  
Jimmy Jeffrey  
503-396-0287

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [danawi53](#)  
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**Subject:** On the take?  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 1:45:26 PM

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This whole comercial gill netting on the Columbia River is an outrage to me. We have hatcheries so that an exclusive group can harvest most of the salmon that enter the river??? Lots of money there and I would suggest that a fair amount of that money is going to the law makers?? Why would such exceptions be allowed otherwise?? Why do us tax payers / license /tag purchasers have to line the pockets of commercial gill net people taking our chances of having good times hauling in a salmon with a fishing pole??? Personally I've given up on the river...too many days of zero catch. I do deep sea fishing now. Please wake up and protect OUR fish from these enterprising pigs and allow our investment/efforts in preserving this species benefit the people that are paying for it and not some privileged glutence to steal literally tons of our fish. WAKE UP AND DO YOUR JOB!!!!

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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**Subject:** Gillnet Ban  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 1:08:12 PM

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I worked very hard, gathering signatures, to help pass the 2012 gillnet reform. I oppose any effort at this stage of the implementation of these reform, to alter or make changes favoring the gillnet industry. If this commission moves in any way to make changes beneficial to that industry, I will work to see that the ODFW refunds all past Columbia River Endorsement monies taken from me under false pretentions. We are too late in the game to let politicians change the course of actions taken to protect endangered fish species. Do not, I repeat do not bow to the pressures being applied. I see Kate Brown will not comment on her stand on the issue until after the election. Her insistence on having Buckmaster on the fish commission shows her bias. She wants no part in offending a major voting block. Stay The Course!!!

William Barnum

**From:** [Dave Hogue](#)  
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**Subject:** Gill Nets  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 12:12:03 PM

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Please DO NOT allow gill nets on the Columbia River.  
Thank you,  
Dave

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**Subject:** Please honor gillnet reforms  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:50:25 AM

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My family has been Oregonians for many generations, with my Grandfather living and working in Tillamook from the time I was born. As such, I practically grew up with a fishing rod in my hand and the pursuit of salmon and steelhead across our great state has always been immensely important to us. As such, it was finally nice a few years ago to have the decades of endless bickering and conflict between the gillnetters and sportsfishers seemingly coming to an end with the adoption of the bi-partisan, compromise plan to removed gillnets from the Columbia River. Finally the ridiculous annual fighting over this barbaric harvest method would be over and we would finally see these non-selective tools that continuously harm the 13 ESA-listed salmoniod stocks gone for good. Myself and the other some 375,000 Columbian River basin sport anglers, who generate over \$100 million dollars for our region's economy could finally rejoice. Now, however, it all rests back on you to ensure these plans take place as planned and that changes aren't made that allow the gillnets additional time in the river.

Please, stand up for what is right and remove the gillnets as planned.

Sincerely,

Kevin Madison

**From:** [Richard Auburn](#)  
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**Subject:** Please honor the gillnet ban that CCA & we fishermen have fought for. Thank you. Richard Auburn  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:36:33 AM

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**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** It's time for Commercial Fisheries to SELECTIVELY Harvest!  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:35:47 AM

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To Whom it may Concern,

I would like to emphasize the importance to myself, my family and friends that the future of the Columbia River salmon fishery be conserved. As a native Oregonian and long-time recreational angler, I have developed a passion and tremendous amount of respect for the complexities of the Columbia River Fishery. One thing has remained unchanged. Why is it that the recreational fishery must be selective, while the commercial fishery can continue to gill net and impact the ESA listed species, as well as inadvertently kill non-target species? We are better than this, it's time to act. The State of Oregon must implement the plan that has bi-state support to reduce the non-tribal gillnet fishery on the CR. We cannot allow more impact to this sensitive fishery.

While I personally have emotions involved in this decision, the safety of our family recreating in the fishery and the conservation of ESA listed species are more important than my catch rate. I don't mind a slow day of fishing so long as it is safe and I know there will be more in the future. We are banned from fishing in August in Young's Bay. This was the safest place to fish with my family in the boat. Being banned from Young's Bay forces us to be in larger waves, in heavier winds and boating further distances to pursue our catch. I understand giving up Young's Bay was a compromise to the commercial fleet. I argue this compromise has had an impact on our family and the overall enjoyment of the Buoy 10 fishery. In addition, we have been banned from using barbed hooks. Barbed hooks allowed us to more effectively catch salmon. There were fewer hours on the water to obtain the same catch. We are not catching less fish; we were pursuing the same catch in a safer manner. It's time for the commercial fishery to change their ways and together we can preserve this fishery!

To conclude, we (the recreational angler) have compromised. We have changed our ways and taken a beating in the river recreating. We are spending more hours on the water, losing far more fish to sea lions and missed hook ups and no longer fishing in Young's Bay. We have met our obligations to the deal now it is time to implement the ban on non-tribal gillnets! You cannot backslide on this agreement; it is too late.

With respect,

Josh Weissert  
West Linn, OR  
503-830-6075

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**Subject:** Columbia river gill net reforms  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:05:41 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to ask that you defend the Columbia river gill net reforms as agreed to in 2012. It is vital that we protect our ESA listed salmonids and other species with these reforms. Our multi-million dollar Columbia river system sport fishery depends on these returning fish, and the fish depend on a critical "escapement" level for their survival and future returns. We need to recognize the economic value from license revenue, as well as the guides, sporting equipment, and businesses that support this. For those of us who have purchased the Columbia river endorsement, we have already paid for these gill net reforms and deserve for the money to be properly spent.

Thank you for adhering to these critical reforms.

Regards,

Justin Boucher  
Portland, OR

**From:** [Dan Quanbeck](#)  
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**Subject:** COLUMBIA RIVER GILL NET REFORMS  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:01:06 AM

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To all this must concern,

As a citizen of Oregon as well as an outdoor sportsman, I want to voice my hope that gill net reforms can and should remain in place. The non selective nature of this method of harvest cannot continue. Listen to the voices of all Oregon citizens (175,000 Oregon sportsman/fisherman) who pay a fair share to pursue targeted species of a resource that is respected and valued. These individuals are people who would like to see that resource preserved for the future. Gill nets do not help in the practice of being good stewards of this resource. Please all our voices and keep gill net reform in place.

Respectfully,

**Dan Quanbeck**

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**Subject:** Gill net ban  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 9:59:16 AM

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Sirs,

I have lived in the Pacific Northwest for over 60 years and have seen some major changes in our fishing. I have never been a pro-gill net person. I have seen too many salmon floating down stream and damaged from these nets. I have also witnessed gill netters beat sturgeon and throw them back into the water because they got tangled in the nets. Most of these people who gill net have regular jobs during the off season and there is no need to continue this practice. Our resources are too fragile to be so indiscriminate and destructive.

In all the past years of fishing the Columbia we never saw seals up stream from the Astoria bridge until the last 5 years. Now the seals are reeking havoc on the Salmon runs also. The Bonneville Dam provides a perfect kill zone for the seals to do their damage.

This invasion of the fresh water only tells me that the seal population has over grown the food supply and the ocean is no longer capable of maintaining them.

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Randy

**From:** [Bob Vigil](mailto:Bob.Vigil)  
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**Cc:** [info@ccaoregon.org](mailto:info@ccaoregon.org)  
**Subject:** Honor gill net reforms  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 9:57:03 AM

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ODFW Director and Commissioners

I am writing to personally ask you to honor the ban on commercial gill netting in the Columbia River. I have been an avid fisherman for most of my 52 years.

My friends and family spend hundreds of dollars annual just on licenses & tags. Plus we support many business from hotels, restaurants, gas stations and tackle stores while fishing for salmon on the Columbia River in August.

This is in addition to fishing on the McKenzie river our closest Salmon holding river. Each year it seems there is reduced opportunities for recreational fisher people like me to catch salmon while spending more on ODFW fees.

Recreational fisherman like me spend millions more dollars than gill netters ever will in a more sustainable way of fishing. Gill netting is the opposite of conservation.

Please don't push the desires of a small number of commercial gill netters upon the close to 200,000 recreational fisher people. The recreational fisher people are the ones who also volunteer countless hours across the state to help sustain salmon runs.

The gill net advocates cannot compare.

Thank you,  
Bob Vigil  
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**From:** MICHAEL  
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**Subject:** Columbia River Gillnet Reforms  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 9:47:22 AM

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I write to you to support the reforms made to the use of gillnets on the Columbia River.

Recreational salmon and steelhead fishing is a major part of my families life and the way we choose to spend our "fun" time and "play" dollars. It also makes a significant region wide economic impact to the lives of many through sales of boats, tackle, not to mention the vehicles, food, lodging, and etc.

As you are aware, there have been years of controversy surrounding the use of gillnets and their drastic consequences on our threatened fish. We do not need to move backwards and re-ignite this conflict by not honoring the bi-state, compromise plan that has been transitioning for the last several years.

I have supported ODFW, through license purchasing and writing my elected officials in support . If you choose to cut or gut this compromise, I will join countless others by **not** purchasing an Oregon Angling License. Why should I continue to pay more for less fish and less opportunity?

Please review the following;

- Non-selective gillnets don't belong in the mainstem of the lower Columbia River where 13 ESA listed salmonid stocks migrate in route to their native rivers and streams.
- Gillnets have been banned across the world due to their bycatch of non-target species. In the Columbia River this includes depressed sturgeon and steelhead populations.
- In the Columbia River we need fisheries capable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish and releasing weak and ESA-listed wild stocks if we want to meet ESA obligations and maintain hatchery production.
- Columbia River basin salmon and steelhead sport fisheries are worth over \$100 million dollars to our region's economy and are responsible for tens of thousands of jobs – unfortunately, these fisheries are frequently constrained by mainstem gillnet fisheries.
- Lower Columbia River gillnet fisheries in Oregon and Washington have an average annual exvessel value of about \$3.5 million. Of the 209 Oregon gillnet licenses, only 4 had landings greater than \$50,000; 60 percent have landings between \$0-\$10,000.
- Nearly 175,000 Oregon anglers purchase the Columbia River basin endorsement annually – generating over \$13 million in license, endorsement, and excise tax revenue for ODFW. By comparison, the non-tribal gillnet fleet generates about \$250,000 in annual revenue.
- Columbia River basin salmon are harvested commercially in Alaska, Canada, off the

Washington coast before Columbia River treaty tribes are entitled to harvest 1/2 of the remaining salmon. All of these salmon are made available to consumers.

- The 375,000 Columbia River basin sport anglers in Oregon and Washington deserve prioritized opportunity for the limited number of salmon that remain after extensive commercial and tribal harvests.

Thank you for your consideration and do the right thing for the fish!

Michael McGuire

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**Subject:** Gillnetting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 9:45:19 AM

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Please honor the agreement made in 2012 where Oregon and Washington agreed to a phased-in, compromise plan to remove non-tribal gillnets and prioritize recreational fishing on the Columbia River.

Sincerely,  
*Linden Hamilton*

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID*

**From:** [Larry Craven](#)  
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**Cc:** [Christopher Cone](#); [Bruce Polley](#); [jack smith](#); [Wade Radke](#)  
**Subject:** Gillnet policy  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 9:39:12 AM

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Commissioners,

My name is Larry Craven. I am a lifelong Oregonian, retired from a long career in the private sector and now a charter boat owner, an avid sports fisherman and life member of CCA. I believe gillnets continue to be a serious threat to wild salmon and steelhead runs in the Columbia River and its tributaries.

I have followed very closely the protracted debate surrounding gillnetting in the Columbia River and was pleased the Commission acted to end the practice by 2017. I am however very disappointed at the potential for abandoning the policy, mostly based on faulty research and misleading information about the economic impact of the policy.

I urge you to stay the course. To abandon the policy and commitments made to the public would be disastrous to the trust between ODFW and its constituency, a vital relationship to a multitude of other issues before the Commission. It will be a broken promise and reliance on false caveats will not satisfy anyone.

Larry Craven

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**From:** [Michelle Tate](#)  
**To:** [Amanda Mckenzie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Improved Lower Columbia Commercial Fishing Gear  
**Date:** Monday, September 19, 2016 11:10:08 AM  
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PC for Columbia River exhibit

**From:** Jamie Glasgow [mailto:[jamie@wildfishconservancy.org](mailto:jamie@wildfishconservancy.org)]  
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**Subject:** Improved Lower Columbia Commercial Fishing Gear

Dear Commissioners,

Please see the attached invitation to join Wild Fish Conservancy on a tour of their Lower Columbia Selective Fishing Gear currently being fished and evaluated in Cathlamet, WA. Improved commercial fishing gears like this are instrumental for the continuation of commercial fishing in areas where ESA-listed stocks are present.

We have posted a Doodle Poll online (<http://doodle.com/poll/8ntixrm49agxpnam>) which you can use to indicate your interest and availability. Additionally, you can contact me directly if you have any questions.

We hope you'll make time to learn about this important step toward fishing smarter. Please let us know if you or your staff are able to meet us on site for a tour of the gear.

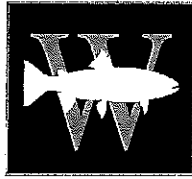
Thank you,

Jamie Glasgow, Director of Science

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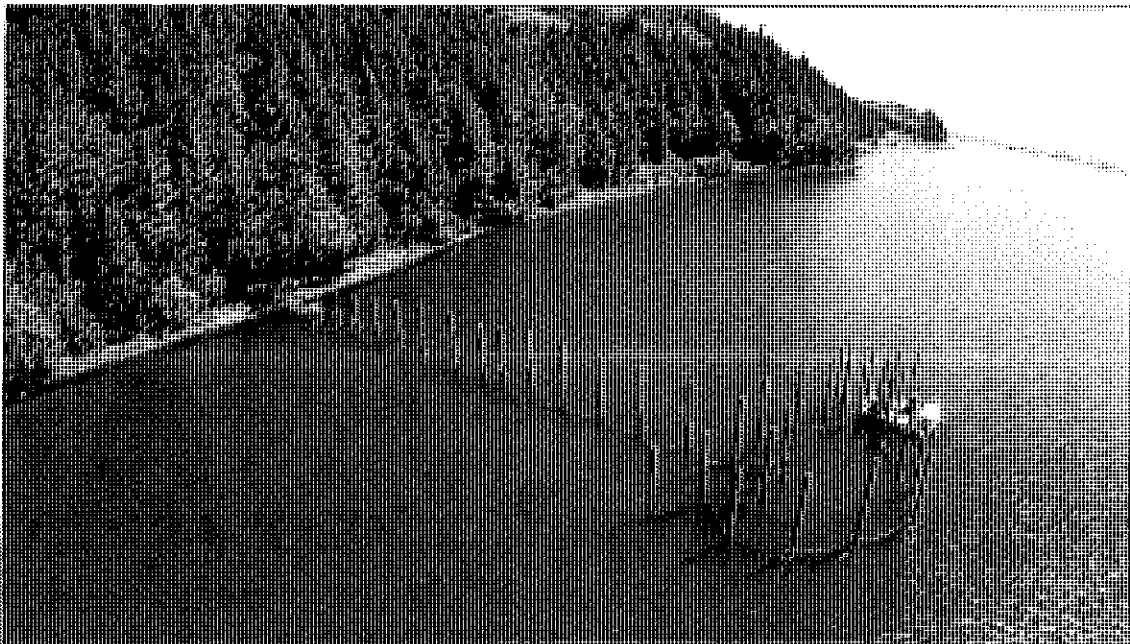
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Dear Commissioners,

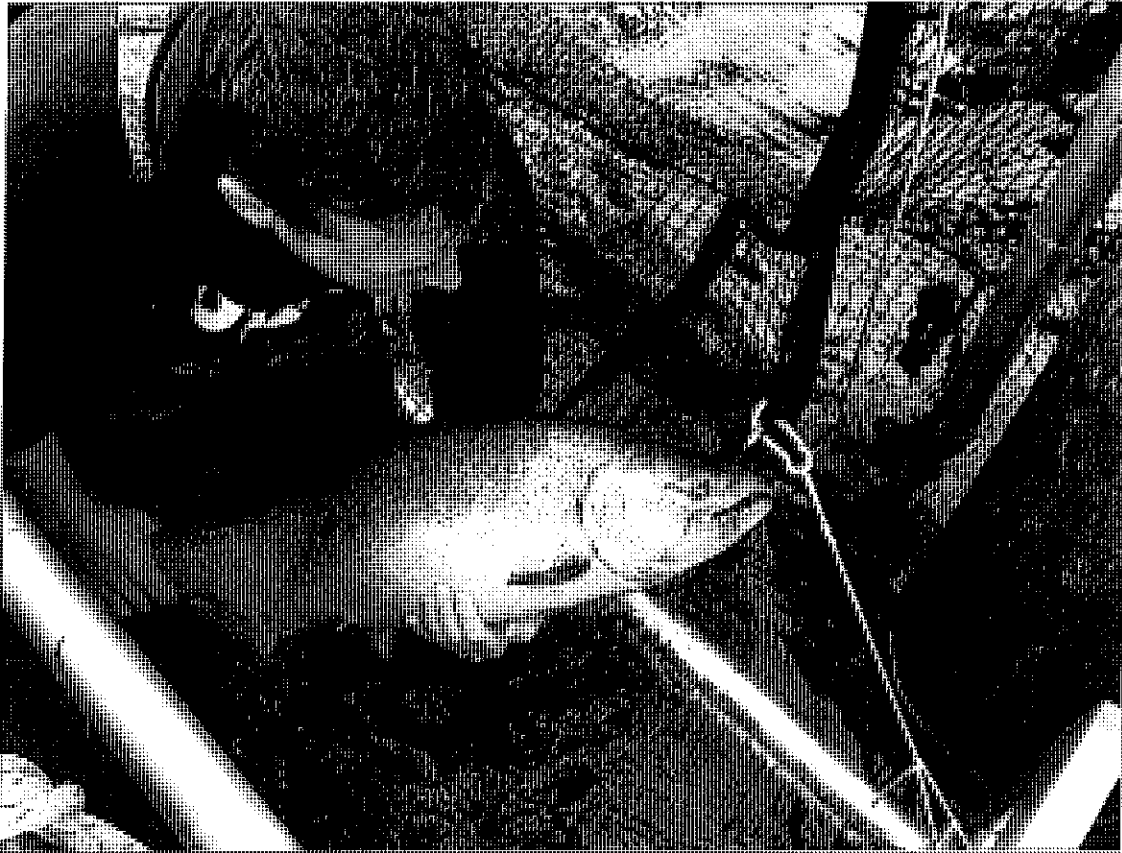
During the past few years there has been much interest in efforts to test and refine stock-selective fishing gears for the Columbia River salmon fishery. As you know, developing such gears is critical to the future of fishing over mixed stocks and for the success of mark-selective fisheries. New gears are instrumental for allowing the continuation of commercial fishing in areas where ESA-listed populations are present.

In partnership with a local commercial fisherman, Wild Fish Conservancy has designed, permitted, constructed, and is now testing selective fishing gear just upriver from Cathlamet, WA – a Pound Net. Our research is already showing encouraging results that indicate the Pound Net (or Fish Trap), may be an effective tool for eliminating by-catch in the lower Columbia fisheries. The design of the trap allows for salmon to be quickly captured, sorted (by species and/or hatchery/wild), and released all without being removed from the water or entangled in fishing gear. Due to reduced fish handling and stress, the quality of the kept fish is higher and likely to fetch a higher market price.





We are currently fishing the gear and, with assistance from WDFW, collecting data on its efficacy. We would appreciate the opportunity to take you on a tour of the gear to answer your questions and to demonstrate why it may be an important component of future Columbia River fisheries.



We extend this invitation to Commission members to join us for a tour of the Pound Net this September so you can see how it works first-hand. We would meet you at the Elochoman Marina in Cathlamet at a day and time of your choosing, and the tour would take approximately 2-3 hours at your discretion. I have posted a Doodle Poll online (<http://doodle.com/poll/8ntixrm49agxpnam>), which you can use to indicate your interest and availability. Additionally, you can contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for the work you do to protect the region's fish resources for future generations,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Beardslee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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