

Do You Use Lampreys as Bait?

Larvae, Juveniles,
Resident Adults
(< 8 inches long)



Pacific Lamprey Adults
(up to ~3 ft long)



OR 635-004-0225
OR 635-011-0072
WA 220-310-070

Lampreys (often called “eels”) are used as bait by sport anglers in some states. However, using any lamprey species as baits for recreational fishing or shellfish harvest in **Oregon** and **Washington** is **Against the Law**

Lampreys are native to the Pacific Northwest and contribute to healthy streams. To learn more about the native lampreys of Oregon and Washington and to check local fishing rules visit:

OR Fishing
Regulations



Oregon's Native
Lamprey Brochure



Pacific Lamprey
Conservation Initiative



WA Fishing
Regulations



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