



# COLUMBIA RIVER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

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# BACKGROUND

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- Oregon Initiative 81
  - On the November Oregon Ballot
  - Bans gillnet and tangle net gear in all Oregon inland waters
  - Allows fixed gear and seines
  - Future recreational fishery allocation at least equal to the 07-11 average

# Governor Kitzhaber Proposal

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- Governor asks Oregon FWC to take action and develop rules to:
  - Phase out non-tribal gillnets in the mainstem Col River-Transition period of 2013-16
  - Adopt Selective sport fishery as primary management approach in mainstem Col River
  - Adopt Commercial fishery as primary management approach in off-channel areas
  - Address commercial mainstem opportunities with more selective gear

# Governor Kitzhaber proposal

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- Primary Steps in Governor Kitzhaber proposal
  - Work in concert with Washington for concurrent policy and sharing of investment and benefits
  - Shift salmon production to off-channel areas.
  - Enhance off-channel boundaries and/or locations
  - 2013-16 Transition period to keep commercial fishery economically stable
  - Modest shift of impacts to sport fishery during transition period
  - Final Outcome intended to benefit both sport and commercial fisheries

# Proposed Washington/Oregon process

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- WA/OR Directors met in August to develop a joint state process
- Timeline for initial policy development and consideration is September-December
- Convene a Working Group including:
  - Three Commissioners from each state
  - WDFW and ODFW Directors and senior staff
  - Four advisors from each state
  - A contracted facilitator

# Proposed WA/OR Process Schedule

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- September 4-Joint staff meeting to prepare for Working Group
- September 21- Work Group meeting in Olympia
- Late October- Work Group meeting in Salem
- November 1-15- Commission discussion/public comments
- November 16-30- Work Group or joint Commission meeting
- December- Commissions adopt policies

# Current Washington FWC Policies

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- Spring Chinook (C3617): 2009-13
- Summer Chinook (C3618): 2011-13
- Fall Chinook-Coho/NOF Guidance (C3608): 2011-12
- Sturgeon (C3001): 2011-13
- Hatchery and Fishery Reform (C3619): 2009

# Other Considerations

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- *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement
- Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plans
- ESA Harvest Biological Opinions
- Hydropower Mitigation Agreements
- Mitchell Act and BPA funding