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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife**

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1 **635-500-6705**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (6) Limit the use of gill nets in non-tribal commercial fisheries, other than shad and smelt, in the mainstem Columbia  
18 River to ~~[summer Chinook fisheries and]~~ fall fisheries in Commercial Zones 4 and 5. Limit other non-tribal gill net  
19 use to off-channel areas only.

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

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

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

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

30 (9) Maintain consistent and concurrent policies between Oregon and Washington related to management of non-  
31 tribal Columbia River fisheries, to ensure orderly fisheries as well as the sharing of investments and benefits.

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

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

36 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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39 **635-500-6715**

40 **Spring Chinook**

41 (1) Transition Period (2013-January 31, 2017).

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

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

45 (2) Long Term (February 1, 2017 and Beyond).

46 (a) Assign 80% of the ESA-impact to mainstem recreational fisheries. If the recreational allocation, including areas  
47 upstream of Bonneville Dam and in the Snake River, is unlikely to be fully used, the unused portion of that allocation  
48 shall be transferred to the commercial fishery.

49 (b) Assign 20% to commercial fisheries. Mainstem commercial fisheries may occur only after the run size update  
50 and will use tangle nets or other selective gear, if developed. **Unused commercial impacts will not be**  
51 **transferred to recreational fisheries.**

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

53 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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55 **635-500-6720**

56 **Summer Chinook**

57 (1) Transition Period (2013-~~April 4~~[~~January 31~~], 2017).

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

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

61 (2) Long Term (~~April 5~~[~~February 1~~], 2017 and Beyond).

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

64 (b) Assign 20% of the harvestable surplus available for use downstream from Priest Rapids Dam to off-channel and  
65 mainstem commercial [~~large mesh gillnet~~] fisheries **using gears other than gill nets.** **If the commercial allocation**  
66 **is unlikely to be fully used, the unused portion of that allocation may be transferred to recreational fisheries above**  
67 **Bonneville Dam.]Unused commercial harvest will not be transferred to recreational fisheries.**

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

69 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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71 **635-500-6725**

72 **Sockeye**

73 (1) Transition Period (2013- January 31, 2017).

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

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

76 (2) Long Term (February 1, 2017 and Beyond).



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- 77 (a) Assign approximately 80% of the ESA-impact for Snake River sockeye to mainstem recreational fisheries.
- 78 (b) Assign the remaining balance to commercial fisheries for incidental harvest of sockeye in Chinook-directed
- 79 fisheries.

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

81 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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83 **635-500-6730**

84 **Tule Fall Chinook**

85 (1) Transition Period (2013-~~April 4~~[~~January 31~~], 2017).

86 (a) Assign no more than 70% of the ESA-impact for lower Columbia River Tule fall Chinook to mainstem

87 recreational fisheries.

88 (b) Assign not less than 30% to off-channel commercial fisheries, mainstem commercial fisheries that target Upriver

89 Bright and Lower River Hatchery Fall Chinook.

90 (2) Long Term (~~April 5~~[~~February 4~~], 2017 and Beyond).

91 ~~[(a) Seek to create a conservation fishery by reserving a small percentage of overall non-tribal tule fall Chinook~~

92 ~~ESA impacts from non-tribal fisheries south of the US/Canada border, including the Columbia River, to establish~~

93 ~~selective fisheries in the Columbia River downstream of the Lewis River targeting hatchery fall Chinook and~~

94 ~~hatchery coho. Until impacts from (2)(a) are secured, seek to utilize any final disparities between Oregon and~~

95 ~~Washington allocations for recreational and commercial fisheries for the conservaton fishery.]~~

96 ~~(a)~~(b) Assign no more than ~~70~~[~~66~~] % of the remaining ESA-impact for lower Columbia River Tule Fall Chinook to

97 mainstem recreational fisheries.

98 ~~(b)~~(e) Assign not less than ~~30~~[~~34~~] % of the remaining ESA-impact for lower Columbia River Tule Fall Chinook to off-

99 channel commercial fisheries and mainstem commercial fisheries that target Upriver Bright and Lower River

100 Hatchery Fall Chinook and hatchery coho. Use up to 2% of commercial ESA impacts of the most constraining

101 stock for use in lower river commercial fisheries using alternative gears. The Department shall approve

102 alternative gears for use.

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

104 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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106 **635-500-6735**

107 **Upriver Bright Fall Chinook**

108 (1) Transition Period (2013-~~April 4~~[~~January 31~~], 2017).

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

110 fisheries.

111 (b) Assign not less than 30% to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries. Provide additional mainstem

112 commercial harvest when recreational fishery objectives (OAR 635-500-6760) are expected to be met.

113 (2) Long Term (~~April 5~~[~~February 4~~], 2017 and Beyond).

114 (a) Assign no more than ~~70~~[~~66~~] % of the ESA-impact for Snake River Wild Fall Chinook to mainstem recreational



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115 fisheries.

116 (b) Assign not less than ~~30~~<sup>34</sup>% to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries. Provide additional mainstem  
117 commercial harvest when recreational fishery objectives (OAR 635-500-6760) are expected to be met. **Use up to**  
118 **2% of commercial ESA impacts of the most constraining stock for use in lower river commercial fisheries**  
119 **using alternative gears. The Department shall approve alternative gears for use.**

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

121 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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### 123 **635-500-6740**

#### 124 **Coho**

125 (1) Transition Period (2013-January 31, 2017).

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

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

131 (2) Long Term (February 1, 2017 and Beyond).

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

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

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

137 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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### 139 **635-500-6745**

#### 140 **Chum**

141 (1) Transition Period (2013-January 31, 2017).

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

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

145 (2) Long Term (February 1, 2017 and Beyond).

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

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

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

150 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 & 506.129

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### 152 **635-500-6755**



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### 153 **Additional Commercial Opportunity**

154 Additional opportunity for mainstem commercial fisheries shall be provided:

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

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

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

159 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 and 506.119

160 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 and 506.129

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

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### 163 **635-500-6760**

#### 164 **Fall Recreational Fishery Objectives**

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

167 (1) Buoy 10 to Tongue Point.

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

170 (2) Tongue Point to Warrior Rock.

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

174 (3) Warrior Rock to Bonneville Dam.

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

178 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 and 506.119

179 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 and 506.129

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

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### 182 **635-500-6765**

#### 183 **Adaptive Management**

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

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

190 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.138, 496.146 and 506.119



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- 191 Stats. Implemented: ORS 506.109 and 506.129
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