

Instructions

Applications are currently being accepted for participation in the lower Columbia River Emerging Commercial Fishery (ECF) for the fall season. Applications are available on-line at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/commercial/limited-entry-fisheries#emerging>. Applications must be postmarked before midnight on October 15, 2023 via mail (USPS, FedEx, UPS), FAX, or e-mail. This application is the first step required if you are interested in participating in the Lower Columbia River ECF.

The Lower Columbia River ECF will be limited entry, with licenses/permits randomly awarded by gear type to qualified individuals (see WAC 220-360-510) via lottery. Payment of the associated fee(s) are due upon successful selection in the lottery. Given the sub-allocation of Endangered Species Act (ESA) impacts for this fishery, it is anticipated that up to 3 seine permits and up to 3 pound net permits will be issued. Notifications for successful applicants are expected to occur around the end of October 2023. If an individual is drawn for a permit, the applicant must respond within ten (10) business days of being notified to accept the permit and pay any fees due.

Washington license holders that are drawn in the lottery will need an Emerging Fishery License (EFL) and an Experimental Fishery Permit (EFP) issued by WDFW upon receipt of payment. Oregon license holders can choose to purchase a Washington EFP and EFL or purchase an Experimental Gear Permit issued by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). All successful applicants with a Washington EFL and EFP will be eligible for WA's modified gear grant and separate funding for related costs of participation. Fees are non-refundable and successful applicants with an Oregon Experimental Gear Permit in lieu of WA EFL and EFP will not be eligible for the above grant and separate funding for related costs of participation. Should a successful applicant chose to participate in the grant program and/or cost program, any moneys received may need to be reimbursed to WDFW should the applicant not participate in the fishery as required.

Season details will be discussed at North of Falcon during the Pacific Fishery Management Council's season setting processes in March and April and adopted by the Columbia River Compact.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife	
USPS Mailing address Commercial Licensing P.O. Box 43154 Olympia WA 98504	Phone: 360-902-2464 opt 4 TDD 360-902-2207 FAX: 360-902-2945
Fed-Ex or UPS use this Address: 1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98501	EMAIL: Commercial.sales@dfw.wa.gov

Please direct any questions to:

WDFW – Beth Deacy; Bethany.Deacy@dfw.wa.gov

ODFW – Jeff Whisler; Geoffrey.S.Whisler@odfw.oregon.gov

WDFW (Rev. 9/2023) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Application for Emerging Commercial Fishery License for the Year 2024	Department Use	
	License Number	Payment Receipt
	License Type	
	ECF-CR	
Resident	Non-Res	
\$440.00	\$825.00	

Gear Type (choose one)	Species	License District
<input type="checkbox"/> Beach seine <input type="checkbox"/> Purse seine <input type="checkbox"/> Pound net	SALMON	COLUMBIA RIVER

Preferred Commercial Fishing Zones (choose all that apply; not a criterion for selection and actual commercial fishing zones to be fished will be determined at the time of season setting by fishery managers):

- Zone 1
 Zone 2
 Zone 3
 Zone 4
 Zone 5

Applicant

Name:

Street address:

Mailing address:

Phone number:

e-mail:

Residency (choose one)

- I have been a resident of Washington for the previous 90 days and am not licensed as a resident in another state.
- I am not a resident of Washington State.

Qualifications (select all that apply)

- Applicant possesses a Columbia River salmon commercial permit/license.
 Number and state issued:
- Applicant has landed salmon in Oregon or Washington under the license listed above within the most recent 5 calendar years.
- Applicant has participated in a test fishery (WA) within the most recent 5 calendar years or has possessed and used an experimental gear permit (OR) using alternative commercial fishing gears
- Have at least three years of commercial salmon fishing experience.
- Have at least one year of fishing experience (commercially or in a research/test fishery capacity) with purse seines, beach seines, or a pound net.
- Be free of a commercial fishing or other related violation within the last 10 years.

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