



Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee (PRC)

**Public Comments received between
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for the November 18 meeting

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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 8:31:23 AM

Name	Tom Armstrong
Email	tdarmstrong@yahoo.com
Address	Portland OR
Comments	No gillnets. Salmon runs are at the brink of collapse. We need to use more selective fishing gear to reduce bi-catch. We need to get commercial fishing off the mainstream and into hatchery runs like Young's Bay. Enough, already.
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 10:20:14 AM

Name	Troy Cummins
Email	tecummins@comcast.net
Address	Lebanon OR
Comments	<p>I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.</p> <p>Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum.</p> <p>The bi-state reforms are the result of significant effort and compromise, including increased hatchery production to benefit gillnet harvests in off-channel areas. Efforts to undo the reforms put this hatchery production and the funding available for Columbia River salmon management at risk. Efforts to extend Washington's Columbia River endorsement fee were recently rejected by their state legislature and Oregon's endorsement must be reauthorized next year.</p> <p>One key purpose of the bi-state reforms was to enhance the overall economic benefits of the fishery and provide more certainty for fisheries - it was never to increase gillnet industry profits.</p> <p>I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.</p>
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 11:07:41 AM

Name	Dennis Harman
Email	drharman5@gmail.com
Address	5217 151st ave ct e. Sunmer Washington 98390
Comments	As the Steel Head and Salmon runs plunge on the Columbia Rivers and all other rivers in our state... WDFW, ODFW, AND THE Columbia RIVER ADVISORY GROUP HAVE SHOWN THEIR TRUE COLORS BY THEIR TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VOTING ROD AND REEL RIVER FISHERMAN OF OUR STATES. THEY CATER TO THE WHIMS OF POLITICIANS, AND LARGE COPORATIONS OF OUR STATES..THEY DO NOT PROTECT THE ENDANGERED SALMON AND STEEL HEAD SPECIES AND OUR RIVERS. KILL NETTERS , AND SEINERS ARE DESCIMATING OUR FISH RUNS. I DO NOT KNOW WHY IDAHO DOES NOT SUE WASHINGTON AND OREGON BUT THEY SHOULD.. REEL RIVER FISHERS OF WAHINGTON.
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 10:11:10 AM

Name	Lee Pummer
Email	lplummer@wscocecar.com
Address	Eugene OR
Comments	I would to hear what logistic WDFW / ODFW use for putting the gill net back in the main stream?
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 8:17:20 AM

Name	John Goche
Email	gocheoraz@msn.com
Address	Portland Oregon
Comments	We voted gill nets off the main stem Columbia. Please listen to the voters.
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 8:11:05 AM

Name	jean meyr
Email	cowboy_shooter@msn.com
Address	touchet wa
Comments	PLEASE keep the commercial gillnet industry out of the Columbia River! Our runs cannot support both commercial and native nets.
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 8:22:16 AM

Name	Chris Paresa
Email	chris.paresa@hp.com
Address	Jefferson Oregon
Comments	<p>I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.</p> <p>Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum.</p> <p>The bi-state reforms are the result of significant effort and compromise, including increased hatchery production to benefit gillnet harvests in off-channel areas. Efforts to undo the reforms put this hatchery production and the funding available for Columbia River salmon management at risk. Efforts to extend Washington's Columbia River endorsement fee were recently rejected by their state legislature and Oregon's endorsement must be reauthorized next year.</p> <p>One key purpose of the bi-state reforms was to enhance the overall economic benefits of the fishery and provide more certainty for fisheries - it was never to increase gillnet industry profits.</p> <p>I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.</p>
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 1:07:08 PM

Name	Jim Coleman
Email	lilangel1948@gmail.com
Address	St. Helens Oregon
Comments	<p>Greetings, My name is Jim Coleman a Columbia River commercial advisor, Thank you for this opportunity to be a part of this PRC process. I have followed what I call the Kitzhaber plan since it was dreamed up behind closed doors with a few sports fishing special interest groups back in 2012. Over the course of the last seven years it is clear this plan has failed on all fronts. One of the hardest parts for me to understand is it appears some are trying to show the economics of the SAFE areas somehow as a success. I am not an economist but I just can't make the numbers work. What I look at is the number of fish caught and yes that can be confusing as well. Please remember these SAFE areas were in existence long before this new policy was implemented and had good returns then, those SAFE areas were originally set up to off-set lost mainstem commercial fishing pre-policy. Please look at the history. I don't think I need to remind you of the fact that there are no new SAFE areas as promised in the plan.</p> <p>Now the politics of all this. I realize there is political pressure for you to follow the special interest groups desires. I've watched as my representative from my district on the ODFW Commission was removed from his seat because of political pressure. I watched your last meeting in Salem where the new members were warned by one special interest group to follow there wishes, they would be watching. I have been a part of this process from the beginning and I think the facts bear out that the intentions of this plan have failed and the Commercial industry has suffered significant economics loss since it was first implemented and all the delays in fixing it have only made it worse. The facts are there in front of you please try and leave the politics out of it.</p> <p>Thanks again for the opportunity to have a forum to present my thoughts. My attachments was only intended to add a little humor to this serious matter. Jim Coleman 503-523-6722</p>
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 9:49:33 PM

Name	Nolan Matsumoto
Email	Hookerhunter@msn.com
Address	Ontario Oregon
Comments	Seriously? You people are considering a gillnet fishery when we are having some of the lowest numbers of fish EVER? How now BROWN cow?
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 9:58:09 AM

Name	Andreas Grob
Email	flyfischer@gmail.com
Address	640 NE 160th Ave, Portland 9230 OR
Comments	<p>Please do not abandon these reforms. Fellow sportswoman and man have paid their duty and money to establish this. WE will fight for what we have here in the PNW with whatever we have available. Pay them respect to these creatures by removing these KILL nets from the mainstem, have them change the way of netting they do and make it work for everyone.</p> <p>Always remember who pays your wages, don't ever forget that</p> <p>Best regards Andreas Grob</p>
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 4:19:19 PM

Name	Leo Morris
Email	morrislpm@yahoo.com
Address	Troutdale Oregon
Comments	No gillnets anywhere Selective fisheries only No broken promises No STURGEON RETENTION Thanks. Leo
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019 3:34:28 PM

Name	Janice Stixrud
Email	jstixrud@gmail.com
Address	Longview Washington
Comments	<p>I am not a commercial fisherman, nor do I own a boat or sports fishing pole, but my favorite meat has always been salmon. I depend upon commercial fishermen to provide me with salmon. With the restrictions placed on commercial fishing I have had only a few fish over the past several years. It appears to me that salmon are now only for the elite- sports fishermen. I'm all for salmon conservation and recovery, but if safely-done commercial fishing can be achieved, please support it. I would sure like to taste a spring Chinook salmon again in my lifetime.</p> <p>Don't make having fresh salmon just for a small percentage of people.</p>
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019 4:31:07 PM

Name	Joel Rupley
Email	ruplestix@comcast.net
Address	2602 Cascade Way, Longview Wa
Comments	Come on, people, do better job! We of Southwest Washington deserve access to one of our signature foods, both by catching and by purchase. Pump up the hatcheries and preserve habitat. Take effective action now.
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The message has been sent from 71.63.214.39 (United States) at 2019-10-26 19:31:05 on iPhone 13.0.1
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2019 9:14:57 PM

Name	Robert Burdick
Email	reburdick@comcast.net
Address	Seattle WA
Comments	To save Columbia River fish runs we must change from gill nets to reef nets as advocated by the Wild Fish Conservancy. Do not vote for further gill netting in the Columbia!
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, October 28, 2019 10:18:07 PM

Name	George Krumm
Email	gkrumm@gci.net
Address	Estacada Oregon
Comments	<p>Indiscriminate gillnetting over mixed stocks, some endangered, is not only irresponsible. It is unsustainable and stupid.</p> <p>I, like many others, have been paying for the Columbia River Basin Endorsement for several years. I'm still being required to purchase this endorsement. As part of the deal, promises were made to eliminate mainstem Columbia River gillnetting. I expect those promises to be kept. Show some integrity. Keep your word.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>George Krumm</p>
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:52:06 AM

Name	Jim Coleman
Email	lilangel1948@gmail.com
Address	St.Helens Oregon
Comments	<p>Ladies and Gentlemen of the PRC, Good morning and thank you for this forum. My name is Jim Coleman a Columbia River Commercial Advisor.</p> <p>This is my second letter I hope I am not exceeding my limit? Like I said in my earlier letter I have been following this process since its beginning, although slow it seems to me this joint state review process is getting us closer to making the changes needed in this failed plan.</p> <p>My hope is that as you get to your decision on what needs to happen to correct the failures in this plan you can be unanimous in your decision. After talking to one of your members offline this is probably a pipe dream but i thought I would bring it up.</p> <p>My next thought is a long term fix. I hear promises being made to just wait for next year these SAFE areas are going to make the commercials whole. We heard that same promise in 2012. The Seine also failed as did the idea sportfishing would increase under this plan. This plan never did address our ESA listed stocks.</p> <p>Finally my suggestion is, as you come to your final suggestions to each state would it be possible to include an explanation on how you reached your decision? I am sure not everyone agrees or understands the failures of this plan. My thoughts are some kind of upfront communication could possibly give them a better understanding of how these decisions were made and why. Even a letter to the Governor of Oregon would help, seems she has a political agenda on this issue. Maybe this is already a part of your plan if so that works for me and thanks in advance.</p> <p>Thanks again for your hard work, as I watch these meetings I like the way you are dealing with the failures of this plan. Again please try to leave the politics out of this and follow the facts.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

Jim Coleman
503-523-6722

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