



June 1, 2016

Dear Columbia River Commercial Fisher:

We are writing to inform you that applications are currently being accepted for participation in Columbia River commercial seine fisheries during the 2016 fall season. Applications are available on-line at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) website (wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/commercial/limited_emerging.html) or see enclosed copy. Applications must be received by midnight June 17, 2016 and must be submitted as a hardcopy via mail delivery (USPS, FedEx, UPS), or via FAX or via email. This application is the first step required if you are interested in participating in commercial fisheries using beach or purse seine gears on the Columbia River this fall. As you know, the states of Oregon and Washington have adopted policies that provide for a transition in Columbia River commercial fisheries which, over time, would favor gear types that facilitate mark-selective or live-capture fisheries. To inform this transition and continue investigations into selective gear types, commercial fisheries using beach and purse seines are planned for the 2016 fall season.

The 2016 seine fisheries will be limited entry. Permits will be randomly awarded (by gear type) to qualified individuals. Qualified individuals include those persons who possess or operate under a current Columbia River commercial salmon license and can demonstrate (through fish tickets) that salmon landings have occurred from the mainstem Columbia River or Select Area fisheries within the past two calendar years (2014-2015).

WDFW will be administering the random drawing related to this fishery. Qualified individuals that apply will be selected at random to receive an experimental fishery permit specific to gear type. The drawing for permits will occur soon after the application deadline and successful applicants will be notified immediately. Award notifications for successful applicants are expected to occur no later than June 24, 2016. 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 residents that are drawn will need an Emerging Fishery license (\$290 fee) and an experimental fishery permit (no fee), both issued by WDFW upon receipt of payment. Oregon residents that are drawn will need an experimental gear permit (\$32 fee) issued by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) upon receipt of payment. Experimental fishery/gear permits are not transferable between persons. The permit holder must be present and in possession of a valid permit during seine fishing operations.

One of the goals of this fishery is to collect gear-specific information from remaining river sections where fishing was limited in 2014 and 2015. To facilitate more representative modeling of full-fleet fisheries, additional data for beach seining in Zones 2 and 3 and purse seining in Zones 1 and 3 is needed to fill remaining “data gaps”. To increase interest in fishing these Zones, the number of fish allocated to each permit will be increased for 2016. However, given the total seine sub-allocation, it is anticipated that only two purse and two beach seine permits will be issued. All seine fishing operations will be expected to have a Department observer present.

Seine fisheries will be mark-selective for both Chinook and Coho, allowing only adipose-fin clipped salmon to be kept. In order to reduce risk of exceeding ESA impacts allocated for this fishery, each permit will be allocated an individual fish quota (IFQ) which is expected to be:

	<u>Beach</u>	<u>Purse</u>
Adult Chinook:	600	750
Adult Coho:	400	600
Steelhead:	320	230

Sale of hatchery jacks (Chinook and Coho) will be allowed and do not count towards the permit IFQ.

The fishery is expected to focus on the late August through mid-September timeframe but the actual fishing period(s) will be adopted by the Columbia River Compact. Beyond the value of the landed catch, no additional financial reimbursement will be provided for participating in this fishery.

Enclosed is an application for your convenience. A copy of the emergency rule filed in Washington for an emerging fishery describing the qualifications of applicants, permit drawing process, gear description, and potential regulations will be available on WDFW’s website. Physical descriptions of commercial fishing zones can be found on ODFW’s website

ODFW website (Zone descriptions): <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp>.

WDFW website (Rules): http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations/emergency_rules.html

Please direct any questions to:

WDFW - Ronald Roler; Ronald.Roler@dfw.wa.gov

ODFW – John North; john.a.north@state.or.us

WDFW-820 (Rev. 5-2014) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Application for Emerging Commercial Fishery License for the Year 2016 Incomplete applications will not be accepted		Department Use	
		License Number	Payment Receipt
		License Type	
		ECF-CR	
		Resident	Non-Res
\$290.00	\$400.00		
		<i>(See note below)</i>	
Gear Type (MUST choose ONE)		Species	License District
<input type="checkbox"/> BEACH SEINE <input type="checkbox"/> PURSE SEINE		SALMON	COLUMBIA RIVER
Applicant Name		Supplemental Information	
Last Name First Name MI		Persons submitting a completed application must possess or be an owner/operator registered under a current Columbia River salmon license issued in Washington or Oregon. Additional information provided in this application will also be used to help determine eligibility for a random drawing for an experimental permit, which is required in order to participate in Columbia River seine fisheries.	
Street Address			
Mailing Address			
City State Zip			
Phone Number			
Primary:		Columbia River License Information	
Alternate:		Columbia River Permit/License #	State Issued
			<input type="checkbox"/> Washington <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon
		Designation of Applicant on Columbia River License/Permit	
		<input type="checkbox"/> License Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Operator	
		Columbia River Salmon Landings	
		Applicant has landed salmon in Oregon or Washington from mainstem or Select Areas under the Col R license listed above within the past 2 calendar years (2014-2015)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Applications must be received by midnight June 17, 2016		Indicate Expected Columbia River Fishing Zone(s)	
APPLICATION AND LICENSE FEES WILL BE DUE ONLY IF DRAWN FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL FISHERY PERMIT. APPLICATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. <i>Oregon permits and related fees will be issued by ODFW.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I have been a resident of Washington for the previous 90 days and am not licensed as a resident in another state. <input type="checkbox"/> I am not a resident of Washington State. 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.		_____ Zone 1 (purse seine only)	Please indicate what zone(s) you would expect to be seine fishing in.
		_____ Zone 2 (beach seine only)	
		_____ Zone 3 (beach or purse allowed)	
SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife			
USPS: Mailing address		Phone: 360-902-2464 opt 4 TDD 360-902-2207	
Commercial Licensing 600 Capitol Way N Olympia WA 98501		FAX: 360-902-2945	
Fed-Ex or UPS use this Physical Address:		EMAIL:	
1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98501		Commercial.sales@dfw.wa.gov	
_____ Signature Date			
_____ Print Name			