



August 6, 2015

Dear Columbia River Commercial Fisher:

We are writing to inform you that a second round of applications are currently being accepted for participation in Columbia River commercial seine research fisheries during the 2015 fall season. Applications are available on-line at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) website (wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/commercial/limited_emerging.html) or see attached copy. Applications must be submitted as a hardcopy via mail delivery (USPS, FedEx, UPS), or via FAX or via email. Applications must be received by midnight August 15, 2015 to be included in the drawing. If the remaining 2015 permits are not allocated in this second draw, they will be issued on a "first come basis" thereafter as additional applications are received. This application process provides an additional opportunity for those interested in participating in commercial fisheries using beach or purse seine gears on the Columbia River this fall. As you know, the states of Oregon and Washington have adopted policies that provide for a transition in Columbia River commercial fisheries which, over time, would favor gear types that facilitate mark-selective or live-capture fisheries. To inform this transition and continue investigations into selective gear types, commercial fisheries using beach and purse seines are planned for the 2015 fall season.

The 2015 seine fisheries will be limited entry. Permits will be randomly awarded (by gear type) to qualified individuals. Qualified individuals include those persons who possess or operate under a current Columbia River commercial salmon license and can demonstrate (through fish tickets) that salmon landings have occurred from the mainstem Columbia River or Select Area fisheries within the past two calendar years (2013-2014).

In June 2015, a total of six permits were awarded. At this time there are two beach permits and two purse seine permits available. WDFW will be administering the second random drawing related to this fishery. Qualified individuals that apply will be selected at random to receive an experimental fishery permit specific to gear type. Fishers who have already received a 2015 seine permit may reapply for up to one additional permit. The drawing for permits will occur soon after the application deadline and successful applicants will be notified immediately. If an individual is drawn for a permit, the applicant must respond within seven (7) business days of being notified to accept the permit and pay any fees due.

Washington residents that are drawn will need an Emerging Fishery license (\$290 fee) and an experimental fishery permit (no fee), both issued by WDFW upon receipt of payment. Oregon residents that are drawn will need an experimental gear permit (\$32 fee) issued by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) upon receipt of payment. Experimental fishery/gear permits are not transferable between persons. The permit holder must be present and in possession of a valid permit during seine fishing operations.

. All seine fishing operations will be expected to have a Department observer present. **The permits currently available will be issued for Zone 2 and/or Zone 3 only.** . One of the goals of this fishery will be to collect data from areas where little or no data was collected in 2014. The research fishery in 2014 collected sufficient data in Zone 1 and Zone 4.

Seine fisheries will be mark-selective for both Chinook and Coho. In order to reduce risk of exceeding ESA impacts allocated for this fishery, individual permits will be allocated catch shares which are expected to be:

	<u>Beach</u>	<u>Purse</u>
Adult Chinook:	400	650
Adult Coho:	150	200
Steelhead:	180	150

Sale of jacks (Chinook and Coho) will be allowed and do not count towards the permit IFQ.

The fishery is expected to focus on the first two weeks of September but the actual fishing period(s) will be adopted by the Columbia River Compact. Beyond the value of the landed catch, no additional financial reimbursement will be provided for participating in this fishery.

Enclosed is an application for your convenience. A copy of the emergency rule filed in Washington for an emerging fishery describing the qualifications of applicants, permit drawing process, gear description, and potential regulations will be available on WDFW's website. Physical descriptions of commercial fishing zones can be found on ODFW's website

ODFW website (Zone descriptions): <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp>.

WDFW website (Rules): http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations/emergency_rules.html

Please direct any questions to:

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ODFW – John North; john.a.north@state.or.us

WDFW-820 (Rev. 5-2014) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Application for Emerging Commercial Fishery License for the Year 2015 Incomplete applications will not be accepted		Department Use		
		License Number	Payment Receipt	
		License Type ECF-CR		
		Resident \$290.00	Non-Res \$400.00	
		(See note below)		
Gear Type (must choose ONE)	Species	License District		
<input type="checkbox"/> BEACH SEINE <input type="checkbox"/> PURSE SEINE	SALMON	COLUMBIA RIVER		
Applicant Name		Supplemental Information		
Last Name	First Name	MI	Persons submitting a completed application must possess or be an owner/operator registered under a current Columbia River salmon license issued in Washington or Oregon. Additional information provided in this application will also be used to help determine eligibility for a random drawing for an experimental permit, which is required in order to participate in Columbia River seine fisheries.	
Street Address				
Mailing Address				
City	State	Zip		
Phone Number				
Primary:	Alternate:	Columbia River License Information		
Columbia River Permit/License #	State Issued	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon		
Designation of Applicant on Columbia River License/Permit				
<input type="checkbox"/> License Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary Operator	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Operator	Columbia River Salmon Landings	
Applicant has landed salmon in Oregon or Washington from mainstem or Select Areas under the Col R license listed above within the past 2 calendar years (2013-2014)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Indicate Expected Columbia River Fishing Zone(s)	
Zone 2	Zone 3	Please indicate what zone(s) you would expect to be seine fishing in.		
Applications must be received by midnight August 14, 2015				
APPLICATION AND LICENSE FEES WILL BE DUE ONLY IF DRAWN FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL FISHERY PERMIT. APPLICATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. Oregon permits and related fees will be issued by ODFW.				
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been a resident of Washington for the previous 90 days and am not licensed as a resident in another state.				
<input type="checkbox"/> I am not a resident of Washington State.				
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the law of the state of Washington that the above information is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.				
Signature		Date		
Print Name				
SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife				
USPS: Mailing address Commercial Licensing 600 Capitol Way N Olympia WA 98501		Phone: 360-902-2464 opt 4 TDD 360-902-2207 FAX: 360-902-2945		
Fed-Ex or UPS use this Physical Address: 1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98501		EMAIL: Commercial.sales@dfw.wa.gov		