



**Oregon and Washington Fish and Wildlife Commissions Committee
Joint State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Discussions**

July 28, 2021 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Review of Writing Work Group Assignment 60 minutes

The Committee will discuss the Writing Work Group's assignment to develop draft language regarding shared conservation goals in the Joint-State Policy Accord on Columbia River conservation and fishery management policies. Staff will be provided the opportunity for a response to draft language.

Presentation: Writing Work Group Members

2. Fishing Gear Briefing 60 minutes

Staff will brief the Committee on the current selectivity and catch and release mortality estimates for both commercial and recreational gear in salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon fisheries, including the by-catch of ESA listed species. Commercial fishing gear will include traditional gillnet, tangle net, pound net, and seine gear. Recreational fishing gear including but not limited to barbed and barbless hooks.

Presentations: Dr. Charlene Hurst, Columbia River Management Unit Lead, WDFW; and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fisheries Manager, WDFW

3. Changes in Fishing Pressure over the Last 10 Years 60 minutes

Staff will present information regarding the increase or decrease in fishing pressure in Columbia River mainstem fisheries in both commercial and recreational fisheries.

Presentation: Tucker Jones, Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program Manager, ODFW; and John North, Columbia River Program Fisheries Manager, ODFW

4. Next Steps 30 minutes

The committee will discuss next steps and future meeting planning.