

Schedule of Damages for  
Commercial Fishing Violations

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**ORS 506.720**

**Damages for Unlawful Taking of Food Fish**

“The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may institute suit for recovery of damages for the unlawful taking, possession or killing of food fish referred to in this section that are the property of the state.”

## ORS 506.720

### Damages for Unlawful Taking of Food Fish

#### For Pink Shrimp

1 <sup>st</sup> violation	5% of average market value
2 <sup>nd</sup> violation (within 5-year period)	10% of average market value
3 <sup>rd</sup> and subsequent violations (within 5-year period)	20% of average market value

#### For Salmon & Steelhead, Ocean

1 <sup>st</sup> violation	2x average market value
2 <sup>nd</sup> and subsequent violations (within 5-year period)	\$125 per fish

#### For Salmon & Steelhead, other than Ocean

Each violation	\$125 per fish
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#### All Other Food Fish

Each violation	2x average market value
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## ORS 506.720

### Annual Update of Average Market Values

“The Commission shall by rule in January of each year establish the average market value for each species of food fish for the year.”

## Average Market Values Changes to OAR 635-006-0232

- These market values reflect the last available year's average prices (\$ per pound) as reported by Oregon commercial fish dealers via ODFW fish tickets.
- Compared to the previous year's market valuations there was some degree of variation in prices with both increases and decreases, as shown in the revised Attachment 3.
- Columbia River salmon and steelhead prices are not included in the schedule; damages are explicitly defined as \$125 per fish in the statute.

## Recommendation

ODFW staff recommends to adopt the revised Schedule of Damages for Commercial Fishing Violations, as shown in Attachment 3.