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September 20, 2023

Columbia River/Willapa Bay and/or Columbia River/Grays Harbor Gill Net License Holder,

You are receiving this letter to share with you a newly designated Emerging Commercial Fishery for use of pound nets and seines in the Lower Columbia River for individuals who qualify under WAC 360-220-510.

The Department, in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, is conducting a lottery to select 6 fishers to participate from a pool of qualified individuals. The due date to apply for the lottery is October 15, 2023. A fishery implementation plan, and an application with instructions are also enclosed for your convenience. Both items can also be found on our website: Limited entry fisheries commercial licenses | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

If you have questions as you review this information, please contact Charlene Hurst (Charlene.Hurst@dfw.wa.gov, 360-605-5247) or Beth Deacy (<u>Bethany.deacy@dfw.wa.gov</u>, 360-600-7069).

Sincerely,

hard one thank

Dr. Charlene Hurst Columbia River Management Unit Lead Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife