



Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee (PRC)

Public Comments received between October 1, 2019 through December 4, 2019

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Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee (PRC)

**Public Comments received for the
October 1, 2019 meeting**

8 a.m. – 5p.m.

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Room
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon

Re: CR-102

September 23, 2019

To whom it may concern,

I would like to comment on the proposal to lift harvest restrictions for bass, walleye and catfish in waters that may be inhabited by salmon smolts.

To me, this is a no-brainer. The BPA paid \$1.4 million last year to reduce the number of northern pikeminnow (a native species) in the Columbia River, yet WDFW still maintains limits on the highly predatory walleye and bass (non-native species). This year I caught more, and larger, bass and walleye than I have ever caught. I could have said the same thing last year, and the year before. Maybe I'm getting better at catching them, but more likely, there's more of them. It's disheartening to see the partially digested salmon and steelhead smolts in the bottom of my livewell after a day of fishing.

According to the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, female walleyes produce between 23,000 and 50,000 eggs per pound of body weight. A ten pound female could theoretically drop half a million eggs, and even at a 1% survival rate, that's a lot of predators a couple years down the road.

Please give our salmon and steelhead a better chance at survival and remove harvest restrictions from non-native predatory fish.

Thank you,

Paul Frenzel

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September 26, 2019

Proposal for Allocation Sharing Matrices for Spring and Summer Chinook

Salmon For All believes that using a matrix, based on run size, to allocate spring and summer Chinook is the best way to divide the non-tribal allocation between recreational and commercial fishermen on the Columbia River. This is not a new concept. A matrix was utilized in the early years of this century when upriver runs were first rebuilt to levels that allowed directed harvest, and a revised matrix was in place before the current Policy was enacted in 2013. A matrix has been utilized in other Columbia River fisheries, too, including the sharing of fall Lower River Hatchery tules and also coho.

One difference in the spring fishery, however, is that there are two significant Chinook runs – upriver and Willamette – and there are sharing plans in place for both. The previous matrix included both, as does our suggestion below, though this version has fewer cells and the ranges are a little different. Here is the Salmon For All suggestion:

Spring Chinook Sharing Matrix		
Upriver (UR) Run Size	Willamette (Will) Run Size	
	<50k Chinook	>50k Chinook
Low <70k Chinook	<i>80rec/20com</i>	<i>75rec/25com</i>
Med 70k-225k	<i>70rec/30com</i>	<i>65rec/35com*</i>
High >225k	<i>60rec/40com*</i>	<i>60rec/40com*</i>

The following notes are intended to clarify the logic behind this matrix:

Note #1: The previous sharing matrix combined both upriver (UR) and Willamette (Will) runs because both are consistently large contributors to the overall spring Chinook run to the Columbia. The original matrix had eight “sectors”, our proposal has six, which we feel adds some simplicity and is adequate to describe the range of potential run sizes.

Note: #2: An asterisk (*) indicates that the commercial share can increase if the managers assess that the recreational share will not be fully utilized.

Note #3: A minimum 20% commercial share is required to access potential increased Select Area production via Policy-directed smolt releases, and to also allow consideration of harvesting at least a portion of the commercial share of Willamette production in a mainstem fishery.

Note #4: A maximum commercial share of 40% is less than the largest value in the previous spring Chinook sharing matrix.

Note #5: This matrix does not include a Commission buffer, unlike the original, because the catch-balance buffer is still in effect and the original buffers reduced the conservation benefit by pushing a large portion of the commercial harvest into late May and June, when shad runs force a switch from tanglenets to large mesh gillnets, which have a higher release mortality rate. Those buffers provided no management or conservation benefit that was ever identified by staff. We would be willing to work with staff on a reasonable additional buffer, based on harvest results from 2010-2013, if deemed necessary.

Note #6: In order to maximize the harvest of hatchery Chinook, meet NMFS limits on wild fish mortalities and have a reasonable chance for both sport and commercial fisheries to utilize their allocations, this matrix assumes that managers will be able to adjust fishing areas and gear types as needed throughout the spring season.

Note #7: Looking at the upriver and Willamette runs from 2000 through 2018, six years would have been in the Medium upriver (UR)/low Willamette (Will) sector of the matrix, seven in the medium UR/high Will sector, one in the high UR/low Will sector and five in the high UR/high Will sector. This makes sense because it would be rare to have environmental conditions that produced a high upriver run but a poor Willamette run.

Note #8: This matrix would provide meaningful, manageable fishing seasons for both recreational and commercial fishing in the mainstem while providing exceptional quality Columbia River spring Chinook to the marketplace during a time of year when few other wild salmon options are available.

For summer Chinook bound for the upper Columbia River during the June 16-July 31 timeframe, Salmon For All suggests the following matrix:

Summer Chinook Sharing Matrix	
Summer Chinook Run Size	Commercial Share of non-Tribal Allocation below Priest Rapids Dam
<36,250	5%
36,250-50k	20%
50k-75k	30%
>75k	35%*

This matrix has some similarities to the harvest matrix in use prior to the current Policy in terms of run size groupings, but the commercial sharing is more in line with values used during the "transition" years, 2013-2016. The asterisk (*) for runs over 75,000 fish indicates that the commercial share can increase if the managers feel that the recreational fishery will not be able to use its 65% share. Also, the commercial fishery would not start before June 23rd, in order to provide a week of prioritized recreational harvest at the start of the summer season. However, if the recreational fishery exceeds its share, the overage would come from the upriver sport allocation, not the commercial share.

Salmon For All believes that these matrices are a logical, manageable and equitable approach to sharing the available non-tribal harvest allocation during spring and summer seasons in the Columbia River mainstem. They provide increased recreational harvest compared to the sport share pre-Policy. However, they still should provide a viable commercial fishery in the important spring and summer seasons, along with high quality salmon for the fish-buying public. Salmon For All requests that these matrices be discussed by staff and the Policy Review members, with input as needed from Salmon For All spokesmen, at the October PRC meeting, and be included in any final plans sent to the full Commissions.

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September 30, 2019

Testimony concerning Lower Mainstem Columbia River Fisheries Management Reform
Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee (PRC)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders (Northwest Steelheaders) concerning Columbia River Fisheries Management Reform.

The Northwest Steelheaders was founded in 1960 and is one of the oldest recreational fishing and conservation non-profit organizations in the Pacific Northwest. We have nine chapters in Oregon and Southwest Washington and approximately 1500 members, a great many of whom fish for salmon on the Columbia River. The mission of the Steelheaders is to enhance and protect fisheries and fish habitats for today and tomorrow, with our vision being abundant and sustainable fisheries in healthy watersheds.

The Northwest Steelheaders supports full implementation of the original Columbia River Fisheries Management Reform policy agreement.

As Oregon Governor Brown has noted, Oregon and Washington invested a great deal of time and effort in resolving conflicts and providing certainty for fisheries in the lower mainstem Columbia through adoption of the original reform policy agreement. We were thus extremely disappointed with actions taken by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission earlier this year that abandoned the fundamental commitments embodied in the Reform agreement to (a) improve the selectivity and conservation value of lower mainstem non-treaty commercial salmon fisheries through the replacement of gillnet fisheries with alternative mark-selective fisheries, and (b) optimize the economic and social benefits to our region through the prioritization of recreational fisheries on the mainstem.



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We call on the PRC, as well as the full Oregon and Washington Fish and Wildlife Commissions, to repudiate these broken promises and honor the commitments embodied in the original reform agreement.

Sincerely,

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Board President

Chris Hager
Executive Director

Association of Northwest Steelheaders
A Place to Fish and Fish to Catch



September 30, 2019

Comments to the Bi-State Fish and Wildlife Commission Review of the Columbia River Fishery Management and Reform

The Conservation Angler believes The Bi-State Policy Review of the Columbia River Fishery Reforms holds little promise for resolving the fish harvest management problems in the Columbia River basin.

There are three reasons for this problem:

1. The Management and Reform statutory language at ORS 508.980(1) is focused on economic issues. This focus conflicts with both Commission's primary mission which are to prevent the serious depletion of indigenous species (for Oregon at ORS 496.012) and to preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems (for Washington at RCW 77.04.012).
2. If the primary objectives are not met (including the conservation objectives), the two commissions must provide for "adaptive management actions" as described (though not limited to) in ORS 508.980(2)(a), (b) and (c). These three examples frame the primary actions being pursued by the two Commissions.
3. Neither state has established population or river-specific spawning escapement or egg deposition criteria for wild salmon (and steelhead) which should form the basis for management, but which are assumed to be met once harvest and hatchery broodstock has been authorized and accomplished.

Oregon and Washington are trying to allocate scarce wild salmon already depleted by a host of factors, and two of these – harvest and hatchery management – remain as limiting factors as well as agency management "tools" that are within their direct control. The mixed-stock and non-selective nature of the fisheries under regulation within the "Management and Reform" framework cannot and will not recover depleted populations of wild salmon and steelhead without explicit river-specific management criteria for spawning escapement and egg deposition – by species, population and river-reach.

Development and adoption of a more thoughtful and comprehensive solution to Columbia River fish management by the Oregon and Washington Fish and Wildlife Commissions must occur "within a conservation-based framework" that is currently missing in the statutory and administrative regime being addressed. The specific manner in which recreational fisheries are conducted have not prevented persistent exceedance of harvest limits and quotas meant to protect and foster the recovery of ESA-listed species. The absence of a statistically valid and contemporaneous monitoring and observation program for both sport and non-treaty commercial fisheries fosters uncertainty among managers and fishers alike.

This plan needs to be more than just a reallocation of the quotas between the competing fisheries. This plan needs to be more than a hatchery production vehicle. Hatcheries have broodstock recovery requirements for collecting adult salmon and steelhead and their eggs - somehow, rivers do not. Wild spawner escapement in Washington and Oregon, and wild juvenile outmigration and survival (especially from rivers without counting stations or monitoring regimes) are either unmeasured or estimated by surrogates of tagged hatchery juveniles or dam counts of other nearby populations.

To comply with adopted recovery programs for ESA-listed wild salmonids, a spawner escapement requirement is needed, but there must be effective controls on commercial and sport harvest if the plans are to begin achieving progress. While allocation among the various competing fisheries is important, it is also important for the future of those fisheries to establish an allocation for spawner escapement. If it works for hatcheries, it will work for rivers.

State law and administrative rule both support management of harvest to achieve for each watershed a minimum spawner escapement requirement by species and stock. Oregon's Guiding Principles for Columbia River Fisheries Management (OAR 635-500-6705(1) thru (4)) actually set forth conservation and recovery as the leading principles in the framework – yet there are no specific actions or deliverables for the Department to use as a daily action plan, nor any specific criteria for the Commission to use in reviewing Department performance towards goals.

Washington conducted an in-depth review of their Management and Reform Policy (C-3620) and by their own reporting found that by most measures, the Reform Plan was not achieving its objectives. Fishery groups have agreed with those findings for different reasons.

The Conservation Angler believes that the Commissions implementing the Columbia River Fishery Management and Reforms must incorporate the following actions to be compliant with the statutes and, more critically, to be successful:

1. Establish river-specific management (RSM) criteria for wild spawning escapement and egg deposition requirements by species, population and river reach.
2. Modify hatchery production related to the Reforms so it becomes responsive to environmental conditions in the marine and freshwater. Hatchery production should be modified to avoid creating the predation attraction issues affecting both juveniles and adults as well as associated weak stocks.
3. Design, fund and consistently apply a consistent and statistically valid monitoring and observation program for all recreational and non-treaty commercial fisheries within the Management area.
4. Establish a Management Area-wide set of regulations that minimizes lethal encounters of non-target species that sets No Fishing Sanctuaries where the EPA's 13 most critical Cold-Water-Refugia exist.
5. Establish permanent regulations requiring the use of barbless hooks, no-bait rules in fisheries encountering salmon or steelhead that must be released, prohibits the use of toxic bait that harms juvenile salmonids, birds or other aquatic species. eliminates party-boat rules, requires in-water safe release, establishes individual daily, season and boat limits, requires logbooks by all fishers,
6. Revise Recreational Season Expectations to provide for alternating open and closed days so that fishery impacts may be evaluated in real-time and salmonid migrations may be facilitated.
7. Review existing county-oriented administration and effectiveness of the Columbia River Fisheries Transition Grant Program as established in OAR 635-440-001 to -0035.
8. Establish effective funding sources and processes for non-tribal commercial gillnet permit buybacks as previously envisioned by the Legislature in 1982 and in the NW Power and Conservation Council.
9. The states and tribes must ensure that all hatchery fish are marked so fishers can be selective.
10. Hatchery fish released in the Select Area Fisheries are "homeless" and those that are not caught are highly likely to stray into streams that contain ESA-listed Tule chinook, coho and chum.

The Conservation Angler greatly appreciates the time and effort both Oregon and Washington have committed to this process, but it is essential to success to develop and implement a legitimate conservation-based framework for the management of Columbia River fisheries. There will be no fisheries if we do not protect and recover the wild salmon and steelhead. That is job-one.

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Name	Dale Boughton
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Comments	Can't believe you guys. There are lots of endangered species in the Columbia. The returns are so bad alot of the time you close down all sport fishing. WHERE IN FUCKS SAKE does it make any sorta of sense whatbso ever tolet the gill nets kn the river!? With endangered species and horriable returns... what are you guys thinking . This is all obviously money motivated. You guys have no sense of what is right or wrong and you dont even fucking care . Get out of pffice and get people in there who actually care
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Comments	Fix our fish returns!
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Name	Randall Hull
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Comments	<p>You have already been charging us anglers more money every year and charged us an additional fee to fish the Columbia river basin yet none of that money ha gone to the projects that we were told it was going to. We have watched a yall have shut down fishing for us recreational anglers because of low returning fish yet to still allow the commercial harvest of the species using old ways that helped put us in the predicament we are in today. We anglers want to see results of what our money has done. So far we see nothing. Why would we keep paying you to mismanage our fisheries. I can only come to 1 conclusion. Yall just don't care as long as you get paid. We need these nets GONE if we are going to have a fishery at all. Those bets re no selective of any species and are a buffet line for the sea lions. Get them gone and watch or returns get strong again. Plain and simple!!!</p>
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Name	Richard Kennedy
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Comments	The Columbia River is the only River in America that allows gillnetting!!! Its time to remove gillnetting from the main stream Columbia River! ODFW has been taking 1.6 million dollars a year from sportsman for the right to fish the Columbia and remove the gillnetters from the main river!
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Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 8:15:41 PM

Name	Joe Owings
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Silverton OrOregon
Comments	Fishing on the Columbia shouldn't have been closed so soon!! I'm very upset I lost out on my opportunity to catch one due to it being closed early, especially when well over the amount of fish crossed the dam.
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Jim Wells.

Evaluations of Options for Increasing Opportunities to Commercially Harvest Salmon in Existing Select Areas

In 2010, ODFW conducted test fishing during the winter season in Knappa Slough and Tongue Point to determine which stocks of salmon are present and assess whether commercial fishing during this time period would be biologically and economically feasible. In 2011 and 2012, ODFW plans to test fish during the fall season in Grant Slough/Prairie Channel, which is adjacent to the existing Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area site, to evaluate the biological and economic feasibility of expanding commercial fishing opportunity at the site.

ODFW Policies

Additional Gear: ODFW supports efforts to determine if the commercial harvest of hatchery-produced salmon in the lower Columbia River can be increased by expanding the types of gear fishers can use. The intent is not to replace gill nets as a method of commercial harvest, but to provide managers and fishers additional options for increasing access to harvestable stocks and species of salmon. These options may include structuring future seasons to fish specific gear at certain times and in certain areas depending on the mix of fish species and stocks present.

If ODFW, in consultation with WDFW and the Columbia River commercial fishing industry determines that a gear is economically viable and that the mortality (immediate and long-term) of non-target fish stocks and species handled by the gear is sufficiently low to avoid significant harm to their populations, it would consider the gear to be a viable candidate for implementation in addition to, not instead of the existing gill net fishery.

If ODFW determines that one or more types of gear are viable for implementation, additional steps would have to be taken for implementation to occur. The first step would be revising current statutes prohibiting the use of gear other than gill nets for the commercial harvest of salmon in the Columbia River. Other steps would include determining how to permit the use of the new gear and how the incidental-take of ESA-listed fish would be managed.

At this time ODFW has not taken a policy stand regarding when and how implementation of gear other than gill nets should occur. Such a policy would be informed by conversations with WDFW, the Columbia River commercial fishing industry, and others about the biological, economic and social implications of various implementation options.

Select Areas: ODFW is committed to continue working with WDFW and the Columbia River commercial fishing industry on ways to increase opportunities to commercially harvest salmon in Select Areas in the lower Columbia River. Expanded opportunity in the Select Areas would be in addition to, not instead of opportunity in the mainstem, assuming the incidental mortality of ESA-listed fish handled in expanded Select Area fisheries does not exceed the current allocation for those fisheries.

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States fail to expand

commercial fishing options

People on the lower Columbia River are fans of Select Area Fishery Enhancement areas such as the salmon net pens in Young Bay. So it was good news, on a superficial level, when Washington state recently said it will create a new SAFE area in the channel between Puget Island and the mainland near Cathlamet.

These net pens hold young salmon in bays and side channels. The salmon come to associate these waters as home and return there to be harvested after two to four years in the ocean. The acronym "SAFE" recognizes that rearing salmon in these places ensures wild fish migrating through the main channel of the Columbia are safe from being netted.

Expanding the number of SAFE areas is a key promise made to gillnet fishermen as a sop for banning them from the main stem of the river. From the start, commercial harvesters regarded this as a mostly empty promise by Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber. There aren't many suitable places to locate them. Aside from the new Cathlamet Channel net pens, one of the few others is the Multnomah Channel/Willamette Slough area — which will run into objections from the same urban sport fishermen who pushed the main-stem gillnet ban.

The lack of obvious SAFE options is very much in keeping with the overall slipshod decision to mandate a sudden end to generations of gillnet fishing on the Columbia. This extends to other big issues, such as providing adequate funding from both states to facilitate a hypothetical switch to seine nets. Oregon at least did in 2013 pass a new surcharge on recreational fishing licenses to aid the transition, but Washington state's existing license surcharge is already fully committed to other management goals. There has been a deplorable lack of progress by both states in terms of helping develop alternative types of harvest.

Astoria-based Salmon For All published a useful report in December 2013 that details the deep gap between reality and Kitzhaber's vision. The report makes it clear how well the existing gillnet fishery functions in terms of avoiding harvest of wild salmon protected by the Endangered Species Act, while providing salmon for Pacific Northwest kitchens and

jobs for local people.

"The commercial fishery stayed within its impacts and guidelines, thus meeting both state and federal conservation standards," Salmon For All says. "The commercial fishery's success was achieved by use of selective gillnets operated under time/area/mesh size regulations, and by tangle nets. Sports participation in terms of angler trips was reduced from both 2011 and 2012 seasons, and stayed within its impacts on ESA listed species."

Despite the expressed desire for more salmon for sport fishing, angler trips declined to 367,200 in 2013 from 387,500 in 2012 and 427,000 in 2011. This calls into question one of the fundamental underlying arguments for axing gillnets. "Not only has the policy not succeeded in increasing angler trips, it has discouraged both processor and fisher investment in counties where economic investment is much needed," Salmon For All observes.

About 101,000 salmon and sturgeon worth more than \$3.2 million were caught on the Columbia in 2013, compared with about 74,000 fish with a value of \$2.1 million from existing SAFE areas. SAFE harvests would have to increase by more than 1 1/2 times to make up for loss of main-stem fishing — an expansion that is out of the question, considering lack of appropriate additional places for net pens.

"Put simply, there will be nowhere for fishermen to fish" in Washington, Salmon For All concludes. "Similarly, at this time, in Oregon, no future expansion plans for Select Areas have yet been made public."

Unless the states get busy and put real money where their mouths are, the commercial fishermen of the lower Columbia will find themselves unable to gillnet on the river and with no way to make up that income. From there, it will be a short way to bankruptcy for a cherished heritage of fishing in our region.

For spring Chinook, using the last 20 years seemed like a good comparison due to catches before 2000 being very low and not really comparable.

For coho, I had the last 30 years handy so I used it since 2018 was 2nd worst.

For fall Chinook, I used the last 17 years from 2002 onward. We started having better catches in 2002; prior to 2002 fall Chinook catches ranged mostly from a few hundred to around 3,000 (except in 1989 where it was around 6,000).

Select Area Spring Chinook (2019 compared to the last 20 years 2000-2019).

--2019 catch of 3,134 was 2nd worst out of the last 20 years, since 2000.

(The worst year for Select Area Spring Chinook was 2005 at 2,549).

--2019 was 27% of the recent 5-yr (2014-18) average of 11,484.

--2019 was 27% of the recent 10-yr (2009-18) average of 11,577.

Select Area Coho (2018 compared to the last 30 years 1989-2018).

--2018 catch of 12,111 was 2nd worst out of the last 30 years, since 1989.

(The worst year for Select Area coho was 2007 at 10,496).

--2018 was 19% of the recent 5-yr (2013-17) average of 62,204.

--2018 was 21% of the recent 10-yr (2008-17) average of 56,644.

Select Area Fall Chinook (2018 as compared to the last 17 years 2002-18).

2018 catch of 6,604 was 3rd worst out of the last 17 years, 2002-18 (behind 2006=4,389 & 2007=4,532)

(In other words, 2018 was 15th best out of the last 17 years from 2002-18.)

2018 was 36% of the recent 5-yr (2013-17) average of 18,195.

2018 was 36% of the recent 10-yr (2008-17) average of 18,424.

2019 Fall Selects - Chinook 3,134 Coho 13,007 (9-24-19)



Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee (PRC)

**Public Comments received between
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for the November 18 meeting

8 a.m. – 5p.m.

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Comments	<p>With your recent, but not surprising decision to allow an abundant amount of non tribal gill netting in the Lower Columbia River, when can the sports fishermen and women expect to be allowed back on the river?</p> <p>The recent and upcoming Sturgeon retention days are great and appreciated. However, letting the non tribal commercial nets back in for multiple days and not letting the sportsmen and women have an opportunity is wrong. It does nothing more than creates even more unneeded animosity between the two user groups.</p> <p>Your favorable and common sense consideration is very much appreciated and I look forward to your response.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Gregory Seeley Vancouver, WA</p>
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Comments	I can not believe we are still hashing this out. I have fished for decades in the lower Columbia and tributaries and have voluntarily stopped fishing many rivers to protect the numbers of returning fish. Gill Netting kills indiscriminately, Fish lay in the nets unable to breath killing them before they can be released, could you imagine suffocating to death? Can you imagine a world without grandparents teaching the younger generations to fish. We all need to be responsible in not just how we harvest but how much we harvest.
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Name	Jay Hildebrand
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Comments	Why are we letting greed and the interests of short-sighted individuals make decisions that will decimate the future of salmon and steelhead runs going forward. Please put a stop to this and give the fish a chance to recover. Otherwise, they will be gone from yet another river.
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Name	Bryan Irwin
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Comments	Keep gillnets OUT of the Columbia River. It's ridiculous the amount of money and effort spent to save ESA salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and that our fish managers (You) not only allow, but enable gillnet use. You should be ashamed.
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Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Pasco Wa
Comments	<p>Proposal for the Removal of Tribal and Commercial Gill Nets from the Columbia River: To whom it may concern: As a concerned angler, I realize that the 1974 U.S. v. Washington Boldt decision guaranteed Native American tribes along the Columbia River a fair share or 50% share of the harvestable fish. The state could only regulate when “reasonable and necessary for conservation.” Further, state conservation regulations could not discriminate against the tribes, using the least restrictive means necessary (Sohappy v. Smith/U.S. v. Oregon) (Belloni Decision). I am concerned that gill nets are removing certain age classes of fish. These age classes of fish are necessary for spawning escapement diversity. A diverse age class of fish, ensures that there is a diverse set of redds available for propagation. As cited in Changes in the Average Size and Average Age of Pacific Salmon, W.E. Ricker, it is becoming necessary to strive for a better way of doing things. Smaller younger age class fish dig shallower redds, while larger and older age class fish can dig much deeper redds. This leads to better overall survivability in low or high water conditions. While harvest isn’t an overall limiting factor in run return numbers, it can and does influence the age class of fish targeted. Larger specimens are being removed from the river and this is decreasing the diversity of spawning opportunities. If these practices continue, whole age classes of fish may be eliminated or severely harmed, further weakening an already challenging effort to restore these runs, including the tribes’ efforts to get 4 million salmon returning by 2020.</p> <p>I am requesting that an agreement be formed with the Commercial Fishing Industry, as well as an agreement with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Council to cease gill netting operations on the Columbia River beginning effective January 1, 2019.</p> <p>I would propose that any agreement guarantee a minimum of 20% fish passage of the estimated run over Bonneville dam before commercial, tribal or recreational harvest occurs. This number should be based on minimum escapement needs for hatchery production, or in the case of natural reproduction such as the Hanford Reach, 30,000 for Fall Run Chinook</p>

salmon.

As far as allocations go and how they are apportioned after the 20% guaranteed minimum of the estimated run has passed Bonneville, I would propose that the Tribes be allowed 50% of their 50% allocation initially, Sport Anglers below and above Bonneville be allowed 50% of their allocated 15% and Commercial fisherman be allowed 50% of their allocated 5%. After one of these groups meets its mid-way allocated goal, fishing should cease, and allow another 10% of the run to pass Bonneville. In run-forecasts should identify whether or not there is a trend towards more or less fish available for harvest. After that 10% has passed, fishing should continue and the parties should be allowed to continue to fish until their allocation is met. After allocations are met, and if additional fish are available for harvest or in-run estimates are updated sport anglers should be allowed to retain additional fish. It would look something like this:

Adjustments in run size estimates should be made if run size varies +/- 10% at any stop point. The figures above are approximations only.

The agreement should allow for tribal members to dip net within existing fish ladders at Corps of Engineer facilities until their prescribed quota at the prescribed stop points is necessary as indicated in the table above. Those quotas will be regulated by Tribal Fish and Wildlife Officials with accurate counting. Tribal Fish and Wildlife officials should post or provide to State Wildlife Agencies the amount of fish harvested. The Department of Wildlife should institute an on-line reporting tool to provide catch information so that stats can be kept and runs monitored continuously. Bureau of Indian Affairs IG should perform audits/investigations to insure accurate reporting.

The basis of a proposed agreement should also provide for commercial harvest by means of purse seine netting by commercial fisherman in both Washington and Oregon, subject to quotas, run size and escapement needs and the associated stop points. Those quotas will be regulated by Fish and Wildlife Officials with accurate take counts depending on run of fish, no retention of non-hatchery origin fish, with the exception of fall-run chinook.

Recreational fishing shall be limited by an assigned quota, and shall be managed with stop points (e.g 25%, 50%, 75%) to allow for more fish passage. Angers will be no longer be required to use barbless hooks. Limits will be prescribed based on predicted run size, and there should be retention of any sport fishing caught salmon, regardless of native or hatchery origin to reduce mortality. The State Department of Wildlife will institute a voluntary on-line reporting tool for anglers to provide catch information so that stats can be kept

on a continuous basis. As part of the Columbia River Endorsement Fee, monies will be put forth towards this electronic reporting system as well as an offset to Tribal and Commercial gill netters reported losses. Violators of rules will face fines, 25% which will go to Hatchery Production and Riparian Repair Efforts and 75% towards fish and game enforcement after court and any legal fees.

The intent of this agreement is to allow for reproduction of salmon and steelhead stocks, whether it be hatchery or natural origin bound. The reduction of gill nets from the Columbia River, will increase the chance of genetically diverse salmon and steelhead make it to their designated spawning areas, as well as reduce the likelihood of unintentional mortality of other game fish species.

Respectfully,
Ryan M. Kilbury

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Name	Jeff Layton
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Washougal WA
Comments	Stop Gill-netting on the Columbia River, a non selective fishery practice that has seen it's day. The facts like climate change are in front of our faces, to deny these changes is ignorant and irresponsible, and for what, a few coins in the pockets of holdout gill-net fishermen, who do not seen the writing on the wall of our future. We already decide against this to go backwards again for another year is so irresponsible it is mind boggling.
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Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 7:03:19 PM

Name	Charle Miller
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Vancouver WA
Comments	Allowing indiscriminate gill nets back in the main stem Columbia flies in the face of science. We have these endangered and miserably low runs, such that the river is closed to sports fishers during times when catchable numbers are present and yet you are returning the nets to the main stem? Who is in your pockets? Why do you ignore how much sport fishers pay for licensing and access to the resources, let alone the economic benefit that sportsmen provide to coastal and river communities and allow the least discriminate, least economically nominally-beneficial users back in the river. Do your jobs. Represent those who pay for your agencies.
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Name	Steve Ng
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Gig Harbor WA
Comments	Just say no to gillnets please.
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Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 4:16:42 PM

Name	Nello Picinich
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Address	Vancouver WA
Comments	It is time for the status quo to change. Lets work together to save our salmon and steelhead by fully embracing selective fisheries. Please help the plight of our precious salmon and steelhead by promoting fisheries that are able to wok efficiently in mixed stock fisheries. It is time for us to accept the management failures of the past and move forward in a new, positive direction. We can no longer afford to keep the status quo.
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Name	Michael Smith
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Wa. 98686
Comments	<p>My message — What gives! My fishing waters are just below Bonneville. I can't fish yet Gill netters can indiscriminately take wild/non-clipped chinook & steelhead at will in the course of ripping out coho. And, again it's closed to me. I want to believe WDFW & ODFW are doing their best to balance competing interests while the whole fishery is under pressure on many fronts. BUT gill netting— it doesn't reconcile and smacks of bought & paid for political preference. That's my view and that of many bank guys I've come to know & hopefully heard</p>
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Name	brian stowell
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	KALAMA WA
Comments	<p>A simple question- Why is the Columbia River the only river in the continental United States where commercial gill netting is allowed ? Once the net material penetrates the fish's gills the fish is virtually DEAD. Political lobbyists and the commercial gill netters' group are just more powerful than the sportsmen's C.C.A. etc. Money and influence seem to determine terrible realities like killing endangered fish with non-selective nets. There has to be a better way.</p>
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October 16, 2019

SENT VIA EMAIL

Chair Carpenter, Chair Finley, Commissioners:

We are writing to outline our concerns about the Oregon-Washington Columbia River Policy Review Committee (PRC) process and our opposition to the continued efforts to abandon the bi-state Columbia River Fishery Reforms. Instead of finding consensus around a plan for improving the implementation of the bi-state reforms, the earlier actions of the PRC have created greater non-concurrency between the two states. The proposals currently under consideration threaten to plunge the management of these fisheries into extreme conflict and uncertainty for all stakeholders and come at a time when many Columbia River salmon and steelhead returns are near record lows.

Beginning with the first meeting of the PRC in January of 2019, it was clear that there was a strong bias against the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms. Four of the six PRC commissioners were outspoken proponents of restoring mainstem commercial gillnetting. There was little surprise when the PRC voted 4-2 on February 26 to recommend restoring year-round gillnetting to the mainstem Columbia River. This extreme recommendation generated immediate public opposition and alarmed legislators in both states – at a time when both agencies had budget and Columbia River endorsement legislation pending in their respective legislatures. It was no coincidence the full Oregon Commission never brought the PRC recommendations up for a vote.

Unfortunately, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission was incorrectly advised by staff that it needed to make a policy decision at its March meeting in Spokane to provide guidance for the North of Falcon process for setting fall fisheries. The Spokane vote occurred just days after the PRC recommendations were adopted, with no opportunity for advance public review and comment, and took place hundreds of miles from the lower Columbia River. Members of the Washington Commission -- and subsequently the public and legislators -- were then misled that the policy decision only applied to 2019 fall fisheries. The Washington Commission's [March 4 press release](#), which a Washington State Public Disclosure Request revealed was heavily edited by PRC Chairman Donald McIsaac, led off with the following statement: *"The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission has agreed to allow the use of gillnets during the fall salmon fishery on the lower Columbia River while state fishery managers work with their Oregon counterparts to develop a joint long-term policy for shared waters."* We now know the full ramifications of the apparent vote to adopt the PRC recommendation was to restore year-round gillnetting, which has now been cast as the "status quo" by members of the PRC.

The Washington Commission's March vote in Spokane effectively killed the legislative reauthorization of Washington's Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement and WDFW's proposed license fee increase – costing the agency over \$17 million in the 2019-2021 biennium. The agency now faces a massive budget shortfall, continued public outcry over its policy decisions, and skeptical legislators as it asks for \$26 million in supplemental funding. This is truly unfortunate and was completely unnecessary. The future of Oregon's Columbia River endorsement, which funds a large portion of the off-channel production benefiting the gillnet fleet, hangs in the balance.

As the Commissions prepare to take additional actions on the bi-state Columbia River reforms, we urge you to consider the following:

Mainstem gillnetting is inconsistent with the primary challenges facing our mixed-stock Columbia River fisheries: 1) the conservation and recovery of wild and ESA-listed salmon and steelhead populations; and 2) the need to selectively harvest returning hatchery fish to comply with the ESA and maintain/increase hatchery production within a limited number of impacts on ESA-listed stocks.

For nearly two decades, federal and state fishery managers have reduced mainstem gillnetting due to concerns about the impact to ESA-listed salmon and steelhead populations. NOAA's 1995 draft recovery plan for ESA-listed Snake River salmon recommended mark-selective mainstem fisheries, increased hatchery production in the off-channel areas to benefit gillnet fisheries, and removing gillnets from the mainstem - by 2003! Sound familiar? We believe efforts to turn the clock back and restore mainstem gillnetting are on the wrong side of history and are inconsistent with the current and future challenges facing our salmon and steelhead.

Contrary to recent claims otherwise, mainstem non-tribal Columbia River gillnet fisheries do NOT help reduce the proportion of hatchery fish reaching wild spawning areas to help us meet federal requirements for maintaining hatchery production in compliance with wild salmon protections under the ESA.

In the lower Columbia River's mixed-stock fisheries, mainstem gillnets catch and kill the ESA-listed and wild salmon that are co-mingled with hatchery-reared salmon. As a result, they do not change the proportion of hatchery salmon on the spawning grounds (pHOS) – the key measurement under the ESA. This is often referred to as “straying.” The federal government places limits on the proportion of fin-clipped hatchery salmon that can stray onto the spawning grounds under the ESA. Compliance with these limits will only be achieved through mark-selective fisheries, the use of weirs, or further reductions in hatchery production, which comes with negative ramifications for numerous fisheries and species like orca whales that rely on salmon.

Traditional gillnets are incapable of mark-selective fishing because they kill so many of the fish that become ensnared by their gills. In nearly all gillnet fisheries the ESA-listed and wild salmon that are caught in the gillnets are harvested. Since most state fisheries are required to stay within federal limits on the number non-fin-clipped ESA-listed salmon that may be harvested or killed, the non-selectivity of gillnets can reduce the number of hatchery salmon that can be harvested within the available ESA impact limits for targeted salmon species, as well as bycatch species like Steelhead. As a result, mainstem gillnetting LIMITS our ability to maximize the selective harvest of hatchery-reared salmon within the limited ESA impacts available to non-tribal fisheries.

Rather than merely ensuring that state fisheries stay within their available ESA impact limits – the bare minimum under the law – the Commissions must focus on policies that seek to optimize the harvest of hatchery fish and the escapement of wild fish within the available ESA impact limits. Thus far, the PRC discussions have only focused on how to allocate the ESA impacts, rather than discussing how to leverage them to optimize economic and conservation objectives – including the selective harvest of hatchery fish.

The gillnet industry and their advocates have consistently worked to redefine the economic baseline and goals for the bi-state reforms.

The original bi-state reforms included a \$3.86 million average ex-vessel value baseline as a measurement of commercial economic viability and economic health – it was never intended to permanently guarantee the gillnet industry a percentage of the salmon returning to the Columbia River. However, former Oregon Commissioner Bruce Buckmaster consistently pushed ODFW staff to analyze how the gillnet fleet industry’s historical share of the harvested fish was affected by the reforms. This flawed view is akin to a catch share system for the Columbia River commercial gillnet fleet and ignores the overarching intent of the reforms, which was to provide greater certainty and optimize the overall value of Columbia River fisheries – commercial and recreational - within the limited impacts to ESA-listed fish available to manage these fisheries.

Oregon’s Senate Bill 830 directs the Oregon Commission to “optimize the overall economic benefits to this state” (Section 3a(1)(a)) and “enhance the economic viability of Oregon’s recreational and commercial and the communities that rely on these fisheries” (Section 3a(1)(b)). While SB 830 also directs the Oregon Commission to use adaptive management if the economic objectives of the reforms aren’t met, it does not support Buckmaster’s view of the economic baseline as permanent entitlement. Meanwhile, the mandate of the WDFW and the Washington Commission under RCW 77.04.012 is to “seek to maintain the economic well-being and stability of the fishing industry in the state” consistent with the conservation of fish species. Court decisions interpreting this statute do not support it being a permanent entitlement.

The PRC has spent very little time considering strategies for optimizing the overall economic value of lower Columbia River fisheries within the context of enhanced off-channel areas for commercial gillnetting, a mainstem priority for economically valuable recreational fisheries, and utilizing fishing gears capable of selective harvest – commercial and recreational – to selectively harvest returning hatchery fish. Instead, the PRC has largely focused on arbitrary discussions about impact allocations that don’t fully consider how to optimize the overall economic value of these fisheries within the available impacts.

The PRC’s earlier actions put the funding of ODFW, WDFW, and Columbia River fishery management at serious risk.

Recreational anglers in Oregon and Washington provide the largest share of the funding available to ODFW and WDFW for Columbia River fishery management, including funding for off-channel hatchery production primarily benefiting the gillnet fleet. For example, the ~175,000 Oregon anglers who purchase the Columbia River endorsement generate an estimated \$13 million in endorsement, license/tag, and federal excise tax revenue for ODFW. The Oregon Columbia River gillnet fleet generated \$223,676 in annual license, permit, commercial fish fund, and R&E surcharge revenue from 2007-2011 (Source: Fiscal Impact Statement, Measure 81). In Washington, the over 216,000 anglers who purchased the Columbia River endorsement in 2015 generated an estimated \$10.3 million in endorsement, license, and federal excise tax revenue for WDFW. This compares to approximately \$250,000 in food fish excise tax and license fees paid by the Washington Columbia River gillnet fleet.

Reversing the bi-state Columbia River reforms by returning gillnets to the mainstem will likely lead to the loss of the Oregon's Columbia River endorsement and the off-channel hatchery production it helps fund. It will also make future agency funding requests in Oregon and Washington more challenging – whether through a license fee increase or general fund requests – as legislators become increasingly concerned with agency policy decisions. This all comes against the backdrop of continued efforts by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to reduce its fish and wildlife spending in the Columbia River basin, including proposals to cut off-channel “SAFE” area hatchery production. How is more controversial, non-selective mainstem gillnetting the answer to these challenges?

The implementation of selective commercial fishing gears has been crippled by agency inaction, flawed release mortality studies, and blatant double standards compared to agency management of gillnet fisheries.

On numerous occasions we have outlined how the agencies have mismanaged the implementation of purse and beach seines, including flawed release mortality studies. Instead of working to correct these errors, the agencies have instead focused on removing barriers to maintaining mainstem gillnetting – including last year's decision to reduce the steelhead release mortality rate assigned to mainstem gillnets in fall fisheries based on non-scientific observer data.

Meanwhile, the testing of pound nets in the lower Columbia River has been managed by a non-profit organization, rather than the agencies, and has been subjected to rigorous monitoring and studies to determine release mortality. Contrast this with the monitoring of traditional mainstem gillnetting, which has only been monitored six times in the past 22 years – across multiple fishing seasons most of those years. The Zones 4-5 fall gillnet fishery, which is frequently held up as being selective, has only been observed once (2017) since the Columbia River reforms were adopted in 2013.

If we are serious about the long-term sustainability of Columbia River fisheries and maintaining hatchery production, action is needed to fully transition to fishing methods capable of mark-selective harvest for mainstem fisheries – recreational and commercial. Unfortunately, we have seen little in the PRC discussions thus far to indicate that the group plans any action in this critical area.

The bi-state Columbia River reforms are the product of years of extensive work and compromise.

The Columbia River fishery reforms were formally initiated about a decade ago with the first transfers of hatchery production to the off-channel areas – primarily to offset reductions in mainstem gillnetting. Prior agreements by BPA to fund off-channel hatchery production were also predicated on the same principle: less mainstem gillnetting.

In recent years, the off-channel areas have seen significant additional increases in hatchery production as part of the reforms. The production increases have resulted in record off-channel harvests. In 2017, the off-channel gillnet fishery harvested 12,131 spring Chinook, which compared to 10,474 spring Chinook harvested by sport fisheries in the Columbia and Snake Rivers. This means that off-channel spring Chinook gillnet harvests exceeded those of hundreds of miles of recreational fisheries.

Beginning next year, the additional increases in spring Chinook hatchery production initiated as part of the Oregon Commission's March 2017 rule revisions will begin returning to the off-channel areas – enhancing both spring and summer gillnet harvests even more. Those March 2017 rule and policy changes received a unanimous vote of the Oregon Commission – including Commissioners Akenson and Buckmaster – and were billed as the compromise needed to maintain the economic viability of the gillnet fleet members. Just two years later, the members of the PRC have advocated a near complete reversal of the reforms.

The facts strongly support the implementation of the Columbia River fishery reforms, including the need for a gillnet license buyback.

There are just a handful of fishermen who are actively making a living in the Columbia River gillnet fishery - a reality that predated the reforms. In fact, from 2007-2011 only nine (10%) of the active Washington gillnet permits landed an average of more than \$20,000 in ex-vessel value. Most active fishermen (64%) landed less than \$10,000 in average annual ex-vessel value. 90% of active Washington gillnet permits landed less than \$20,000 in average annual ex-vessel value. The situation is very similar in Oregon. A coordinated, bi-state gillnet license buyback is needed to address this overcapacity and provide gillnetters who wish to retire or who do not wish to fish the off-channel areas an opportunity to leave the fishery.

On a per fish retained basis, the economic value of a salmon harvested in the recreational fishery far exceeds that of a salmon harvested in the Columbia River gillnet fishery. In fact, in recent years a fish retained in the recreational fishery has been worth about \$215 each in trip expenditures. A salmon harvested in the commercial gillnet fishery is worth about \$37 based on the ex-vessel value and WDFW's commercial multiplier.

The PRC has also heard about the unmet demand that exists for recreational fishing opportunity throughout the Columbia River basin, including for spring Chinook. Instead of considering how to optimize the management of spring Chinook to generate economic value through recreational fishing opportunity throughout the basin, the PRC has focused on efforts to restore mainstem gillnetting – despite the large gillnet harvests of spring Chinook in the off-channel areas.

In summary, we offer the following comments and concerns:

- The PRC's February recommendations were the result of the views of the Commissioners who were selected to serve on the committee and should not be considered the "status quo" for any potential changes to 2020 and beyond. Members of the Washington Commission were not given accurate information about the need for, and practical effect of, their rushed March vote in Spokane.
- Mainstem gillnetting is inconsistent with the primary challenges facing our mixed-stock Columbia River fisheries: 1) the conservation and recovery of wild and ESA-listed salmon and steelhead populations; and 2) the need to selectively harvest returning hatchery fish to comply with the ESA and maintain/increase hatchery production within a limited number of impacts on ESA-listed stocks.
- The primary purpose of the Columbia River reforms remains valid today: to improve the conservation of wild and ESA-listed salmon and steelhead through selective harvest practices and optimize the economic benefits of these fisheries within ESA constraints.

- The Columbia River reforms were never intended to forever guarantee the commercial fishing industry a percentage of salmon harvests, but to enhance the viability of the commercial and recreational fishing sectors and the communities that rely on these fisheries.
- The PRC's earlier actions have created less concurrency between Oregon and Washington and have put the funding of ODFW, WDFW, and Columbia River fishery management at serious risk.
- The implementation of selective commercial fishing gears has been crippled by agency inaction, flawed release mortality studies, and blatant double standards compared to agency management of gillnet fisheries. The Commissions must make the development of this gear a priority.
- The bi-state Columbia River reforms are the product of years of extensive work and compromise, including the March 2017 unanimous vote by the Oregon Commission adopting their current rules, which have provisions both sides oppose.
- Gillnet landings data, the differences in economic value between the commercial and recreational fishery, the enhancement of the off-channel areas, and broader demographic changes in the gillnet industry all support the continued implementation of the reforms – including a buyback program in both states.

We urge you to resist the continued efforts to abandon the Columbia River fishery reforms and instead provide the oversight necessary to ensure the reforms achieve their conservation and economic objectives.

Sincerely,



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October 15, 2019

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Michael Finley, Chairman
Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
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Dear Chairman Smith, Chairman Finley, and Members of the Washington and Oregon Commissions:

The Snake River Salmon Recovery Board appreciates the opportunity to comment on the spring Chinook salmon sections of the joint Oregon-Washington Columbia River Harvest Policy.

Our recommendations also seek to align the Columbia River Policy with the Pacific Salmon Treaty to ensure that fishing benefits are equal to the production of salmon and where they originate, thereby also providing consideration to conservation and habitat investments made and recognizing that we in the Snake River Recovery Region are willing to invest in conservation as long as fishing opportunities exist. We believe that these recommendations are aligned with the guiding principles of promoting the conservation and recovery of endangered species, enhancing the overall economic well-being and stability of Columbia River fisheries, and increases geographic equity of sport fishing opportunity. We also believe that these recommendations do not negatively impact the other guiding principles. Additionally, RCW 77.04.012 mandates that the commission maximize public recreational fishing and hunting **opportunities of all citizens**. As stakeholders, we have observed that the current allocation split does not provide **all citizens**, regardless of geography, equitable recreational fishing opportunities for Columbia River spring Chinook salmon.

We offer two thoughts on the Columbia River Policy:

1. Regarding conservation needs that aren't being considered, both part of harvest and not part of harvest and
2. Upriver fishing opportunity.

On the first topic, it doesn't seem that we are considering conservation measures that support both natural origin spawning and recovery along with hatchery broodstock for hatchery production beyond the minimum ESA take permit requirements. This is concerning both for meeting recovery goals (natural origin spawners, continued later run-timing shifts, decreases in fish size/fecundity) and in meeting hatchery broodstock needs and relates to our Board's desire to have fishing opportunities and also meet conservation goals. Simply, the policy goal is to maximize harvest. While superficially counterintuitive, it seems that opportunities exist to provide additional conservation and fishing opportunity by allowing some additional marked and unmarked fish upriver without compromising lower river fisheries. This could be accomplished by allowing some of the earlier

returning fish that are upriver bound to move through the system and/or decrease fishing pressure at times throughout the season. Maybe this is not feasible, but it doesn't seem to be a consideration.

On the second concern, there is recognition that lower river fisheries are being prioritized for sociopolitical reasons, but a more equitable share could be allowed upriver. In some years this simply means a greater-than-zero fishing opportunity in the Snake River. The goal of the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board for both conservation and recovery is to provide fishing opportunity. Upriver fisheries are limited or non-existent and many of our stakeholders and landowner partners don't have the opportunity to fish in their local tributaries where these fish are, or were historically, present. Allowing a minor fishery in the mainstem Snake at minimum shows good will and incentive to work with us on conservation and restoration related work that benefit the Columbia system.

Of the options that still remain on the table for the Joint-State Columbia River Fishery Policy Review Committee, we strongly support:

1. The status quo option of remaining at an 80/20% split between recreational harvest and commercial harvest of spring Chinook in the Columbia Basin, and
2. A modest increase in up-river sport fishing allocation of spring Chinook from the current 75/25% for below Bonneville and above Bonneville to 70/30%.

These recommendations align with the current policy objectives, and if implemented would benefit current conservation efforts, allow for upriver hatcheries to meet brood stock needs and increase the geographic equity and certainty of an upriver spring Chinook fishery in Zone 6 and the Snake.

Again, the stakeholders and citizens of southeastern Washington appreciate the opportunity to comment on this policy. If there are any questions please contact John Foltz at the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board office at 509-382-4115.

Sincerely,

Signed By: 
Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board

Cc: Kelly Susewind, Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Comments	<p>The original PRC committee, which is/was dominated by the obvious pro-gillnet commissioners Buckmaster, Kehoe, McIsaac, and Akenson was nothing more than an underhanded effort, playing the part of wolves in sheep's clothing, to restore gillnetting on the Columbia whenever and wherever possible. Their efforts to portray the temporary 2019 Wa. policy as the "status Quo" has ben laughable. The policy at the end of 2018 is what should be the "status quo" and was very close to the current Oregon policy. The temporary 2019 policy is almost completely out of concurrency with Oregon. They were hoping to have Oregon vote to approve the pro-gillnet policy changes before the public realized what was going on, but thankfully that didn't happen. They even went as far as to vote amongst themselves to suspend any more efforts to get a buyback program up and running, unless it was specifically request by the gillnetters themselves. Their discussions regarding increased upriver share amongst recreational fisheries and ending barbless hook requirements were just a sham in an attempt to placate recreational fishermen.</p> <p>Not only should any information, decisions, or recommendations that they came up with be totally disregarded by both state's commissions and Fish and Wildlife staffs, they should be reprimanded for their behavior and dismissed from any further activity regarding the PRC committee.</p>
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 216.128.99.42 (United States) at 2019-10-17 13:14:12 on Internet Explorer 11.0
Entry ID: 30

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 8:30:16 AM

Name	Bob Loomis
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Wenatchee WA
Comments	<p>I can't believe that "we", (I'm talking about you, gill netters, Tribes, recreational fisherman etc....) as stewards of our natural resources are even considering something this absolutely ludicrous. This is becoming a joke that we are actually even talking about allowing the gill nets to continue to be used on the Columbia during a time when we have so many depleted/ESA listed stocks of fish. I am absolutely against this practice of killing non-selected species as well as target species, I have nothing against the commercial fisherman but the use of Gill Nets. They need to be eliminated....all of the ridiculous "claims" and supposed "scientific" studies that have been done are staged and absolutely WRONG! Having spotters on boats, being shown what the commercials want you to see and when you have only 1/10th of the amount of people on the boats compared to the amount of boats fishing does not make a "scientific" study valid. Please eliminate the gill nets off of the Columbia River!</p>
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 65.49.142.203 (United States) at 2019-10-17 11:30:13 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 29

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 7:19:49 AM

Name	Richard Parker
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Kennewick Washington
Comments	The poor returns of Upriver Bright kings in the last few years is a direct result of gill netting. Please correct this.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 174.216.13.90 (United States) at 2019-10-17 10:19:45 on Chrome 77.0.3865.92
Entry ID: 28

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 6:20:21 AM

Name	Dean Potter
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Vancouver WA.
Comments	Please do what you can to protect our endangered fish by keeping gillnets out of our waters. This should be a no brainer!
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 71.237.243.134 (United States) at 2019-10-17 09:20:18 on iPad 12.1.2
Entry ID: 27

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 5:01:35 PM

Name	Earl Salvey
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Ridgefield WA
Comments	Come on people! It is so wrong to keep putting the indiscriminate gill nets in the Columbia River. Please stop this nonsense!!
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 73.164.145.223 (United States) at 2019-10-16 20:01:30 on Firefox 69.0
Entry ID: 21

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 3:30:05 PM

Name	Matthew Smith
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Vancouver WA
Comments	Would you please cease any efforts to allow non-tribal commercial salmon fishing in the Columbia River and any of its tributaries. Refocus your objectives on eliminating all non-tribal salmon fishing in the Columbia River and any of its tributaries.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 104.238.46.32 (United States) at 2019-10-17 18:30:01 on Chrome 76.0.3809.132
Entry ID: 31

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:10:19 PM

Name	Jim Andrews
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Portland OR
Comments	Gillnets in the Columbia is like a zombie that just will not die.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 71.36.118.199 (United States) at 2019-10-18 18:10:16 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 54

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:18:11 PM

Name	Dennis Arce
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Welches Oregon
Comments	No more kill nets!!!!I It's Time!!!
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 204.195.4.117 (United States) at 2019-10-18 15:18:05 on Safari 13.0.1
Entry ID: 41

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 8:25:18 PM

Name	frank betrozoff
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	olympia wa.
Comments	dont you think its about time you stood up and said no to the gillnets the fish are disappering ,getting smaller and not enough fish to go around
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 75.172.53.209 (United States) at 2019-10-18 23:25:15 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 66

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:25:52 AM

Name	Thomas Brown
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Eugene OR
Comments	Why on earth would we want to put more stress on an already stressed fishery? Gill nets are like vacuum cleaners in that they take everything that swims by. NO to opening the Columbia River to commercial gill netting. Tom Brown
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 174.224.8.179 (United States) at 2019-10-18 14:25:49 on Chrome 77.0.3865.92
Entry ID: 36

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 5:28:40 PM

Name	Makai Brusa
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	West Linn Oregon
Comments	Please get the gillnetters of the river permanently. There are better ways to fish. Gillnetters are killing wild fish. I do not have documents or photos. But I have an image in my head that will always be there. It was a whole bunch of Steelhead float down the lower Columbia River. It was really awful to see. All that waste. And all because they where swept up in a net and not allowed to be kept and thrown back to float belly up. We are better than this! NO MORE GILLNETTERS!!!!
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 174.224.24.81 (United States) at 2019-10-18 20:28:34 on iPhone 13.0.1
Entry ID: 61

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:21:04 PM

Name	Thomas Carlier
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Beaverton Oregon
Comments	<p>As a refresher, Here are the 5 economic benefits of the sport fishing industry...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The tackle industry: manufacture, distribution, marketing, and retail sales of fishing rods, reels, and tackle, etc.2) The marine industry: boat, motor, and electronics ... manufacture, distribution, retail, etc.3) The tourism industry: transportation, resorts, motels, restaurants, etc.4) The media industry: tv, radio, and internet 'how to' education5) The government: licenses, tags, special fees, etc. <p>Number 5 is where your salary comes from....</p>
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 50.53.48.129 (United States) at 2019-10-18 19:21:00 on Chrome 77.0.3865.90
Entry ID: 60

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:37:51 PM

Name	Lud Carlson
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Oregon City Oregon
Comments	No rollback, selective harvest only. Save the fish. Your job depends on this
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 172.58.45.95 (United States) at 2019-10-18 16:37:43 on Chrome 73.0.3683.90
Entry ID: 47

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 9:11:13 AM

Name	Greg Cuoio
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Olympia WA
Comments	I am adamantly opposed to allow gill netting in the Columbia. This is pure nonsense and stupidity.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 73.11.221.221 (United States) at 2019-10-18 12:11:10 on Internet Explorer 11.0
Entry ID: 33

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 6:18:16 PM

Name	Greg Fair
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Newberg Oregon
Comments	Please Please keep the reforms that have been in place and promised to us sport fishermen in place. You have taken my \$10 endorsement for these reforms and have not accounted for where this money has gone.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 67.169.197.12 (United States) at 2019-10-18 21:18:13 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 64

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:26:25 PM

Name	Tom Gerold
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Keizer OR
Comments	Thought the sports fisherman were the majority and that the last 2 governors had put a stop to gill netting on the main stem Columbia. Just don't understand why this keeps coming up when the sports fisherman & fisherwoman contribute the majority of the money into the economy and the ODFW.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 73.240.198.125 (United States) at 2019-10-18 15:26:22 on Safari 13.0.1
Entry ID: 42

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:20:03 PM

Name	Chris Giroux
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	West linn Or
Comments	Please DO NOT restore year-round non-selective gillnetting to the mainstem Columbia River. Low Columbia River salmon and steelhead returns have resulted in fishery closures across the Columbia River. as an avid angler and conservationist I'm appalled that oregon would consider this.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 93.150.27.250 (Italy) at 2019-10-18 17:19:59 on iPhone 13.0.1
Entry ID: 50

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:11:24 AM

Name	Mitch Hopping
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	3171 Metolius Drive, Eugene OR 97408 OR
Comments	I urge you not to roll back the critical bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 45.37.182.174 (United States) at 2019-10-18 14:11:21 on Chrome 77.0.3865.103
Entry ID: 34

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:55:30 AM

Name	Robert Huber
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Clatskanie OR
Comments	Please reconsider the use of gillnets in the Columbia river. The fish stocks have diminished to far and this archaic method is one of the problems
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 97.115.205.5 (United States) at 2019-10-18 14:55:28 on
Chrome 77.0.3865.116
Entry ID: 38

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:44:33 PM

Name	Randy Hackstedt
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Lebanon Oregon
Comments	I just want to say that I don't want kill nets on the Columbia River main stem killing wild salmon and steelhead stocks. You have chance to do something so do it!
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 74.92.161.226 (United States) at 2019-10-18 15:44:29 on iPhone 13.0.1
Entry ID: 46

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:44:03 PM

Name	Sandra Joos
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Portland OR
Comments	As a recreational fishing family, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the Joint OR/WA Policy Review Committee's (PRC) consideration of extreme proposals to restore and increase non-selective mainstem gillnetting. We strongly disapprove of these efforts.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 71.238.111.67 (United States) at 2019-10-18 15:44:00 on Edge 18.18362
Entry ID: 45

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 7:41:58 PM

Name	David Kay
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Portland Oregon
Comments	I have already PAID for the original changes to be enacted and enforced, to not move forward is nothing short of theft from the sportd men and women of the state DLive up to the agreement as written!
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 76.105.176.145 (United States) at 2019-10-18 22:41:54 on Chrome 77.0.3865.116
Entry ID: 65

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:42:53 PM

Name	Edmund Keene
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	BANKS OR 97106
Comments	With the entire Columbia river system closed to Oregon anglers it is ridiculous to even think about opening a commercial gillnet fishery. This is after a disastrous overestimate of this year's salmon run and very early closure to sport fishermen. There is no way to justify a commercial season. What in God's name are you people thinking?
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 97.120.149.47 (United States) at 2019-10-18 15:42:49 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 43

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:47:37 PM

Name	Tim Marl
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Donald Or
Comments	Every year fishing has been poorer and poorer. I have lived in Oregon for 75 years and the policy you have implement have not worked. This was the poorest salmon season I have every had. Now you think that increasing gillnetting will make fishing better? And you can't figure out why license sales are down. Maybe you should listen to the people where most of your revenue comes from. You should be ashamed of yourselves for the poor job you are doing.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 76.14.250.247 (United States) at 2019-10-18 17:47:35 on Internet Explorer 11.0
Entry ID: 52

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:53:22 PM

Name	James Marquardt
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Scappoose OR
Comments	This is a tragic plan to restore year round mainstem gillnetting on the Columbia. The money coming in from sportspeople is already low and funding for our valuable resources is in further jeopardy. Listen to the people that fund the ODFW.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 98.125.190.233 (United States) at 2019-10-18 18:53:20 on Chrome 77.0.3865.90
Entry ID: 56

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:28:23 PM

Name	Tracy Meskel
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Gladstone OR
Comments	Please keep the nets out of the mainstem! We should not even be talking this! We need to keep the nets away from our only true wild stock of fish!! These nets kill indiscriminately ! STOP ALL GILL NETTING ON THE MAINSTEM OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 98.246.135.27 (United States) at 2019-10-18 17:28:15 on iPhone 13.0.1
Entry ID: 51

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 6:01:46 PM

Name	Brad and Dwn Parr
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Tualatin Oregon
Comments	<p>Stop funding ODFW on the backs of sportsmen while allowing Nets to indiscriminately destroy NATIVE and hatchery fish runs.....</p> <p>We strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.</p> <p>Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum.</p>
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 67.189.120.238 (United States) at 2019-10-18 21:01:43 on Edge 18.18362
Entry ID: 62

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:09:32 PM

Name	Charles Patchin
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Portland Oregon
Comments	Please keep the gill nets off the main stem Columbia River
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 50.53.96.102 (United States) at 2019-10-18 17:09:29 on iPhone 12.1.2
Entry ID: 49

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:15:16 PM

Name	Greg Peldyak
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Hood River Oregon
Comments	Instead of non selectively letting the commercials' gill net, let them use hook and line. A wild Columbia fish goes back. An endangered Clearwater B run 20lb. steelhead gets released. The Tribes just recommended removal of three lower Columbia dams. That won't happen until we transition to renewable energy. Lets be smart about what we can really do next year and let the commercials' use hook and line. Greg Peldyak
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 47.40.111.253 (United States) at 2019-10-18 18:15:12 on Chrome 75.0.3770.144
Entry ID: 55

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:10:20 PM

Name	Daniel Quanbeck
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Salem OR
Comments	<p>I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.</p> <p>Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum.</p> <p>The bi-state reforms are the result of significant effort and compromise, including increased hatchery production to benefit gillnet harvests in off-channel areas. Efforts to undo the reforms put this hatchery production and the funding available for Columbia River salmon management at risk. Efforts to extend Washington's Columbia River endorsement fee were recently rejected by their state legislature and Oregon's endorsement must be reauthorized next year.</p> <p>One key purpose of the bi-state reforms was to enhance the overall economic benefits of the fishery and provide more certainty for fisheries - it was never to increase gillnet industry profits.</p> <p>I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.</p>
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 71.238.17.57 (United States) at 2019-10-18 19:10:17 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120

Entry ID: 58

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:16:46 AM

Name	Joseph Reed
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	HILLSBORO OR
Comments	I am asking the Columbia PRC to stop allowing non-selective gill nets on the main stem Columbia river. As a sport angler we collectively provide the largest portion of funds to run hatcheries and fund ODFW. If the current Columbia River fall chinook sport closures continue and gill nets are allowed to harvest anything in their nets, I will cease to purchase a salmon tag and Columbia river endorsement and focus my funds elsewhere. The current management practices are outrageous.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 96.65.216.57 (United States) at 2019-10-18 14:16:43 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 35

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:56:21 PM

Name	Kenneth Reed
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	West Linn OR
Comments	Please do not allow the Columbia River reform agreement to be broken. Our Columbia River endorsement money's have collected and the expectation is that reform agreement will be lived up to by a parties. As a concerned sport fishermen, we all want to see more fish and more opportunities for the future. Regards.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 71.237.174.119 (United States) at 2019-10-18 18:56:18 on iPhone 13.0.1
Entry ID: 57

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:54:48 AM

Name	Phillip Roberts
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Milwaukie Oregon
Comments	I have been an Oregonian for my whole life and do not approve of the way that this problem has been handled. The people voted to remove the gill nets off of the river and move to a harvest method that would be more selective and still give the commercial fisherman a way to make a living. The sport fisherman have been paying extra to make this happen and now again this is being abandoned again. It needs to be implemented as was voted for by the people.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 70.56.194.202 (United States) at 2019-10-18 14:54:46 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 37

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:01:59 PM

Name	Larry Sene
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Warren OR
Comments	<p>I am a native Oregonian purchasing licenses, tags, endorsements in this state for years and years. Gillnets have no business being allowed in the Columbia River. They should have been stopped years ago and never been allowed. Any commissioner that is pro gill net should be terminated from the commission in both states. What about Idaho? What do they think about gill nets that effect the returns up their rivers? Actually I can't even believe your considering these proposals!!!</p>
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 97.120.138.196 (United States) at 2019-10-18 18:01:56 on Safari 13.0.2
Entry ID: 53

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 6:05:53 PM

Name	David Stroup
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Keizer OR
Comments	Hello, Please either end the gillnetting and use the money from the Columbia River Endorsement fee for it's intended purpose to transition away from gill nets to another type of gear; or end the fee. Right now we are all paying the Columbia River Endorsement fee and it's not paying for what it was designed for. There is no reason to pay this fee if gill netting is to be continued. David
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 73.37.86.178 (United States) at 2019-10-18 21:05:48 on Edge 18.17763
Entry ID: 63

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:12:36 PM

Name	Russell Sumida
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Gresham Or
Comments	To the Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery PRC: It is urgent that you Remove Gill netting from the main stem of the Columbia River if we are to have salmon in our future. The SAFE areas have provided the Commercial fisheries a valuable harvest area other than the main river where their nets are non-selective in killing both hatchery and ESA wild salmon. As Sportsfisher's have used barb less hooks and can release wild salmon while the same cannot be said for Commercial harvest, this is a tragedy only you can fix. DO THE RIGHT THING!!!
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 50.39.198.158 (United States) at 2019-10-18 19:12:33 on Firefox 69.0
Entry ID: 59

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:49:41 PM

Name	Harold Thompson
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Aurora CO
Comments	Please do your part to remove gillnets from all of our NW streams. Let's save the NW salmon fishery for present and future generations of sport fishers! Thanks!!!!
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 174.29.62.244 (United States) at 2019-10-18 16:49:39 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 48

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:07:51 PM

Name	Linh Tran
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Hillsboro Oregon
Comments	<p>I take my 7 year old son and his cousins fishing quite a bit. With the lack of fish, it's making it more difficult to catch fish so they can remain enthusiastic about fishing in the future. Kids are the future of the fishing industry and without their interest in fishing, the fish and wildlife departments are losing a major source of their funding!</p> <p>I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.</p> <p>Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum.</p> <p>The bi-state reforms are the result of significant effort and compromise, including increased hatchery production to benefit gillnet harvests in off-channel areas. Efforts to undo the reforms put this hatchery production and the funding available for Columbia River salmon management at risk. Efforts to extend Washington's Columbia River endorsement fee were recently rejected by their state legislature and Oregon's endorsement must be reauthorized next year.</p> <p>One key purpose of the bi-state reforms was to enhance the overall economic benefits of the fishery and provide more certainty for fisheries - it was never to increase gillnet industry profits.</p>

I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.

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Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
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Name	Frank Underwood
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Pprtland Or
Comments	No more kill nets
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To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:57:44 AM

Name	Paul Wenrick
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Rockaway Beach Oregon
Comments	Don't go backwards on gillnets. You've been collecting extra fees from sportsman to get rid of gillnets. Do the correct thing and keep gillnets off the Columbia.
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Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 10:54:08 PM

Name	Jay Wylie
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Salem OR
Comments	<p>I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.</p> <p>Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum.</p> <p>The bi-state reforms are the result of significant effort and compromise, including increased hatchery production to benefit gillnet harvests in off-channel areas. Efforts to undo the reforms put this hatchery production and the funding available for Columbia River salmon management at risk. Efforts to extend Washington's Columbia River endorsement fee were recently rejected by their state legislature and Oregon's endorsement must be reauthorized next year.</p> <p>One key purpose of the bi-state reforms was to enhance the overall economic benefits of the fishery and provide more certainty for fisheries - it was never to increase gillnet industry profits.</p> <p>I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.</p>
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To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:47:21 AM

Name	Raymond Buckno
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Columbia City Or
Comments	this year was the worst year fishing the Columbia River ever ! And yet they had the nerve to talk about putting the gilnets back in ! We need more hatcheries and better management . Sport fish bring a lot of \$ into a struggling Oregon economy . what is wrong with the politicians of this state ?
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Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 4:02:46 PM

Name	Eric Duhamel
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Lincoln City Oregon
Comments	Gillnets are bad for everyone.Stick to what we all agreed to.
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To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:05:39 AM

Name	Michael Genson
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Toledo Washington
Comments	in the wake of the lowest salmon and steelhead runs in years, with millions of dollars being spent for salmon habitat improvement, with extreme actions and measures being taken and considered (such as Snake River dams being breached) how in the name of science and conservation does allowing non selective gear, gill nets, back into the mainstream Columbia to deplete the salmon and steelhead runs so many of us are trying to save,
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To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:29:51 AM

Name	Philip Longway
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Portland OR
Comments	As a spot fisherman I gladly follow the laws that have been established so that we can preserve our fish runs. The proposal to allow gill nets to return to the mainstream of the Columbia River is driven solely by GREED!! This is the 21st century we should have figured it out by now that this is not sustainable. Please, for the future of our children and grandchildren do not let this happen. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.
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To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:27:34 PM

Name	Charles Loos
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Portland OR
Comments	I oppose gillnetting on the Columbia River, especially in light of diminishing steelhead and salmon returns.
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To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 7:45:01 AM

Name	Jack Morby
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Portland OR 97219
Comments	Please do not abandon the Columbia Rive reforms. To protect the Columbia River fSalmon and Steelhead fisheries, I urge you to continue with the Columbia River reforms as pe original agreements. Thank You for your consideration.
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Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:44:44 AM

Name	Chad Price
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Beaverton 97007 Oregon
Comments	I don't believe the recommendations coming out of the bi-state work group align with the original intent of the Columbia River Reforms. Though considering the most vocal commercial fishing advocates somehow were placed on the committee, these recommendations are not surprising. Returning to management policies as if the reforms never happened is a slap in the face to Sportfishing and Conservation.
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Name	Greg Spanos
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Hood River OR
Comments	<p>I've retired to Oregon for its' iconic fishery. And am ready to move to New Zealand (with my retirement money). They laugh at us, after supplying smolts & technology to start their new fishery. And we can't keep them safe from extinction in their natural habitat!</p> <p>Personal agendas are making decisions here, NOT good science. SUSPECTED not PROVEN negative epigenetic effects of hatchery raised smolts are being used as a 'red herring' here to support personal agendas! Years of reductions of hatchery smolts, result in lower returns....duh...what do you expect???? Ocean conditions can't be the only reason.</p>
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Supportive breeding boosts natural population abundance with minimal negative impacts on fitness of a wild population of Chinook salmon

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Abstract

While supportive breeding programmes strive to minimize negative genetic impacts to populations, case studies have found evidence for reduced fitness of artificially produced individuals when they reproduce in the wild. Pedigrees of two complete generations were tracked with molecular markers to investigate differences in reproductive success (RS) of wild and hatchery-reared Chinook salmon spawning in the natural environment to address questions regarding the demographic and genetic impacts of supplementation to a natural population. Results show a demographic boost to the population from supplementation. On average, fish taken into the hatchery produced 4.7 times more adult offspring, and 1.3 times more adult grand-offspring than naturally reproducing fish. Of the wild and hatchery fish that successfully reproduced, we found no significant differences in RS between any comparisons, but hatchery-reared males typically had lower RS values than wild males. Mean relative reproductive success (RRS) for hatchery F_1 females and males was 1.11 ($P = 0.84$) and 0.89 ($P = 0.56$), respectively. RRS of hatchery-reared fish (H) that mated in the wild with either hatchery or wild-origin (W) fish was generally equivalent to $W \times W$ matings. Mean RRS of $H \times W$ and $H \times H$ matings was 1.07 ($P = 0.92$) and 0.94 ($P = 0.95$), respectively. We conclude that fish chosen for hatchery rearing did not have a detectable negative impact on the fitness of wild fish by mating with them for a single generation. Results suggest that supplementation following similar management practices (e.g. 100% local, wild-origin brood stock) can successfully boost population size with minimal impacts on the fitness of salmon in the wild.

Keywords: parentage analysis, reproductive success, salmonids, supplementation

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Introduction

Artificial breeding programmes are widely used for the conservation of threatened or endangered species and for the restoration of declining populations (IUCN 1998; Frankham *et al.* 2002; Fraser 2008). Conditions associ-

ated with artificial rearing, such as the absence of predators, food availability and disease treatments, result in selective pressures that are widely different from natural environments. Artificially reared organisms are thus subject to adaptation to captivity (i.e. domestication selection; Frankham *et al.* 2002; Ford *et al.* 2008). Large-scale, human-mediated releases of plants and animals occur worldwide, and when artificially reared individuals are released to the wild, there can be negative genetic effects on native or wild populations (reviewed in Laikre *et al.* 2010). Specifically, considerable concern exists over domestication selection because

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reproductive fitness of wild populations can be reduced when artificially reared individuals mate with wild counterparts (Araki *et al.* 2009). Additionally, gene flow from these individuals into native or wild populations can homogenize genetic structure of wild populations (Eldridge *et al.* 2009) and disrupt the capacity of natural populations to adapt to changing environmental conditions (McGinnity *et al.* 2009).

Hatchery-reared Pacific salmon and steelhead (*Oncorhynchus spp.*) are commonly released into the wild environment to boost abundance of declining populations, mitigate for environmental and habitat disturbances and to enhance harvest fisheries. Salmonid hatcheries are broadly classified by having conservation or harvest objectives (reviewed in Naish *et al.* 2007). Traditional salmonid hatchery programmes with harvest objectives are designed to increase the population census size using hatchery-origin fish that are reared for multiple generations in an artificial environment, and often with out-of-basin (i.e. nonlocal) brood stock that may not be locally adapted to environmental conditions. Due to the nature of traditional hatchery programmes, fish are subject to negative genetic impacts such as inbreeding (reviewed in Wang *et al.* 2002), domestication selection (Heath *et al.* 2003; Reisenbichler *et al.* 2004; Christie *et al.* 2011) and reduced fitness due to repeated generations in captivity (Araki *et al.* 2007a). In contrast, supplementation programmes are designed to mitigate for ongoing limiting factors to survival (i.e. dams, removal of individuals in harvest fisheries, habitat degradation, etc.) with the goal of increasing natural population size for conservation and population recovery purposes, while striving to minimize the genetic impact to natural populations (Cuenco *et al.* 1993; Waples *et al.* 2007). Integrating wild-origin individuals into supplementation brood stock is one method that can be used to help offset potential negative effects on fitness (Wang & Ryman 2001; Duchesne & Bernatchez 2002; Ford 2002). Artificially produced offspring from brood stock (either hatchery or wild-origin) are subsequently released into the wild to spawn. This approach has caused some concern because the artificial environment can select for individuals that may be poorly adapted to the natural environment (Johnsson *et al.* 1996; Pearsons *et al.* 2007; Frankham 2008; Christie *et al.* 2011), and hatchery-reared fish may impose negative impacts to the fitness of wild fish (Araki *et al.* 2009).

The concern over hatchery fish spawning in the wild is supported by theoretical work that shows that even if local, wild-born fish are used for brood stock each year, domestication selection in the hatchery could lead to fitness consequences for the wild population (Lynch & O'Hely 2001; Ford 2002; Goodman 2005; Chilcote *et al.* 2011). However, additional studies demonstrate that

increasing the proportion of wild-born individuals into the captive population can slow the rate of genetic adaptation to captivity (Frankham & Loebel 1992) and reduce inbreeding in supplementation programmes (Duchesne & Bernatchez 2002). Empirical studies have shown that hatchery-reared salmonids have lower reproductive success in the wild compared with wild-origin fish in the first generation (Araki *et al.* 2007b; Williamson *et al.* 2010; Berntson *et al.* 2011; Theriault *et al.* 2011; Anderson *et al.* 2012), but few studies have investigated fitness effects over multiple generations. Two recent studies that examined fitness over two generations focused on a single population of steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and demonstrated that an increased number of generations in captivity can have negative fitness consequences on the population, but results were highly variable across years (Araki *et al.* 2007a, 2009). Fitness declines of hatchery-reared fish in the wild have been attributed to a number of causes. Hypotheses include the absence of sexual selection in the hatchery environment (stronger effect on hatchery males than females—Theriault *et al.* 2011; Anderson *et al.* 2012), the use of nonlocal origin brood stock over multiple generations (Chilcote *et al.* 1986; McLean *et al.* 2003; Araki *et al.* 2007b), differences in spawning location and age (Williamson *et al.* 2010), as well as body size, return date and the number of same-sex competitors (Berntson *et al.* 2011). Despite evidence that hatchery-reared fish can have lower reproductive success in the wild compared with their wild-origin counterparts, the potential for benefits from supplementation programmes using local-origin fish for brood stock warrants more extensive study. Specifically, when hatchery-reared fish are allowed to spawn naturally, can supportive breeding boost abundance while minimizing negative fitness impacts on wild fish?

Despite the need for this type of evaluation of supplementation programmes, all published studies evaluating reproductive success of hatchery-reared salmonids in the natural environment focus on programmes that use both wild and hatchery-reared fish as brood stock, and supplementation was initiated prior to the study of the target programme. In addition, studies have largely been focused on steelhead, which are typically reared in the hatchery to smolt within 1 year before being released as juveniles, rather than rearing to age 2 or older as typically found in nature (Araki *et al.* 2007a,b, 2009; Berntson *et al.* 2011). Recent studies are available for a few other salmonids (Berejikian *et al.* 2009, chum salmon; Williamson *et al.* 2010 and Anderson *et al.* 2012, Chinook salmon; Theriault *et al.* 2011, coho salmon), but none have estimated lifetime relative reproductive success (RRS) over multiple generations in the wild. Thus, there is a need for greater species coverage as

well as multi-generation studies that examine supportive breeding programmes from the initiation of supplementation. Further, additional studies of Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) in natural environments may be critical because of the extensive use of hatchery supplementation for this species and the potential for relatively high fitness of hatchery-reared fish of this species (Schroder *et al.* 2008, 2010). The available RRS studies on Chinook salmon in the wild evaluate adult to juvenile production (Williamson *et al.* 2010) and colonization of newly accessible habitat (Anderson *et al.* 2012), and no published RRS studies have evaluated the lifetime fitness (adult to adult) of this species over multiple generations.

Here, we assess the lifetime fitness of Chinook salmon in Johnson Creek, a tributary to the South Fork Salmon River (SFSR) in central Idaho, USA, by following an ongoing supplementation programme for two generations (1998–2010), beginning with the first year (1998) that wild-origin returns were taken into the hatchery and used for brood stock. We use genetic parentage assignments to test the following: (i) Does the hatchery programme provide a demographic boost to the wild population over

two generations? (ii) Are there differences in reproductive success between wild and hatchery-reared fish spawning in nature? (iii) Are there short-term (approximately two generations) genetic consequences of supplementation—that is, do hatchery-reared fish spawning in nature reduce the fitness of the wild population?

Methods

Study site and sample collection

The Salmon River basin is one of the largest subbasins of the Columbia River and covers approximately 36 000 thousand square kilometres within the Northern Rocky Mountains of central Idaho. The Interior Columbia Technical Recovery Team (ICTRT) identified three unique populations of spring/summer Chinook salmon that occur within the SFSR: the SFSR mainstem, the Secesh and the East Fork SFSR. Johnson Creek is the primary spawning aggregate of Chinook salmon within the East Fork SFSR (Fig. 1) and represents one of 32 spring/summer Chinook salmon populations listed under the Endangered Species Act in the Snake River

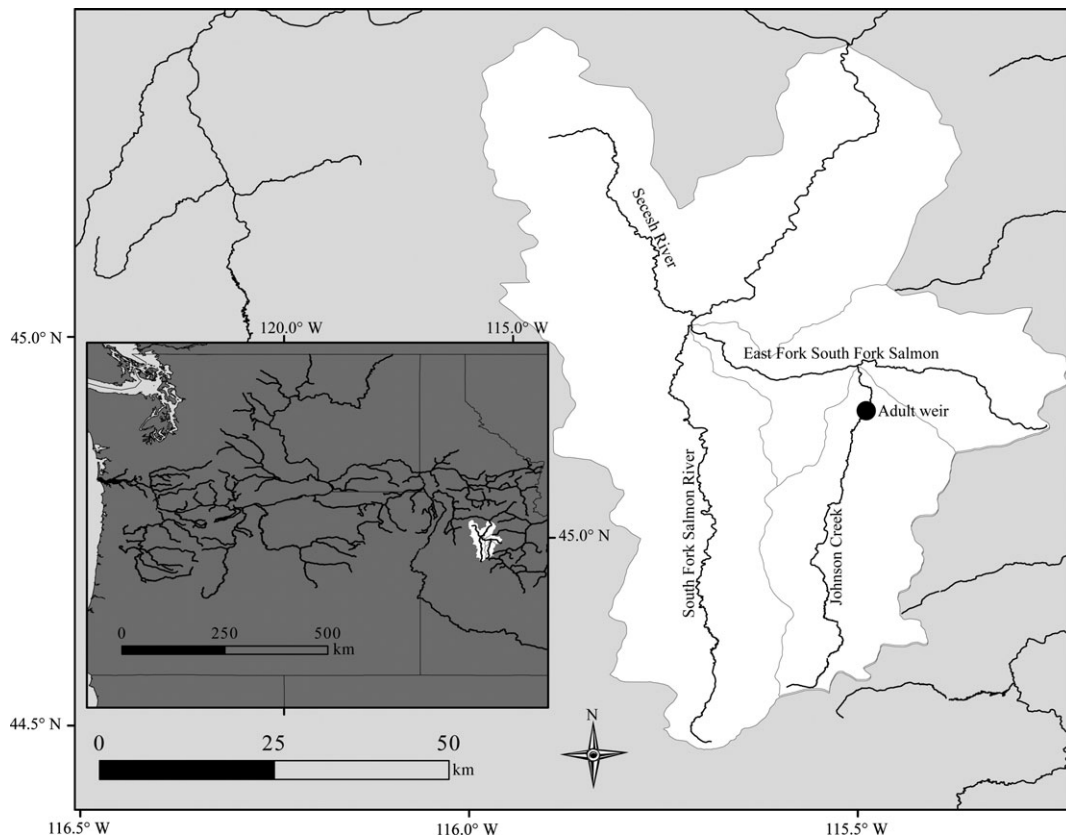


Fig. 1 Map of the study area, showing location of the weir. Inset map shows the location of the South Fork Salmon River basin highlighted in white.

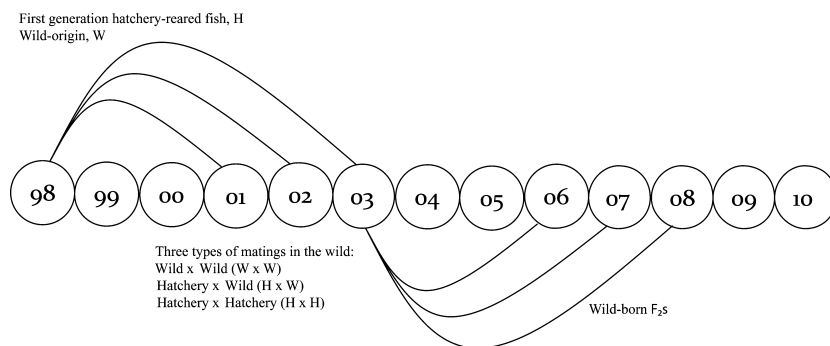


Fig. 2 Sampling design for the study. Illustrated is the sampling design for the first year of supplementation in 1998, but the same design applies to annual brood stock collections for 2000 to 2005 (5-year-olds from brood year, BY 2005 return in 2010, the last sampling year of this study). Circles represent the BY, corresponding to the year that adults return to Johnson Creek to spawn. This example shows first-generation hatchery fish (F_1) from BY 1998, which return to spawn alongside their wild-origin counterparts in 2001 (age 3, 'jacks'), 2002 (age 4) and 2003 (age 5). Mating among hatchery-reared and wild-origin fish occurred in every year beginning in 2001 to create wild-born F_2 s, which return 3–5 years later. The example follows age 5 fish (born in 1998) that returned as adults in year 2003 and produced wild-born fish (F_2 s) that returned in years 2006 through 2008.

Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ICTRT 2005). The putative wild Chinook salmon population aggregations in these three areas of the SFSR remain intact despite substantial releases of hatchery stock for supplementation and harvest augmentation in the SFSR mainstem (Matala *et al.* 2012). A supplementation programme was initiated in 1998 by the Nez Perce Tribe in an effort to prevent extirpation by increasing natural production of Chinook salmon in Johnson Creek.

Tissue samples and associated biological data were collected from 7726 returning adults encountered at the Johnson Creek picket-style weir, and during annual multiple-pass spawning ground surveys conducted upstream and downstream of the weir from 1998 to 2010. The weir occurs downstream of approximately 94% of the spawning habitat (Rabe & Nelson 2010). In the field, gender was determined by physical morphology, fork length was measured to the nearest centimetre, and origin was identified through the presence/absence of marks, tags or clips (hatchery fish have a coded wire tag and/or a visual implant elastomer tag; hatchery strays from other locations have adipose fins removed). If a fish had no visible mark, it was inferred to be produced in the wild. A tissue sample from the caudal fin was taken for genetic analysis, and these individuals were marked with an individually numbered operculum disk tag. Nontagged fish were sampled on multiple-pass spawning ground surveys upstream and downstream of the weir to achieve a high sampling rate over the course of the study (78–100%; annual mean = 95%). Only wild-origin (W , defined as fish born and reared in the natural environment, regardless of parentage), returning adults were selected for brood stock each year; all wild adults

not collected for brood stock and all hatchery-origin adults were released upstream of the weir to spawn naturally. The actual genetic composition of fish used for brood stock was 98% wild origin because a total of seven hatchery-reared fish over the period of 2001 through 2005 were unintentionally used as brood stock (5 fish from brood year, BY, 1998 and 2 fish from BY 2000). Hatchery smolts were released directly into Johnson Creek after rearing in a hatchery environment for 18 months. No fish were collected as brood stock in 1999 because only 22 fish returned, and all were allowed to spawn naturally.

The proportion of returns by age class to Johnson Creek varied between hatchery-reared and wild-origin fish. The majority of wild-origin fish returned at age 4 (mean, 62%), followed by age 5 (mean, 28%), and a smaller proportion returned at age 3 that were exclusively males (termed 'jacks'; mean, 10%). Most hatchery-reared fish returned to Johnson Creek at age 3 (mean, 43%, all males) and 4 (mean, 49%); with a smaller proportion that returned at age 5 (mean, 8%). Adult offspring from the first year of supplementation (BY 1998) returned to Johnson Creek at ages 3, 4 and 5 in 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively. All returning F_1 hatchery-reared fish (H) were released upstream of the weir for natural spawning with their wild F_1 counterparts (Fig. 2). Offspring that resulted from naturally spawning F_1 s from BY 1998 (first year of supplementation) were termed F_2 and returned to the Johnson Creek weir as adults in 2004 to 2008 (Fig. 2). The same type of sampling scheme was achieved in each return year through 2005, as the last of the offspring (5-year-olds) from BY 2005 returned in 2010. Genetic parentage analysis was used to assign wild-origin F_2 returns back to their F_1 parents.

Parentage analysis

Genomic DNA was extracted from fin tissue following manufacturer's protocols for QIAGEN DNeasy extraction kits, and individuals were genotyped using 15 microsatellite loci: *Ots100* (Nelson & Beacham 1999), *Ots3M* (Greig & Banks 1999), *Ssa408* (Cairney *et al.* 2000), *OMM1080* (Rexroad *et al.* 2001), *Ots211*, *Ots212*, *Ots213*, *Ots201b*, *Ots208b* (Greig *et al.* 2003), *OtsG474*, *Ots311* (Williamson *et al.* 2002), *Ogo2*, *Ogo4* (Olsen *et al.* 1998), *Ots9* (Banks *et al.* 1999) and *Oki100* (K. Miller, unpublished data). Markers were amplified and genotyped as described by Narum *et al.* (2010). Briefly, fluorescently labelled PCR products were separated with fragment analysis chemistry on an Applied Biosystems 3730 Genetic Analyzer and genotyped with GeneMapper software. MSeExcel Microsatellite toolkit was used to identify duplicate genotypes. Duplicates resulted from fish sampled first at the weir, and again on a redd or spawning ground survey. Use of operculum tags to mark fish at the weir minimized the occurrence of duplication to 58 individuals, and in each of these cases, only the first capture sample at the weir was included in the analysis.

To assign returning adult offspring to parent(s), we used an exclusion approach with the program CERVUS 3.0 (Marshall *et al.* 1998; Kalinowski *et al.* 2007). Individuals genotyped for at least 12 of the 15 loci were included in parentage analyses. For single-parent-offspring comparisons, only those exhibiting no mismatches at a minimum of 14 common loci were considered true parent-offspring groupings. Only one mismatching locus was allowed for trios (offspring matching two parents), with at least 12 loci in common among all three individuals. These thresholds were highly conservative to avoid false assignments, and genotyping error was estimated to be very low at <1% based on concordance of quality control tests with repeated genotyping using approximately 5% of the samples; however, this approach may not account for all potential errors in the study. Returning F_1 offspring (*W* and *H*) were assigned to parents for each BY from 1998 to 2005 (with the exception of BY 1999 hatchery-reared parents, described above). For example, F_1 offspring (*W* and *H*) from BY 1998 returned in years 2001 through 2003 (Fig. 2). Specifically, salmon returning in 2001 through 2003 were tested against biologically plausible candidate parents (i.e. BY 1998). Following our second and third objectives, respectively, F_2 offspring were assigned to F_1 parents in two ways: (i) Second-generation (F_2) offspring returning in years 2004–2010 were assigned to F_1 parents from BY 1998 and 2000 (i.e. F_2 are the grand-offspring of F_0 fish that spawned in 1998 and 2000). This allowed us to specifically follow

two initial brood years of supplementation through the second generation. (ii) Second-generation (F_2) offspring returning in 2006–2010 were assigned to F_1 parents that spawned naturally in 2003–2005. This also allowed us to follow the second-generation returns, however, targeting combined age groups in each of these F_1 brood years increased our sample size and allowed direct comparison to published literature (Araki *et al.* 2009) and allowed for evaluation of genetic impacts to wild fish when hatchery fish mate with them. These brood years were chosen because all parents and offspring were sampled during the years of our study.

We empirically evaluated parentage assignment error rate by attempting to assign offspring returning in 2001 to 2005 to parents used for brood stock in 1998 and 2000. Parentage assignment errors fall into two categories: type A and B errors (different from Type I and II statistical errors; Araki & Blouin 2005). The failure to assign a true parent when that parent is in the sample, type A error, was determined by first attempting to assign hatchery-reared offspring to parents that were used for brood stock (all hatchery-reared fish should assign to a parent). Specifically, we evaluated offspring that assigned to parent pairs (or 2 of 2 brood stock parents) because we have no way of validating the single-parent assignments from hatchery mating records. We then calculated concordance between the parentage assignment results and the mated parents indicated by hatchery records; an error was recorded if a hatchery-reared fish did not assign to a parent or if it assigned to parents that did not match hatchery mating records. Type B error, assignment to an untrue parent (occurs when the true parent is absent or when the true parent is present but failed to be assigned), was calculated by attempting to assign wild-origin fish to parents that were used for brood stock (no wild-origin fish would have brood stock parents) and attempting to assign hatchery-reared fish to parents not used for brood stock. The stringency of the parentage assignment criteria used influences type A and type B errors as described in Araki & Blouin (2005). Specifically, Araki & Blouin (2005) found that type B error in their data set for steelhead was 1.4% when no mismatches were allowed, but jumped up to 30.5% when two mismatches were allowed. Because type B error is used to calculate unbiased RRS, minimizing this error ensures the minimum bias on RRS.

Relative reproductive success

Using parentage analysis, we estimated lifetime reproductive success, that is, the number of returning adult offspring produced per adult individual. Lifetime reproductive success was estimated for F_0 fish that

produced F_1 s in the hatchery and in the wild and estimated for returning adult F_1 fish that produced adult F_2 offspring in the natural environment. Using our empirically derived type B error rate, we obtained unbiased estimates of RRS following equation 14 from Araki & Blouin (2005). RRS estimates were not corrected for effects of harvest because there is no differential harvest between hatchery and wild fish (Johnson Creek hatchery fish are not adipose marked; therefore, there is no influence of a mark selected fishery).

To address our first objective and determine whether the supplementation programme provided a demographic boost to the natural population, we compared the numbers of offspring produced by fish that were removed from the wild and taken into the hatchery intended for use as brood stock versus individuals that were allowed to spawn in the natural environment (BY 1998–2005, with exception of BY 1999; Table 1). The numbers of adult offspring produced each year (1998–2005) and the numbers of adult grand-offspring produced from BY 1998 and BY 2000 were calculated based on parentage exclusion results for both artificially and naturally spawning individuals. Not all fish taken for brood stock had the opportunity to contribute offspring to the next generation due to prespawn mortality, unsuccessful spawning or culling of eggs to prevent disease. In addition, not all individuals had complete genetic data; therefore, some parent–offspring

relationships were not possible to detect in our analyses. To take the most conservative approach, we counted all potential parents that were removed at the weir for brood stock, even if they did not have the opportunity to contribute offspring. We also counted all potential parents that were sampled regardless of the completeness of genetic data.

Our second objective was to determine whether there were differences in reproductive success between hatchery-reared and wild-origin fish spawning naturally (reproductive success of F_1 fish produced from BY 1998 and 2000). Mean reproductive success was estimated separately for males and females by age class. First-generation (F_1) offspring from BYs 1998 and 2000 returned as jacks (age 3 males) in 2001 and 2003, and F_1 males and females (ages 4 and 5) returned in 2002 through 2005 (Fig. 2). To compare reproductive success separately for jacks, males and females in each year, we calculated RRS by dividing the average reproductive success of hatchery-reared fish by the average reproductive success of wild fish of the same gender and age. RRS estimates were calculated in two ways to include (i) all F_1 potential parents and (ii) only successful F_1 parents that contributed to the next generation by producing one or more returning adult offspring. To compare reproductive success of hatchery-reared males and females, we calculated RRS by dividing the average reproductive success of hatchery-reared males by the average reproductive success of hatchery-reared females of the same age.

Finally, to assess the effect of hatchery-reared fish on the fitness of wild-origin fish, we compared the reproductive success among mating types in the wild for BY 2003 to 2005 ($H \times H$, $H \times W$, $H \times -$ vs. $W \times W$ and $W \times -$; where ‘-’ equals one unknown/unassigned parent). Age classes were combined in each return year (i.e. RS of all returns in a given year was evaluated), but comparisons were made separately for males and females in addition to an analysis of sexes combined (Table 3). If hatchery rearing reduces the fitness of wild-origin fish, we would expect the $H \times W$ mating type to produce significantly fewer returning adult offspring than the $W \times W$ mating type.

We tested statistical significance of all RRS estimates with a two-tailed permutation procedure using the comparison of means algorithm applied in PERM 1.0 (Duchesne *et al.* 2006) set at 10 000 permutations. To evaluate the power of our analysis, we used the distribution of reproductive success differences from the permutation tests to calculate the minimum difference in reproductive success that we could detect with 80% and 95% probability. Overall RRS values were estimated by weighted geometric means (by number of offspring), and corresponding P -values were calculated on the basis of Fisher’s combined probability.

Table 1 Comparison of the number of returning adult offspring (including jacks) produced by fish removed at the weir for hatchery brood stock and the number of returning adult offspring produced by fish allowed to spawn in the natural environment

Brood year	n , Brood stock	n , Natural spawners	Hatchery produced adult offspring relative to wild
1998	55	104	2.77
1999	0	22	n/a
2000	72	87	1.22
2001	147	1334	5.35
2002	96	1103	5.48
2003	79	715	8.01
2004	57	271	5.29
2005	75	123	4.70
Mean			4.69

n is the sample size for the number of wild fish removed at the weir intended for use as brood stock (even if they did not have the opportunity to contribute offspring to the next generation), and the number of wild and hatchery fish allowed to spawn in the natural environment. Both n categories represent all individuals that were sampled, regardless of the occurrence of incomplete genetic data.

Results

Parentage analysis

Combined nonexclusion probability for assignment of the first parent, second parent and parent pair was $2.30\text{E}-07$, $2.91\text{E}-10$ and $2.25\text{E}-17$, respectively (Table S1, Supporting information). Approximately 97.6% of samples (7481 of 7668; Table S2, Supporting information) were successfully genotyped at 12 or more loci and were included in parentage analysis. Of the adult offspring returning in 2001–2010 (representing BY 1998–2005), 87% on average were assigned a single parent or parental pair, with assignment success ranging from 69% in return year 2003 to 95% in 2005. Lower weir efficiencies (i.e. sampling rate of returning potential parents) in the initial years of the study (mean weir efficiency for 1998 and 2000 was 63%) likely influenced the assignment success rate. Improvements made to weir operation were accompanied by parentage assignment success rates consistently >90% beginning for fish returning in 2005 through 2010. Distribution of the number of offspring produced by fish that returned to spawn in the wild in 1998 through 2005 was highly skewed. The majority of natural spawners (both hatchery-reared and wild) produced no adult offspring, and approximately 32% of all females produced one or more returning adult offspring (Fig. S1, Supporting information). Only 16% of hatchery males produced adult

offspring compared with 25% of wild males (mean for 1998 through 2005). The number of hatchery-reared and wild-origin F_1 counterparts (born in 1998 and 2000) that returned and successfully reproduced in years 2001 through 2005 is shown in Table 2, and the number of F_2 fish that hatched in the wild in BYs 2003 to 2005 is shown in Table 3.

No offspring were compatible with more than one set of parents. There were 36 (0.9% of parentage assignments) offspring that assigned to a single parent in 1 year (with zero mismatches) and assigned to a parental pair in a different year. In these few cases, the assignment to two parents was accepted given the lower value of the combined nonexclusion probability of parent pairs compared with single-parent assignments. Approximately 5% of the parentage assignments were not logically possible, the majority of which occurred in the first supplementation year, 1998. In the cases where 'wild' offspring assigned to parent pairs that were mated in the hatchery, these offspring ($n = 97$, 80% were from BY 1998) were treated as hatchery-reared in subsequent RRS analyses because their hatchery mark was likely not observed during field sampling. A total of 125 offspring were not counted in RRS estimates. Specifically, 56 'wild' offspring assigned to a brood stock parent and a naturally spawning parent, 63 'wild' offspring assigned to a single brood stock parent, and 6 'hatchery' offspring assigned to parents

Table 2 Relative reproductive success (RRS) of successful (produced at least one returning adult offspring) female, male and jack F_1 fish from brood year (BY) 1998 and 2000

Return year	n F1 (H/W)	RS Hatchery	Variance hatchery	RS Wild	Variance wild	RRS*	<i>P</i> -value	80%/95% Power†	Age of returns
Females (4- & 5-year-old)									
2002	29/13	1.21	0.31	1.23	0.19	0.98	1.00	0.84/0.75	4 year from BY 1998
2003	20/43	1.25	0.20	1.30	0.41	0.96	0.83	0.85/0.76	5 year from BY 1998
2004	32/32	3.19	3.64	2.63	4.50	1.22	0.30	1.24/1.36	4 year from BY 2000
2005	8/3	4.25	1.07	5.00	9.00	0.85	0.55	0.85/0.58	5 year from BY 2000
Overall female‡						1.11	0.84		
Males (4- & 5-year-old)									
2002	24/32	1.21	0.26	1.25	0.39	0.97	0.83	0.85/0.74	4 year from BY 1998
2003	6/28	1.67	0.67	1.36	0.61	1.23	0.39	1.37/1.53	5 year from BY 1998
2004	26/36	2.54	4.34	3.17	4.43	0.80	0.27	0.78/0.66	4 year from BY 2000
2005	0/0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 year from BY 2000
Overall male						0.89	0.56		
Jacks (3-year-old)									
2001	10/0	1.10	0.10	—	—	—	—	—	3 year from BY 1998
2003	15/8	1.20	0.31	1.75	1.07	0.68	0.16	0.88/0.66	3 year from BY 2000
Overall jack						—	—		

n is the sample size for number of naturally spawning successful (produced one or more returning adult offspring) hatchery-reared and wild F_1 fish from BY 1998 and BY 2000.

*RRS is calculated as the RS of hatchery-reared fish over the RS of wild-origin fish, and associated *P*-values are based on two-tailed permutation tests. Overall RRS was estimated using weighted geometric means, and the according *P*-values were calculated.

†Statistical power is the RRS value that would be significant with 80% and 95% probability.

‡Overall RRS estimate for females does not include return year 2005 due to low sample size.

Table 3 Relative reproductive success (RRS) of naturally spawning F₁ parents by mating type

Return year	<i>n</i> F ₂ offspring assigned	RRS*	<i>P</i> -value	80%/95% Power†
<i>H</i> × <i>H</i> vs. <i>W</i> × <i>W</i>				
Females				
2003	4/62	0.87	0.83	0.87/0.43
2004	40/79	0.76	0.17	0.76/0.67
2005	30/22	1.14	0.67	1.36/1.55
Overall female		0.87	0.58	
Males				
2003	4/62	1.03	1.00	1.31/1.58
2004	40/79	0.94	0.76	0.77/0.67
2005	30/22	1.02	1.00	1.50/1.74
Overall male		0.98	1.00	
Overall both sexes		0.94	0.95	
<i>H</i> × <i>W</i> vs. <i>W</i> × <i>W</i>				
Females				
2003	41/62	1.05	0.68	1.13/1.18
2004	108/79	1.12	0.48	1.21/1.32
2005	68/22	1.30	0.33	1.35/1.49
Overall female		1.14	0.62	
Males				
2003	41/62	0.96	0.85	0.88/0.80
2004	108/79	1.08	0.67	1.21/1.31
2005	68/22	0.93	0.83	0.69/0.51
Overall male		1.00	0.96	
Overall both sexes		1.07	0.92	
<i>H</i> × – vs. <i>W</i> × –				
Females				
2003	4/10	0.90	1.00	0.78/0.78
2004	5/15	0.72	0.77	0.63/0.41
2005	6/7	0.85	1.00	0.86/0.57
Overall female		0.82	1.00	
Males				
2003	1/4	—	—	—
2004	5/9	1.31	0.65	1.44/1.67
2005	2/8	0.75	1.00	0.75/0.75
Overall male		1.06	0.93	
Overall both sexes		0.91	1.00	

n is the sample size for the number of wild-born F₂ offspring that assigned to each parental mating type.

*RRS is calculated as the RS of hatchery-reared fish over the RS of wild-origin fish, and associated *P*-values are based on two-tailed permutation tests. Overall RRS was estimated using weighted geometric means, and the according *P*-values were calculated on the basis of Fisher's combined probability.

†Statistical power is the RRS value that would be significant with 80% and 95% probability.

that were not used for brood stock. A small opportunity exists for spawning downstream of the weir, and these particular types of matings (brood stock × natural spawner) may have occurred in low numbers before one parent was taken into the hatchery. For example,

there were 20 'wild' offspring from BY 1998 that assigned to two parents, where one parent was removed at the weir for brood stock, and the other parent was a natural spawner. These 20 offspring had one male parent in common that mated with multiple females (not used for brood stock). The male parent in this case successfully mated downstream of the weir before being captured for brood stock. These instances were not included in error estimates, and likewise these particular offspring were not included in RRS estimates.

For the empirical evaluation of parentage assignment errors, we found that all hatchery-reared offspring (identified via coded wire tags and/or visual implant elastomer tags) were assigned to parents that were used as brood stock, but 3.5% did not assign to the known mated parent pairs indicated by hatchery records (type A error). Inaccurate hatchery records cannot be distinguished from parentage errors and were therefore included in error estimates. Assignment of offspring to an untrue parent(s) resulted in overall 2.0% type B error (78 of 3933 offspring assigned to untrue parents). Specifically, 3.0% of hatchery-reared offspring assigned to one parent not used for brood stock, and 1.6% of wild-origin offspring assigned to one parent used for brood stock. Type B errors were confined to single-parent assignments only, as there were no trios.

Relative reproductive success

Demographic boost from hatchery-reared fish?

The numbers of returning adult offspring produced by fish removed for brood stock compared with their naturally spawning counterparts were variable each year. A range of 1.22 (BY 2000) to 8.01 (BY 2003) times as many returning adult offspring were produced in the hatchery compared with in the wild (Table 1). Averaged across all seven brood years, fish removed for brood stock produced 4.69 times more returning adult offspring (average for BY 1998 and BY 2000: 2.00) and 1.32 times as many returning adult grand-offspring on average for two brood years (BY 1998: 1.37; and 2000: 1.28) compared with their naturally spawning counterparts. Even though survival advantages of the hatchery environment were no longer present in the second generation (as these fish produced offspring in the wild environment), the demographic boost provided by the hatchery from BY 1998 and BY 2000 continued in the second generation.

Differences in hatchery-reared versus wild-origin reproductive success?

Estimates of RRS for hatchery-reared and wild-origin naturally spawning F₁ offspring (from BYs 1998 and 2000) are shown separately for jacks, males and females

by age class in Table S3 (Supporting information, for all potential parents) and Table 2 (for successful spawners only). For hatchery-reared F_1 females, mean RRS = 1.00 ($P = 0.19$), and none of the comparisons were significantly different from 1.0 (Table S3, Supporting information). For hatchery-reared adult males, mean RRS = 0.64 ($P < 0.01$) and was significantly lower in 2002 and for the 3 years combined (Table S3, Supporting information). Only one jack year was compared because wild-origin jacks that returned in 2001 did not produce any adult offspring. Unbiased RRS for hatchery-reared jacks in 2003 was 0.32 and was significantly lower ($P < 0.01$) than wild-origin counterparts (Table S3, Supporting information). The age 5 offspring from BY 2000 were not included in overall RRS estimates due to small sample size (0 males and only 12 females returned in 2005). Hatchery-reared male to hatchery-reared female RRS was 0.54 ($P = 0.03$, age 4 from BY 1998) in 2002, 1.21 ($P = 0.77$, age 5 from BY 1998) and 0.60 ($P = 0.03$, age 4 from BY 2000) in 2004.

In F_1 return years 2002–2004 (from BY 1998 and BY 2000), 40% of wild males and 31% of hatchery-reared males produced at least one adult offspring; 45% of wild females and 41% of hatchery-reared females produced at least one adult offspring (Table S4, Supporting information). Of the wild and hatchery fish that successfully reproduced (i.e. one or more adult offspring), RRS estimates were very similar and not statistically significant between any comparisons (Table 2; Fig. 3). For hatchery-reared F_1 females, unbiased RRS ranged from 0.96 ($P = 0.83$) to 1.22 ($P = 0.30$), and mean RRS = 1.11 ($P = 0.84$). For hatchery-reared F_1 males, unbiased RRS ranged from 0.80 ($P = 0.27$) to 1.23 ($P = 0.39$), and mean RRS = 0.89 ($P = 0.56$). Unbiased RRS for hatchery-reared jacks in 2003 was 0.68, but was not significantly lower ($P = 0.16$) than wild-origin counterparts (Table 2; Fig. 3).

Hatchery impacts to fitness of wild fish?

Comparisons of reproductive success for naturally spawning F_1 fish by mating type ($H \times H$, $H \times W$, $H \times -$ vs. $W \times W$ and $W \times -$) are shown separately for males and females in Table 3 (reproductive success and variance estimates are shown in Table S5, Supporting information). Compared with the fitness of mating by two wild-origin parents ($W \times W$), the mating by two hatchery-reared parents ($H \times H$) and one hatchery-reared and one wild-origin ($H \times W$) parent averaged 94.3% and 107.0%, respectively, for both sexes combined and was not significantly different from 1.0 in any comparison (Table 3; Fig. 4). Although RRS point estimates varied among years for both males and females, they were not significantly different from 1.0 in any comparison (Table 3). Four offspring assigned to $H \times H$ matings in

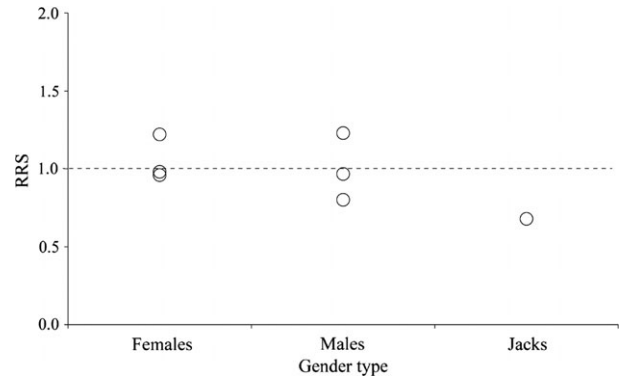


Fig. 3 Relative reproductive success (RRS) of successful F_1 spawners that produced one or more adult offspring (from BY 1998 and 2000), hatchery-reared relative to wild-origin fish for each gender type. Each point represents the estimate of RRS for each year compared and used to quantify overall RRS estimates; 2002–2004 (see associated Table 2). The dotted line (RRS = 1.0) represents where reproductive success of hatchery-reared fish is equal to that of wild-origin fish. Jacks are 3-year-old males.

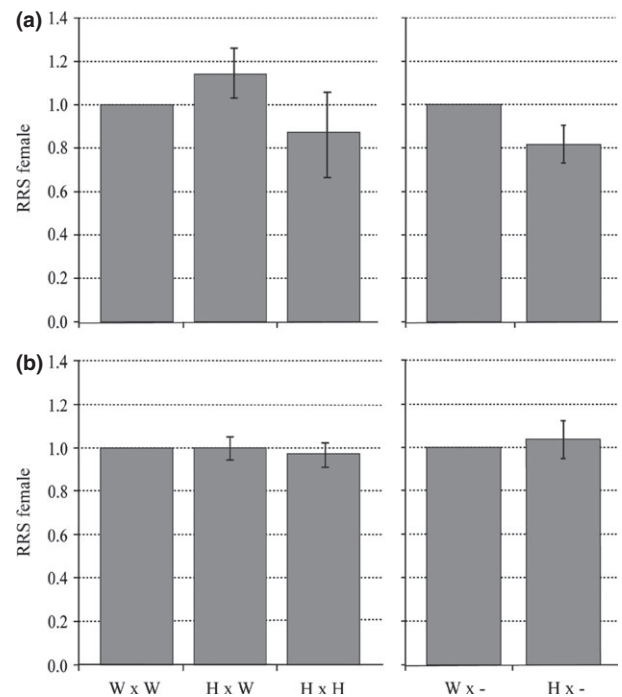


Fig. 4 Relative reproductive success (RRS) of each F_1 mating type in the wild, relative to $W \times W$ or $W \times -$ (RRS = 1.0, by definition). '-' equals unknown/unassigned parent. (a) Female F_1 s, (b) male F_1 s. Weighted geometric mean RRS among return years 2003–2005 is plotted for $H \times W$ and $H \times H$ relative to $W \times W$ on the left panels, and for $H \times -$ relative to $W \times -$ on the right panels. Error bar represents 1 SD.

2003, and RRS of $H \times H$ females relative to $W \times W$ females was 0.87. The small sample size for $H \times H$ matings in 2003 was due to few F_1 hatchery females return-

ing that year relative to wild, because most of the hatchery females produced in 1998 largely returned as 4-year-olds (65%) in 2002. Table S3 (Supporting information) shows the breakdown of sample sizes by age and sex for fish returning from the two initial supplementation years. Specifically, in return year 2003, there were almost twice as many wild 5-year-old females returning from BY 1998 compared with 5-year-old hatchery females (which largely returned as 4-year-olds in 2002). Removing year 2003 (due to small sample size) in overall estimates of RRS for $H \times H$ vs. $W \times W$ comparisons for males and females revealed similar results to those reported in Table 3 (females: RRS = 0.86, $P = 0.36$, males: RRS = 0.96, $P = 0.97$). Despite small sample sizes for single-parent assignments, comparisons over all years for both sexes ($H \times -$ vs. $W \times -$) yielded similar results where $H \times -$ produced offspring at 90.5% of $W \times -$, which was also not significantly different from 1.0 (Table 3; Fig. 4).

Discussion

The primary goals of the supplementation programme appear to have been met by providing a demographic boost to the wild population without significantly reducing fitness during the initial two generations of supportive breeding. Hatchery rearing of wild fish resulted in more wild-born adults in the next two generations than if fish had been left to spawn in nature, presumably due to survival advantages conferred by hatchery rearing. We generally fail to reject the null hypothesis that reproductive success of hatchery-reared fish is equal to that of wild-origin fish. The exception of significantly low values of RRS in BYs 2002 and 2003 was driven by hatchery males that did not reproduce, and thus had no effect on fitness of the wild population. Our results show that the reproductive success of successful hatchery-reared parents was not significantly different from wild and that mating types involving hatchery-reared parent(s) ($H \times H$, $H \times W$; or $H \times -$) were not significantly different from mating by wild-origin parent(s) ($W \times W$; or $W \times -$). Thus, evidence does not support that Chinook salmon reared for a single generation in the hatchery had negative fitness effects on wild-origin fish in Johnson Creek.

Further investigation into significantly low reproductive success of hatchery-reared males compared with wild males in 2 years revealed that this result was largely driven by individuals that produced no offspring: (i) 3-year-old males (jacks) from BY 2000 and (ii) 4-year-old males from the first supplementation year, BY 1998. Low reproductive success of hatchery-reared jacks compared with their wild-origin jack counterparts may be due to differences in rearing conditions, such as

increased growth opportunities in the hatchery environment. The incidence of early maturation in hatchery Chinook salmon is higher than in the wild (Larsen *et al.* 2004), as is the case in Johnson Creek. Hatchery-reared jacks from BY 2000 comprised 41% of the F_1 hatchery returns, whereas wild-origin jacks comprised only 13% of F_1 wild returns from BY 2000. In general, jacks are at a disadvantage for breeding success compared with large males that have better access to mating with females (Foote *et al.* 1997; Berejikian *et al.* 2010), and the higher incidence of jacks produced in the hatchery may further impact reproductive success compared with their wild-origin jack counterparts. Despite the higher incidence of jacks among hatchery returns, there is no evidence of a shift in age at return for the natural population over time (data not shown). The consequences, if any, of the hatchery jacks on the long-term viability of the natural population will be evaluated in the future.

The lowest values of RRS were observed for age 4 hatchery returns in 2002 (from BY 1998) for both males and females. This result was only statistically significant for males, but RRS estimates were below one for females returning from the first year of supplementation, and power to detect significant differences in these comparisons was low. This result is consistent with Araki *et al.* (2007b), who found that hatchery-reared fish did slightly worse in the first major return year of supplementation. However, the comparisons for females returning in 2004 and 2005 (representing the second year of supplementation, BY 2000) showed RRS estimates >1 . High annual variation in RRS of hatchery-origin fish is common in these types of studies (Araki *et al.* 2009), and additional annual comparisons will be needed to better understand the effect of hatchery rearing on the fitness of hatchery females in Johnson Creek.

Many hatchery-reared fish that returned to spawn in 2002 (from BY 1998, age 4) did not produce offspring, and this may be due to density-dependent effects and sexual selection. Return year 2002 had >1000 returning adults, making it the third highest return of Chinook salmon to Johnson Creek, behind only 2001 and 2010. Fleming & Gross (1993) observed hatchery-reared fish to be at a reproductive disadvantage compared with wild fish under high densities, with this effect especially pronounced in males. Density may also have had an effect in 2001 and 2010, but we could only compare the age 3 component (jacks) in 2001 because the eight natural jacks did not produce returning offspring, and in 2010 will not be evaluated until offspring return in 2013 through 2015. Density effects on fitness may result from hatchery-reared males showing less aggression compared with wild males when competing for access to spawning females (Fleming *et al.* 1996; Pearsons *et al.* 2007), possibly an outcome of relaxed selection in the

hatchery environment (Theriault *et al.* 2011). Indeed, two studies on the reproductive success of Chinook salmon also showed a stronger effect of hatchery rearing on males than on females (Williamson *et al.* 2010; Anderson *et al.* 2012).

Our study may provide additional support of relaxed selection in the hatchery as a mechanism for reduced reproductive success. Similar to Theriault *et al.* (2011), we found that F_1 hatchery-reared males had significantly reduced fitness compared with hatchery-reared females, suggesting a role for sexual selection. The reduction in fitness for males may be attributable to the artificial mating of competitively less fit males (e.g. less aggressive) that may not have otherwise successfully reproduced in the wild. In addition, the reduced reproductive success of hatchery males in 2 years may also be influenced by environmental effects in the hatchery.

Reproduction in the natural environment allows an opportunity for selection to act, providing a fitness advantage to individuals that are best suited to the local environment. Although genetic adaptation to captivity can occur rapidly (e.g. Christie *et al.* 2011), it is important to recognize that selection also acts in the natural environment when hatchery-reared fish return to spawn, where only a portion successfully contributes offspring to the next generation. These are the individuals that have the potential to directly impact fitness of the wild population, but we found no evidence of a negative fitness effect on wild fish when hatchery fish mated with them, and this was consistent for both males and females. Reproductive success of $H \times H$ pairings compared with $W \times W$ pairings for 2 of the 3 compared years resulted in RRS <1.0 for females and lower RRS for $H \times -$ females relative to $W \times -$ females in all three comparisons. Possible concern is warranted with regard to the RS of $H \times H$ pairings, as they may not produce as many returning adult offspring as $W \times W$ or $W \times H$ pairings.

We found no significant reduction in fitness of the hatchery fish that were successful during reproduction and more importantly, and we found no reduction in the fitness of wild fish when they mated with hatchery fish—a result that is novel compared with other published RRS studies. Araki *et al.* (2007b) found that first-generation hatchery fish (from a traditional hatchery) were reproductively less fit than wild fish and that second-generation wild-born fish produced from two hatchery parents had even lower reproductive fitness, suggesting a carry-over effect of artificial rearing that inflicted negative fitness impacts to wild fish (Araki *et al.* 2009). The lack of prior history of hatchery influence in our system, as evidenced by a lack of hatchery influence detected in Johnson Creek and the Secesh River (un-supplemented) compared with the heavily supplemented upper mainstem of the SFSR (Matala *et al.* 2012), may be an impor-

tant difference between the hatchery programme evaluated in our study and the systems that have been evaluated in other studies. Domestication impacts from nearby hatchery releases are possible despite the effort to exclude hatchery strays from Johnson Creek; however, those impacts are greatly reduced compared with other systems that are the topic of published RRS studies. Minimal prior hatchery influence in Johnson Creek further increases the potential to detect significant differences in RS between hatchery and wild fish, yet evidence for differences was limited to males that did not produce any offspring. In addition, domestication impacts are further reduced due to the nature of the Johnson Creek supplementation programme as the genetic composition of brood stock represents wild-origin fish that experience their entire life cycle in the natural environment. Minimal domestication impacts in Johnson Creek may help to explain why we did not find that hatchery fish reduced the fitness of wild fish. For example, steelhead in the Hood River system (Araki *et al.* 2007b, 2009) had a history of out-of-basin hatchery influence prior to initiation of their RRS study, and hatchery fish were incorporated into brood stock each year. Similarly, programmes that were the subject of the RRS studies by Williamson *et al.* (2010), Berntson *et al.* (2011) and Theriault *et al.* (2011) also involve hatchery programmes that use brood stock comprised in large part (up to 70–80%) by hatchery-reared fish each year. Indeed, even a few generations of domestication can have negative effects on natural reproduction in the wild (Araki *et al.* 2007a; Christie *et al.* 2011). These empirical studies indicate that use of primarily hatchery-origin fish in brood stock may result in poor performance in the wild (more generations of domestication selection) and may translate to reductions in fitness of wild fish when hatchery-reared fish mate with them.

Our study does not directly estimate genetic versus environmental components of differences between hatchery-reared and wild-origin fish (F_1 s experienced different rearing environments), which would allow us to determine whether there is a carry-over effect of artificial rearing (as found in analysis of F_2 RRS by Araki *et al.* 2009). However, based on our results thus far, it would be unexpected to see a fitness decline between the F_1 and F_2 generations because the F_2 generation is an additional generation removed from potential domestication effects, and we did not observe fitness declines of wild fish in the F_1 generation when they mated with hatchery-reared fish. We recognize that even though only wild-origin fish are used as brood stock each year, the effects of hatchery rearing may inflict small changes in fitness that may not result in significant differences in one generation, but the possibility exists for changes to accumulate over time. The effect of supplementation on the natural popula-

tion over greater than two generations will be evaluated in future years.

Our power to detect significant differences in reproductive success between hatchery-reared and wild-origin fish varied annually and is comparable to published studies where, in some years, a 50% or greater reduction in hatchery-reared reproductive success would be needed to detect a significant difference from wild-origin reproductive success (Araki *et al.* 2007a,b; Theriault *et al.* 2011). Despite some single years with reduced power, combining probabilities across multiple data sets (years) for both single-sex and mating type comparisons did not yield significant results (with the exception of males described above). Further, removal of years with low sample size had no appreciable effect on RRS comparisons. Overall, our study represents one of the most thorough data sets from a wild population to evaluate relative fitness of a supportive breeding programme. This is evident from the number of years (13) included to represent a multiple generation pedigree of spawning adults, number of fish genotyped (7481), number of microsatellite loci (15) and proportion of offspring that were able to be assigned to parents (87%). These numbers compare favourably to other studies of RRS (Araki *et al.* 2007a,b, 2009; Williamson *et al.* 2010; Berntson *et al.* 2011; Theriault *et al.* 2011; Anderson *et al.* 2012).

A variety of management protocols and strategies exist among Pacific salmonid hatchery programmes (Naish *et al.* 2007; Paquet *et al.* 2011), and each species represents multiple genetic lineages and life history traits (Waples *et al.* 2001). Given such diversity, from relatively few and isolated RRS studies conducted so far, it would be premature to generalize that all hatchery-reared fish are significant drivers of fitness declines in wild populations. Specifically, perhaps steelhead, which have been the focus of many RRS studies, are simply more prone to reduced fitness due to hatchery rearing practices. In hatcheries, prior to release in the wild, steelhead juveniles are reared for 1 year until smoltification, a physiological process that prepares fish for transition from freshwater to saltwater. The accelerated smoltification process in the hatchery deviates from the typical 2-year time frame to smolt in nature. Alternatively, Chinook salmon are reared in hatcheries for a time frame more similar to their natal juvenile rearing time of 1 year. Populations experiencing a captive environment that is most similar to what is experienced in the natural environment may show the least divergence from the original wild population (Shuster *et al.* 2005), and risks of genetic adaptation to artificial environments are reduced with fewer numbers of generations in captivity (reviewed in Williams & Hoffman 2009). Nevertheless, our results place into question the

generalization that all hatchery fish are significant drivers for fitness declines by demonstrating that supplementation programmes, under certain management practices (e.g. using local wild-origin brood stock, minimal time spent in captivity), can successfully boost population size with minimal negative impacts to the fitness of Chinook salmon in the wild.

In the face of environmental perturbations, fishery harvest and habitat alterations, the ability for anadromous salmonids at risk of extinction to recover to sustainable levels is uncertain. Supportive breeding is simply one of the many tools needed to re-build depressed populations and maintain abundance. In addition to salmonids, many species are incapable of sustaining themselves predominately due to human impacts, and the need to take individuals into a captive environment for long-term survival is a reality for many threatened and endangered species. A goal for captive programmes is to limit deleterious genetic changes during captivity, so that the long-term viability of a population in the wild environment is maximized. One way to minimize the effects of adaptation to captivity, and perhaps subsequent negative impacts on wild populations, is to incorporate some portion of wild genes into the captive population each year. Our study highlights the value in using wild individuals adapted to local environmental conditions for supportive breeding.

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Data accessibility

Sample locations and microsatellite data: DRYAD entry doi: 10.5061/dryad.19p14.

Supporting information

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Table S1 Summary statistics for each microsatellite locus.

Table S2 Number of individuals by origin for each return year that were genotyped for this study, and were included in parentage analysis.

Table S3 Relative reproductive success (RRS) of female, male and jack F_1 fish (including potential parents producing zero adult offspring) from BY 1998 and 2000.

Table S4 Supplementary information for Table 2, showing the proportion of F_1 fish (from BY 1998 and 2000) that produced one or more returning adult offspring in 2002–2004.

Table S5 Supplementary information for Table 3, showing average reproductive success (RS) and variance estimates.

Fig. S1 Histogram of estimated fitness (i.e. number of offspring produced) for hatchery- and wild-origin female natural spawners from 1998 through 2005.

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Name	Ralph Veldlink
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Portland Oregon
Comments	Please abide by the Kitzhaber agreement. The time for gill nets to be removed from the Columbia River has been extended by a full 2 years. Enough is enough. Take the politics out of fishing. Do what you agreed to do.
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Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:05:15 PM

Name	Richard Bomhoff
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Deer Island OR
Comments	It seems to me that the direction the ODFW and WDFW are heading we might as well all quit fishing and sell our boats. So where will these agency's get the money for all there salary's? If big business ran there company's like ODFW and WDFW they would all go broke.
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Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 9:43:37 PM

Name	Dale Carper
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Portland Oregon
Comments	<p>Dear Columbia River Commissioners,</p> <p>I am one of thousands in Oregon who contributes large amounts of my hard earned pay check to the local fishing industry every year! I am a "Sport Fisherman"! Why do we need "Gillnets"? A simple question! The truth is we don't! Not for restaurants, grocery stores, or any other large retailers needs! "Fair Chase" in every aspect of fish and game gathering and should be the norm! It is not fair chase to destroy a fishery for the benefit of just a few! The Columbia River is not private. It is in the "Public Domain" and should remain this way! Let the "Gillnetters" use long line legal commercial fishing tactics. There harvest will still be large but won't indiscriminately kill other species. Mass hunting and fishing has a very bloody and horrific history in the United States! We have many extinct species because of these practices. Let's not continue to brush up next to this terrible history in our state! I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production. Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum. The bi-state reforms are the result of significant effort and compromise, including increased hatchery production to benefit gillnet harvests in off-channel areas. Efforts to undo the reforms put this hatchery production and the funding available for Columbia River salmon management at risk. Efforts to extend Washington's Columbia River endorsement fee were recently</p>

rejected by their state legislature and Oregon's endorsement must be reauthorized next year. One key purpose of the bi-state reforms was to enhance the overall economic benefits of the fishery and provide more certainty for fisheries - it was never to increase gillnet industry profits. I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.

Sincerely,

Dale Carper

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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 10:39:21 PM

Name	Ronald Easley
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Vancouver 98664 Washington
Comments	<p>Please support the Columbia River Reforms as agreed to and paid for through additional licensing fee's by sportman. The State of Washington should be a world class fishing desintation, generating tremendous revenue for area business, county and state governments. In stead, fisherman fly to other areas around the world where fishery's are better managed to protect the natural resources to generate income for local businesses. Gillnets are nonselective and non-native gillnet fishers are not needed to take hatchery fish out of the river system as proposed by some officials.</p> <p>Please reverse course and save this great natural resource that we have before it is gone.</p> <p>Thank you, Ron Easley</p>
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 6:54:01 PM

Name	Randy Klobas
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Tillamook OR
Comments	This gill net problem needs to be delt with once and for all. Kill the harvesting of gill net salmon(I mean end it) . The bycatch alone is reason enough. The rules and regulations on recreational fishing makes us look like idiots compared to gill netters. They can catch and kill what ever they want. We get fined just for catching the wrong fish ODFW needs to be reworked too.
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Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:08:44 AM

Name	Dale Lyster
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Corvallis OR
Comments	Do NOT reverse Columbia KILL Nets decisions. As I see the issue. money has been stolen from sport fishers if non-selective Gil Nets are re-introduced to the Columbia River. Keep Commercial Gil Nets out!
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Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:57:43 PM

Name	Jeffrey Monaco
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Tillamook Oregon
Comments	<p>We all know that gillnets kill indiscriminately, so why is this continuing to be brought forth for reconsideration? Let them go the way of the dinosaurs already. No one wants to put people out of work, but gillnets are only going to continue adding nails to this industries coffin. These fish populations are continuing to plummet, and to think that business as usual is to the commercial guys benefit is just plain, shortsighted stupidity.</p> <p>With the money wasted on both sides of this argument, every commercial boat on the Columbia could have been re-equipped with modern, selective alternatives by now. Help these guys transition towards a sustainable future, or help retrain them to do something else. Either they cannot afford the upgrade and are stuck between a rock and a hard place, trying to provide for a living, or they don't care about their impact. Either way they must know in their hearts that gillnet practices are wrong, both logically and morally.</p> <p>Salmonids cannot speak for themselves, so it is up to us to stand up for their survival in the face of the monumental disadvantages they face. Climate change, deforestation which leads to the loss of breeding habitat, deteriorating ocean conditions, the assault on hatchery production, over-fishing and indiscriminate netting practices (etc., etc.) combine to form a pretty bleak future for them to ever make the comeback we have hoped for.</p> <p>As the stewards for our fish, it is up to you to help them any way you can. Please stand up for the reforms that have been made in a loud, solid voice that will get the point across once and for all that gillnets are through here forever.</p> <p>Remember that the vast, vast majority of us are rooting for our fish.</p> <p>So.....</p> <p>I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the</p>

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I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.

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Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 10:31:19 AM

Name	James Russell
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Corvallis OR
Comments	DO NOT RESTORE THE NON-SELECTIVE MAINSTEM GILLNETTING REFORMS, it harms and kills many non targeted species, and you know it. If you truly and fairly considered whats best for the fish and "all" stakeholders, you would never consider this. I am one of the many thousands of Oregonians that oppose this action and I intend to show my opposition by supporting (with increased donations) the CCA.
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Name	Gene Spooner
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Ocean Shores Wa
Comments	<p>I have lived in Washington all my life. I have fished for over 70 years. I have two boats, one so I can fish in the Ocean and one to take in the lakes and rivers. The fishing for Salmon and Steelhead has become so bad I am seriously thinking about selling them both and no longer buying hunting and fishing licenses. As a lifelong outdoors person I believe that my Grandkids will not have the the thrill of hooking a salmon or steelhead because the the actions of our WDFW. I can't believe they don't care about ignoring the facts of the dangers of loosing the Salmon and Steelhead by allowing gill netting in the Columbia River. We are the only state in the US that allow gill netting in a River. I hope you and your other associates tell the WDFW to not allow gill netting in Columbia River.</p> <p>Thank you Gene Spooner</p>
Attachment	

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Entry ID: 80

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 3:05:30 PM

Name	Keith Weathers
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Salem OR
Comments	<p>A century ago both of my grandfather s were homesteaders in Oregon. They relied on their farms to feed their families, but they fished the plentiful runs of salmon to garnish their diets. Salmon were incredibly more numerous then, but today I am still blessed to treat my children and grandchildren to the satisfaction of catching an occasional salmon and eating it together around the family table.</p> <p>There are many threats to Northwest salmon in the wild from human actions, so their numbers and their futures are threatened. The fish need successful spawning runs to survive, so non-selective gill netting in the mainstream of our great Columbia river fish highway is both unscientific and unconscionable.</p> <p>If my great-grandchildren are to have this cultural treasure preserved - even in small measure - for their participation, then this is the time for Oregon and Washington wildlife departments to follow the best science and take the most honorable steps toward preserving - even strengthening - these fish runs. A giant step toward this will be the sole reliance on selective gill netting in the main stem of the Lower Columbia. Please do the most scientific and honorable thing! Thank you!</p>
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Entry ID: 83

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 7:51:35 AM

Name	Bruce Williams
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Bandon, OR 97411 OR
Comments	As an avid Oregon fisherman and retired biologist, I urge you not to abandon fishery reforms currently in place and return gill-netting to the mainstem Columbia River. Our beleaguered salmonid populations need more protections, not less. You should be doing everything in your power to ensure these steelhead and salmon will thrive for future generations, not bowing to commercial fishing interests. Please, do the right thing for the resource!
Attachment	

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Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee (PRC)

**Public Comments received between
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8 a.m. – 5p.m.

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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 8:31:23 AM

Name	Tom Armstrong
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Portland OR
Comments	No gillnets. Salmon runs are at the brink of collapse. We need to use more selective fishing gear to reduce bi-catch. We need to get commercial fishing off the mainstream and into hatchery runs like Young's Bay. Enough, already.
Attachment	

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Entry ID: 87

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 10:20:14 AM

Name	Troy Cummins
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Lebanon OR
Comments	<p>I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.</p> <p>Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum.</p> <p>The bi-state reforms are the result of significant effort and compromise, including increased hatchery production to benefit gillnet harvests in off-channel areas. Efforts to undo the reforms put this hatchery production and the funding available for Columbia River salmon management at risk. Efforts to extend Washington's Columbia River endorsement fee were recently rejected by their state legislature and Oregon's endorsement must be reauthorized next year.</p> <p>One key purpose of the bi-state reforms was to enhance the overall economic benefits of the fishery and provide more certainty for fisheries - it was never to increase gillnet industry profits.</p> <p>I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.</p>
Attachment	

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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 11:07:41 AM

Name	Dennis Harman
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Summer Washington 98390
Comments	As the Steel Head and Salmon runs plunge on the Columbia Rivers and all other rivers in our state... WDFW, ODFW, AND THE Columbia RIVER ADVISORY GROUP HAVE SHOWN THEIR TRUE COLORS BY THEIR TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VOTING ROD AND REEL RIVER FISHERMAN OF OUR STATES. THEY CATER TO THE WHIMS OF POLITICIANS, AND LARGE COPORATIONS OF OUR STATES..THEY DO NOT PROTECT THE ENDANGERED SALMON AND STEEL HEAD SPECIES AND OUR RIVERS. KILL NETTERS , AND SEINERS ARE DESCIMATING OUR FISH RUNS. I DO NOT KNOW WHY IDAHO DOES NOT SUE WASHINGTON AND OREGON BUT THEY SHOULD.. REEL RIVER FISHERS OF WAHINGTON.
Attachment	

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Entry ID: 90

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 10:11:10 AM

Name	Lee Pummer
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Eugene OR
Comments	I would to hear what logistic WDFW / ODFW use for putting the gill net back in the main stream?
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 65.155.111.34 (United States) at 2019-10-21 13:11:07 on Internet Explorer 11.0
Entry ID: 88

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 8:17:20 AM

Name	John Goche
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Portland Oregon
Comments	We voted gill nets off the main stem Columbia. Please listen to the voters.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 75.164.2.151 (United States) at 2019-10-22 11:17:17 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 93

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 8:11:05 AM

Name	jean meyr
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	touchet wa
Comments	PLEASE keep the commercial gillnet industry out of the Columbia River! Our runs cannot support both commercial and native nets.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 199.101.80.30 (United States) at 2019-10-22 11:10:43 on Edge 18.18362
Entry ID: 92

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 8:22:16 AM

Name	Chris Paresa
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Jefferson Oregon
Comments	<p>I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.</p> <p>Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum.</p> <p>The bi-state reforms are the result of significant effort and compromise, including increased hatchery production to benefit gillnet harvests in off-channel areas. Efforts to undo the reforms put this hatchery production and the funding available for Columbia River salmon management at risk. Efforts to extend Washington's Columbia River endorsement fee were recently rejected by their state legislature and Oregon's endorsement must be reauthorized next year.</p> <p>One key purpose of the bi-state reforms was to enhance the overall economic benefits of the fishery and provide more certainty for fisheries - it was never to increase gillnet industry profits.</p> <p>I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.</p>
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Entry ID: 94

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 1:07:08 PM

Name	Jim Coleman
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	St. Helens Oregon
Comments	<p>Greetings, My name is Jim Coleman a Columbia River commercial advisor, Thank you for this opportunity to be a part of this PRC process. I have followed what I call the Kitzhaber plan since it was dreamed up behind closed doors with a few sports fishing special interest groups back in 2012. Over the course of the last seven years it is clear this plan has failed on all fronts. One of the hardest parts for me to understand is it appears some are trying to show the economics of the SAFE areas somehow as a success. I am not an economist but I just can't make the numbers work. What I look at is the number of fish caught and yes that can be confusing as well. Please remember these SAFE areas were in existence long before this new policy was implemented and had good returns then, those SAFE areas were originally set up to off-set lost mainstem commercial fishing pre-policy. Please look at the history. I don't think I need to remind you of the fact that there are no new SAFE areas as promised in the plan.</p> <p>Now the politics of all this. I realize there is political pressure for you to follow the special interest groups desires. I've watched as my representative from my district on the ODFW Commission was removed from his seat because of political pressure. I watched your last meeting in Salem where the new members were warned by one special interest group to follow there wishes, they would be watching. I have been a part of this process from the beginning and I think the facts bear out that the intentions of this plan have failed and the Commercial industry has suffered significant economics loss since it was first implemented and all the delays in fixing it have only made it worse. The facts are there in front of you please try and leave the politics out of it.</p> <p>Thanks again for the opportunity to have a forum to present my thoughts. My attachments was only intended to add a little humor to this serious matter. Jim Coleman 503-523-6722</p>
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Chrome 77.0.3865.103
Entry ID: 95

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 9:49:33 PM

Name	Nolan Matsumoto
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Ontario Oregon
Comments	Seriously? You people are considering a gillnet fishery when we are having some of the lowest numbers of fish EVER? How now BROWN cow?
Attachment	

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Entry ID: 96

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 9:58:09 AM

Name	Andreas Grob
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Portland 9230 OR
Comments	<p>Please do not abandon these reforms. Fellow sportswoman and man have paid their duty and money to establish this. WE will fight for what we have here in the PNW with whatever we have available. Pay them respect to these creatures by removing these KILL nets from the mainstem, have them change the way of netting they do and make it work for everyone.</p> <p>Always remember who pays your wages, don't ever forget that</p> <p>Best regards Andreas Grob</p>
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Entry ID: 97

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 4:19:19 PM

Name	Leo Morris
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Troutdale Oregon
Comments	No gillnets anywhere Selective fisheries only No broken promises No STURGEON RETENTION Thanks. Leo
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 24.21.51.113 (United States) at 2019-10-25 19:19:16 on Chrome 77.0.3865.116
Entry ID: 98

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019 3:34:28 PM

Name	Janice Stixrud
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Longview Washington
Comments	<p>I am not a commercial fisherman, nor do I own a boat or sports fishing pole, but my favorite meat has always been salmon. I depend upon commercial fishermen to provide me with salmon. With the restrictions placed on commercial fishing I have had only a few fish over the past several years. It appears to me that salmon are now only for the elite- sports fishermen. I'm all for salmon conservation and recovery, but if safely-done commercial fishing can be achieved, please support it. I would sure like to taste a spring Chinook salmon again in my lifetime.</p> <p>Don't make having fresh salmon just for a small percentage of people.</p>
Attachment	

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Entry ID: 99

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019 4:31:07 PM

Name	Joel Rupley
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Longview Wa
Comments	Come on, people, do better job! We of Southwest Washington deserve access to one of our signature foods, both by catching and by purchase. Pump up the hatcheries and preserve habitat. Take effective action now.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 71.63.214.39 (United States) at 2019-10-26 19:31:05 on iPhone 13.0.1
Entry ID: 101

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2019 9:14:57 PM

Name	Robert Burdick
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Seattle WA
Comments	To save Columbia River fish runs we must change from gill nets to reef nets as advocated by the Wild Fish Conservancy. Do not vote for further gill netting in the Columbia!
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 73.35.254.244 (United States) at 2019-10-28 00:14:54 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 102

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, October 28, 2019 10:18:07 PM

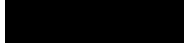
Name	George Krumm
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Estacada Oregon
Comments	<p>Indiscriminate gillnetting over mixed stocks, some endangered, is not only irresponsible. It is unsustainable and stupid.</p> <p>I, like many others, have been paying for the Columbia River Basin Endorsement for several years. I'm still being required to purchase this endorsement. As part of the deal, promises were made to eliminate mainstem Columbia River gillnetting. I expect those promises to be kept. Show some integrity. Keep your word.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>George Krumm</p>
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 72.19.51.207 (United States) at 2019-10-29 01:18:04 on Chrome 78.0.3904.70
Entry ID: 103

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:52:06 AM

Name	Jim Coleman
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	St.Helens Oregon
Comments	<p>Ladies and Gentlemen of the PRC, Good morning and thank you for this forum. My name is Jim Coleman a Columbia River Commercial Advisor.</p> <p>This is my second letter I hope I am not exceeding my limit? Like I said in my earlier letter I have been following this process since its beginning, although slow it seems to me this joint state review process is getting us closer to making the changes needed in this failed plan.</p> <p>My hope is that as you get to your decision on what needs to happen to correct the failures in this plan you can be unanimous in your decision. After talking to one of your members offline this is probably a pipe dream but i thought I would bring it up.</p> <p>My next thought is a long term fix. I hear promises being made to just wait for next year these SAFE areas are going to make the commercials whole. We heard that same promise in 2012. The Seine also failed as did the idea sportfishing would increase under this plan. This plan never did address our ESA listed stocks.</p> <p>Finally my suggestion is, as you come to your final suggestions to each state would it be possible to include an explanation on how you reached your decision? I am sure not everyone agrees or understands the failures of this plan. My thoughts are some kind of upfront communication could possibly give them a better understanding of how these decisions were made and why. Even a letter to the Governor of Oregon would help, seems she has a political agenda on this issue. Maybe this is already a part of your plan if so that works for me and thanks in advance.</p> <p>Thanks again for your hard work, as I watch these meetings I like the way you are dealing with the failures of this plan. Again please try to leave the politics out of this and follow the facts.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

Jim Coleman



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The message has been sent from 73.67.196.157 (United States) at 2019-10-29 12:52:03 on
Chrome 77.0.3865.103
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Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee (PRC)

**Public Comments received between
October 30, 2019 through November 6, 2019**

for the November 18 meeting

8 a.m. – 5p.m.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 5 Office
5525 S 11th St Ridgefield WA 98642

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 2:50:57 PM

Name	Randy Farr
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	pullman wa
Comments	<p>It would be nice for the snake river to actually have a season with set numbers to catch. The lower columbia gets first shot at the fish before the actual numbers are known. If the lower columbia goes over on the fish the snake river fishery is cut. The people in eastern Wa. that have had to change their way of life of farming and livestock to protect the salmon have very little chance to enjoy fishing for them. I also don't understand why there is only 3 little areas on the snake river to have the opportunity to combat fish. Expand the areas to fish and lower the amount of people crammed into the fishing area. Fishing is supposed to be enjoyable and relaxing. It is extremely disappointing to have snake river fisheries limited and the lower columbia gets to keep fishing. I was under the assumption that recreation fishing was a concern but the guides and commercial fishermen have more voice than the recreational fisherman. Most of the spring chinook go to the snake river and we only get a small percent of them. Lower columbia has more fishing options throughout the year and the snake only has 3.</p>
Attachment	

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Entry ID: 112

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, November 1, 2019 9:52:28 AM

Name	Steve Rhodes
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Enumcla wa
Comments	Your continued agreement to allow gill net fisheries in the lower Columbia River will, at best, ELIMINATE, what was once, robust fisheries for ALL. Can you not see the handwriting n the wall? Gill netting, Sea Lions and what next? WDFW staff shaking each others' hands with a congratulatory nod 'WE DID IT!'
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 66.113.110.27 (United States) at 2019-11-01 12:52:24 on Edge 18.18362
Entry ID: 111

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2019 9:17:26 PM

Name	Evan Cornwall-Brady
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] Shelton, WA
Comments	Commercial fisheries provide access to wild salmon for the majority of our population that does not sport fish. Salmon are food fish, not game fish and should be prioritized as such. Recreational salmon fisheries are also important, especially in rural communities like mine (Mason County) but should have annual bag limits like halibut. In my opinion the answer is to use the existing infrastructure to produce more salmon for all groups. There is demand for commercial and recreational caught salmon, if you make the pie bigger, everybody wins.
Attachment	

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Entry ID: 110

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2019 5:59:56 PM

Name	Rodney Thorne
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Kennewick WA
Comments	Science and common sense agree. Gill netting in the Columbia River is destroying Salmon, Steelhead and Sturgeon stocks. This nonselective destruction of our precious resource is indefensible and must end.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 97.94.7.46 (United States) at 2019-10-31 20:59:52 on Chrome 77.0.3865.116
Entry ID: 109

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2019 4:17:20 PM

Name	Robert Velikanje
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Yakima Washington
Comments	<p>Please, please, please reconsider your Spokane vote with regard to dramatic changes to C-3620. This policy and the efforts behind such policy were more than 5 years in the works when a closed door vote was taken, undoing major portions of that policy with regard to commercial gillnetting. Implement the commercial license buy back program established years ago and codified in the RCWs. Recreational fishers will thank you and benefit, orcas will benefit and the recovery of steelhead in Columbia River headwaters will benefit. It appears that a long term policy goal has been lost to the pressure for short term financial gain (if there even is a financial gain anymore for commercial gillnetting).</p>
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The message has been sent from 65.101.105.245 (United States) at 2019-10-31 19:17:16 on Edge 18.17763
Entry ID: 108

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2019 11:24:26 AM

Name	Greg Lopic
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Longview WA
Comments	<p>I am not a recreational or commercial fisherman. Nevertheless fresh caught salmon is one of my favorite foods. Until recently I have been able to purchase fish from a commercial distributor, but availability has significantly declined due to commercial fishing restrictions on the Columbia. I am not aware that these restrictions have improved the numbers in the various salmon runs. I encourage you to let the commercial fisherman have a larger share in the bounty. Thank you, Greg Lopic</p>
Attachment	

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Entry ID: 107

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2019 11:07:06 AM

Name	Lyle Cabe
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Vancouver WA
Comments	Return to the bi-state agreed upon plan and stop letting the pro-commercial commissioners tear that conservation based plan apart. Gillnets are NOT selective, they kill endangered species along with no target fish. The SAFE areas make the commercials tons of money spread that to WA gillnetters. OR a d WA need to by back licenses from gillnetters. Pound nets and seines need to be developed. We need a conservation mindset for this plan not a \$\$\$\$ mindset. Thank you.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 99.203.39.245 (United States) at 2019-10-31 14:07:03 on Chrome 77.0.3865.116
Entry ID: 106

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 8:24:47 AM

Name	Douglas Stinson
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Toledo WA
Comments	Salmon are a key part of the Northwest culture and we should insure that it continues. It appears to me that there are too many people wanting fish and not enough fish. I suggest we remove power boats on rivers like the Cowlitz and Chehalis and go back to drift boats. That would make fishing more sportsman like. That was how fishing was done 40 years ago and these two rivers had lots of fish.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 199.15.218.120 (United States) at 2019-10-30 11:24:43 on Chrome 77.0.3865.120
Entry ID: 105

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: Michelle.L.Tate@state.or.us
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 2:36:35 PM

Name	Joe Klobucnik
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Vancouver WA
Comments	Times have changed. Remove commercial fishing from main stem Columbia River before it depletes endangered species as experienced in the past one hundred twenty years. Sport fishing contributes vastly more revenue to our Northwest economies than commercial fishing. Commercial fishing must go the way of buggy whips.
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 71.236.207.195 (United States) at 2019-11-06 18:36:32 on Safari 13.0.1
Entry ID: 113



Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee (PRC)

**Public Comments (non-form letters) received
as of November 6, 2019**

for the November 18 meeting

8 a.m. – 5p.m.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 5 Office
5525 S 11th St Ridgefield WA 98642

From: [Blaine Ackley](mailto:Blaine.Ackley@odfw.com)
To: ODFW.Commission@state.or.us
Subject: Salmon Enhancement
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 8:03:35 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I have been a licensed Oregon sport fisherman for many years.

I have been actively following the salmon enhancement issues before the ODFW and the Commission.

In that time, except for one year, we have seen salmon forecasts come up short in most cases. What does that mean? For the last 9 years I have been paying a salmon enhancement fee to remove the kill nets from the Columbia River. Yet the kill netters are still netting on the main stem of the river while the resource is in decline.

It means that it is time for you commissioners to exercise your power to direct the agency to do the right thing and begin protecting our resource.

So what can you do?

I recommend you do the following:

- 1) Direct the agency to move the kill nets off the main stem of the river.
- 2) Direct the agency to change the algorithm it uses to forecast fish returns because it has been overly optimistic.
- 3) Direct the agency to begin a buyout program for the kill netters.

Then finally, I want you to direct the agency to re-consider the effects of a fish closure on the resource in general. Specifically, when the closures for Buoy 10 chinook went into effect on August 20th this year, I saw so many fish being returned to the water because they were chinook and not coho. I do know that the guides suffered from the same circumstances. So what can be done?

I recommend that when the a fish closure happens to avoid all this needless fish handling, allow any license holder to keep just one fish. Whatever the fish may be, the fisher person can only keep that first fish they catch. That's it, one fish and you have your limit.

I don't envy you in your job and I respect your public service but it is time to respect the sport fisherman. You should know if you don't already know that sport fishing license fees pay the bill for over half of the ODFW budget. The fees are already too Highland we get less opportunity every year. There are only about 125 kill net permit holders and those fees pay less than 5% of the budget so let's get some opportunity to the people who pay the bills, the sport fisherman.

Thank you,
Blaine Ackley
Hillsboro, Oregon

From: [Charles Loos](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Oppose increased gillnetting in Columbia River
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 7:40:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

With steelhead and salmon runs diminishing, I opposed gillnetting on the Columbia River. The bi-state reform program of a few years back was a good plan for phasing out gillnets. As a sports fisherman, I paid for a Columbia River Endorsement on my license to fund the program. Please honor the bi-state agreement, and get gillnets off the Columbia River.

Sincerely,

Charles Loos

[REDACTED]

Portland, OR 97219

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From: [Robert Sudar](#)
To: [ODFW Commission](#)
Subject: Information regarding the Columbia River Policy
Date: Monday, October 28, 2019 10:13:39 AM
Attachments: [2019-10-21 Letter to Commissions Regarding Columbia River Policy and WDFW Funding.docx](#)

The Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission is planning to delay their decision on the Columbia River Policy, despite long-standing plans by the Policy Review Committee (PRC) to complete their work in November and have a submission for the Commissions in both states to consider and vote on at their December meeting. After hearing the Washington Commission speak to this issue last week, along with public testimony, I wrote the attached letter to clarify what I felt was mis-guided reasoning and some serious factual errors. I recognize the importance for concurrency in both states regarding Columbia River salmon management, so I am sharing my letter with your Commission members, too. It is imperative that Oregon consider and vote in December on any recommendations put forth by the PRC. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the statements in my letter. Thank you.

Robert Sudar, Longview

October 26, 2019

To: Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

From: Robert Sudar, Longview

Re: Commission decision to postpone Columbia River Policy vote

Commissioners:

I was extremely disappointed to hear at the Friday, October 18th Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting a decision to postpone possible Columbia River Policy reforms until 2020, at the earliest, instead of making them in Bellingham in December, per planning decisions agreed to earlier this year. This decision is unfair to our commercial gillnet fishery, unfair to the public that looks to us for access to the salmon resource they own, and unfair to the many participants in the Policy Review Committee (PRC) process who have been trying to meet the previously agreed-to schedule. That committee is reviewing the performance of the Policy over the last seven years, as described by staff policy reviews in both states since 2017, and applying the Adaptive Management provisions contained within the Policy and championed by every Washington F&W Commission member in their 2013 testimony when the current Policy was approved. Those provisions were included to verify that conservation of the salmon resource is prioritized and that the economic stability of both the recreational and commercial fishing industries on the Columbia is maintained within the natural variability of salmon returns.

I attended the Fish Committee meeting on Thursday the 17th, testified at the Friday Commission meeting and listened to the recorded public testimony on Saturday, the 19th. There were several continuing themes I heard from opponents of our commercial fishery – the March Commission decision was rushed, it was a surprise that a vote was even taken in Spokane, the Commissioners were confused about what they were voting on, the decision was a betrayal of sport fishing advocates, and that the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) and similar groups pulled their support for increased recreational license fees and the Columbia River Endorsement last legislative session because of the March vote in Spokane. I would like to shed some light on those claims.

First off, there was no surprise about the vote in March. It was clear months before, through Commission planning at prior meetings, that the Policy Review Committee would start their meetings in January and work for a decision at the Spokane meeting, before the beginning of the North of Falcon process. We questioned the location when it was first determined but were told that was simply how the planning would work out. The Spokane location was just as inconvenient for commercial representatives as for recreational, but some gillnetters did testify in Spokane.

The PRC proposal, decided at their February 26th meeting, was included in the Commission meeting agenda and handouts, and was also discussed in the staff report. The Commission vote was on one of the options in the staff report. During the Working Group sessions in 2012 that led to the current Columbia River Policy, it was typical to get critical information about the proposals just a few days, or less, before a meeting, and yet that whole process was initiated and completed in two months time. The current PRC process has been much more deliberate, informative and transparent.

The discussion about concurrency between Washington and Oregon ignores some of the recent history of that relationship. In January of 2017, the Oregon Commission voted for a Policy update that did not move to the original “long term” plan and that was less restrictive on the commercial fishery than what Washington had approved several weeks earlier. However, Oregon Governor Brown insisted that her Commissioners reconsider that decision and align with Washington under threat of removal from the Commission. Their second vote in March of 2017 came closer to Washington’s and allowed for concurrent management, despite some differences in the specifics.

The CCA and its allies did not support the hunting and fishing fee increase bill in Washington in 2019 either before the March vote or after. In fact, they haven’t gone on record to support any such bills in recent years. Using the March vote as a reason for their opposition distorts the truth. They have supported an increase in General Fund monies, but not license increases. The loss of support for the Columbia River Endorsement renewal was a reflection of their

desperate attempts to pass anti-gillnet bill SSB 5617, losing sight of the need for the endorsement renewal in the process.

There are other examples of this behavior. In 2014, then-Director Phil Anderson called a meeting of numerous salmon user groups, asking for their support for a letter he was drafting to request that Mitchell Act funds be maintained at the current level, at least, in order to maintain hatchery production levels in the Columbia that are essential for treaty obligations, but also for sport and commercial fishing opportunity. All of the commercial groups signed on to the letter. CCA and some other anti-commercial groups invited to the meeting did not. The letter was part of a successful campaign that ultimately did maintain the funding, but it was a clear example of who really does support the agency.

There was mention that the policy updates approved by the Washington Commission in March “moved the goalposts”, allowed for “non-selective gillnets in all seasons” and would reduce the escapement of wild summer Chinook, which are not an ESA-listed stock. The true goals in Columbia River salmon management involve utilizing the best available science to recover ESA-listed salmon, to ensure adequate spawners for all runs, and then to provide fisheries for recreational and commercial fishermen. The allowable ESA impacts, as established by the National Marine Fisheries Service, are the “goalposts” that determine if those first two goals can be met while still allowing harvest. Which user groups fish, and how they share the impacts, does not change the basic conservation goals or the likelihood of achieving them. The 2018 staff review showed that. It also showed that harvest ultimately had little measurable impact on reducing PHOS.

Repeatedly using the term “non-selective gillnets” is misleading, but a convenient tool for groups like CCA. In reality, gillnets are selective by design. There is no season in which gillnets are used on the Columbia where they are not “selective” in targeting one salmonid and avoiding another. It’s not just about release mortality. It’s about avoidance, too, the most effective means of selectivity. Where gillnets are used, when they are used, and which size of mesh opening is in the net are all ways to use them selectively, and there is abundant data to verify this claim and its success. The tanglenets used in some seasons to lower the release mortality rate are already an “alternative gear” that the fleet readily adopted when tasked with making them work because they are relatively inexpensive to make, the same type of gillnet boats can be used to fish them and they are economically viable for the fishermen.

Finally, claiming that allowing the non-tribal fleet to use gillnets to fish for summer Chinook will threaten the adequate escapement of wild spawners is simply another misleading statement. The ocean fisheries, which harvest many more summer Chinook than the in-river gillnet fleet, keep both wild and hatchery fish, as does the even larger tribal fishery above Bonneville. There is no evidence that the non-tribal gillnet fishery, which hasn’t been provided any harvest because of this Policy since 2016 but which has always been allowed to keep both hatchery and wild salmon, has had any significant negative impact on the viability of the wild summer Chinook population.

No staff testimony has ever been offered that shows that commercial harvest is a problem for recovery, or that managers said they couldn’t manage the harvest effectively with a gillnet fishery. If the Commissions in 2012 had bothered to look at the science, instead of just the politics, they could have foreseen why this Policy would prove to be a failure. Seven years later, decisions like the Commission’s vote in March are finally reflecting the science and redirecting Columbia River salmon management, via the Adaptive Management provisions included in the Policy, to a process that values both sport and commercial fisheries, seeks ways to keep each compatible with the salmon recovery guidelines established by NMFS, and considers the needs and interests of all citizens in the Northwest, not just those who choose to catch their own salmon with a rod and reel. I ask you to support the decisions of the PRC and bring their recommendations to a vote in December, as had been clearly planned for months.

Robert Sudar, Longview

Columbia River Commercial Advisor

From: [Jack Morby](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Please Continue the Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Keep Gillnets in the Select Fishery Off Mainstem Columbia
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:30:02 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I urge the commission to continue with the Columbia River fishery reforms as originally negotiated and continue with original bi-state agreement with Oregon and Washington. It is paramount that we do everything possible to continue to protect the Salmon and Steelhead fishery in the lower Columbia River below Bonneville Dam. Ignoring the efforts of conservation while fisheries are in decline is a disservice to all who enjoy this resource.

Non-selective gillnets do not belong in the lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. They need to remain in the selective fishery as originally negotiated. Gillnets do not selectively harvest hatchery fish, and place wild salmon and steelhead populations requiring conservation at risk.


All fishery users must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon and protect the endangered salmon and steelhead runs. Our endeavors should be to enhance wild salmon returns to their historic spawning grounds with the intent to increase their numbers.

The bi-state reforms are the result of significant effort and compromise, including increased hatchery production to benefit gillnet harvests in off-channel areas. Efforts to undo the reforms put this hatchery production and the funding available for Columbia River salmon management at risk. Efforts to extend Washington's Columbia River endorsement fee were rejected by their state legislature and Oregon's endorsement may have the same outcome if the original Columbia River reforms are not continued.

I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.

Sincerely,

Jack Morby


Portland, OR 97219



From: [Michole Jensen](#)
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Columbia River Salmon Harvest
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 12:04:47 AM
Attachments: [KayakFlyAngler_Outlines_noDotsSmall.png](#)

Can somebody on the commission or at ODFW explain why the Columbia was closed to recreation salmon fishing and open to commercial netting?

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/CAN/19/190925_notice.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3pzdj-P24i9yr4qRqqjEKzVkPGgoAKDY-MEjQYCAN_ETQHN4LLJFWkz3s

What is the financial rational of something like this?

Michole Jensen
Portland, Oregon


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From: [Richard Preston](#)
To: [ODFW Commission](#)
Subject: Confronting last fish logic.
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 4:13:43 PM

First of all, let me thank you for easy access via email. Washington's "Contact Us" does not give any email address for opinions, etc. Good job.

I think we're missing the point on salmon recovery. The goal should be to fill the Columbia with as many salmon and steelhead (ss) as we can, regardless of wild or hatchery. There is no way to verify that by depleting the river of warmwater species that the salmon runs/steelhead runs (ss) will rebound to acceptable levels of native fish. Even if we remove all the dams we can't guarantee ss runs will rebound and thrive.

We can deplete the river of all fish, remove all dams, and manage ss to the last native ss and finally prove it is not possible to guarantee native ss stock's survival. Here is the last fish biologist logic:

If we take out the dams the salmon will return. If not, we catch the last walleye, then salmon will return. If not, then we can work on catching the last bass. Then catfish...Then the last carp. Then the last sucker...

When the last ss is dead, and there are no dams, and the rivers are empty of all fish, the useless last fish logic will finally be exposed for the fraud it is and the Endangered Species Act to which it spawned. This slippery slope ass-backwards leadership is ridiculous. Emptying the Columbia of fish to save salmon is the stupidest idea I've ever heard because biologists can't control the variables to prove which one controls ss recovery.

People want the river full of salmon. To hell with genetic purity. All salmon came from the original gene pool. This gene pool varied itself once ss could get past Bonneville falls again, long before the dams. Mixing the hatchery gene pool with the supposed native gene pool is a plain lie, because the native gene pool has been mixed, mixed over and over, for tens of thousands of years at least. We must confront the gene purity and last fish logic and the application of the Endangered Species Act: we need fill the rivers with a strategy we know will ensure ss recovery.

Lets tell the Endangered Species Act to go to hell on salmon and steelhead purity. Lets line the coast with hatcheries and canneries. Lets let every small town and large put in as many hatcheries as they can and want to.

Let them have salmon derbies up and down the Columbia. Lets make the Columbia world famous for the record number of salmon that go up it. Billions in tourism and food for every income level.

To do that someone has to have the balls to stand up to the last fish logic and say that we want new science on ss. We dont give a damn if they are native or not. We want to insure the survival of ss as we know how. Now. Fill the rivers.

Please forward this to Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission for their Saturday meeting.

On Mon, Sep 30, 2019, 11:29 AM ODFW Commission <ODFW.Commission@state.or.us>

wrote:

Thank you for your comments on this issue. Your message will be forwarded to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioners for review and any necessary response.



Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee (PRC)

**Public Comments (non-form letters) received
October 2, 2019 through November 6, 2019**

for the November 18 meeting

8 a.m. – 5p.m.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 5 Office
5525 S 11th St Ridgefield WA 98642

Subject: **Don't Abandon Columbia River Reforms and
Return Gillnets to Mainstem**

511 individuals submitted the attached letter
(List Attached)

180 submitted with additional comments
[Letters Attached]

From: [Mr. & Mrs. Milton Hunt](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 5:40:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum.

The bi-state reforms are the result of significant effort and compromise, including increased hatchery production to benefit gillnet harvests in off-channel areas. Efforts to undo the reforms put this hatchery production and the funding available for Columbia River salmon management at risk. Efforts to extend Washington's Columbia River endorsement fee were recently rejected by their state legislature and Oregon's endorsement must be reauthorized next year.

One key purpose of the bi-state reforms was to enhance the overall economic benefits of the fishery and provide more certainty for fisheries - it was never to increase gillnet industry profits.

I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.

Sincerely,

Milton Hunt

[REDACTED]
Scappoose, OR 97056
[REDACTED]

FROM	SUBJECT	RECEIVED	SIZE	CATEGORIES
Date: Today				
Elmer Green	Don't Aband...	Wed 11/6/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, How many times must we sport fishermen attempt to block you folks from giving a few hundred Gill				
Date: Yesterday				
Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Tue 11/5/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Date: Monday				
Russ Thackery	Don't Aband...	Mon 11/4/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Do not allow gillnets in the lower Columbia River. We need to protect and enhance our wild salmon				
Date: Last Week				
Perry Walsh	Don't Aband...	Fri 11/1/2019...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Jeff Akers	Don't Aband...	Fri 11/1/2019...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Leo Morris	Don't Aband...	Fri 11/1/2019...	22 KB	
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George Bart...	Don't Aband...	Thu 10/31/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Philip Hawkins	Don't Aband...	Wed 10/30/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Robert Claeys	Don't Aband...	Wed 10/30/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Gillnetting is insane with salmon runs diminishing. I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the				
Donald Claeys	Don't Aband...	Wed 10/30/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The fishery is already poor, please don't abandon what we have and make it worse. I didn't catch one				
Leo Morris	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/29/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
George Krumm	Keep Your Pr...	Mon 10/28/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I, like many others, have been paying for the Columbia River Basin Endorsement for several years. I'm				
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Marilyn Leno	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/28/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, How could anybody call themselves conservationist and allow these kill nets on our rivers. We the				
Dave Coleman	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/27/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, If protecting our native salmon and steelhead species is our goal, allowing gillnets in the lower				
charles white	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/27/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Date: Two Weeks Ago				
Ron Richey	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/26/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Daniel RAM...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/25/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Salmon and steelhead returns to the Columbia River are at an all time low. Reversing Columbia River				
Cary Rhode	Protect Our ...	Fri 10/25/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, To save some money, the damage done is often irreversible. Please don't make the same mistake				
Andreas Grob	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/25/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please do not do this and move away from this. We will oppose any of these movements and fight for				

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Kenneth Har...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/25/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Kris Lumsden	The sport fi...	Fri 10/25/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, If you continue to charge the sportfishermen for licenses and take their catch away, you will be sorry.				
Paul Mikesh	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/25/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please give the fish a break and stop this indiscriminant destruction of this precious resource for the				
Jim Younger	Don't Aband...	Thu 10/24/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Dale Hewitt	Don't Aband...	Thu 10/24/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Highway robbery! That is how I see it. Wa/OR fish and game gladly accepted my money for Columbia				
kelly goss	Don't Aband...	Thu 10/24/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, What is so hard to get that our. salmon runs are depleting because of Sea lions, Gill Netters and the				
Blake Belveal	Don't Aband...	Thu 10/24/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I've fished for salmon and steelhead in Oregon 40+ years, and have witnessed first hand the steady				
JEFFREY HULL	Don't Aband...	Wed 10/23/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Commercial salmon fishing began depleting Columbia River salmon numbers with the advent of				
Nolan Matsu...	Don't Aband...	Wed 10/23/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Dear Commissioners, This is the second year in a row that the salmon/steelhead seasons have closed				
Edward Edg...	Don't Aband...	Wed 10/23/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Maybe the Oregon Sportsman should boycott fishing & hunting for a year and see how the State				
Norm Brenden	Don't Aband...	Wed 10/23/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Roy Humphrey	Don't Aband...	Wed 10/23/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Tim Hooper	Don't Aband...	Wed 10/23/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, no gillnetting period I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery				
Eric Erickson	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	20 KB	
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Michael Brown	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	20 KB	
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David Brown	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	20 KB	
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Jason Renoud	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I am stunned when ODFW makes decisions that further decreases recreational fisheries. Most of the				
Ben Ravert	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Doug Brown	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	22 KB	
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Lloyd Loncosky	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Our salmon and steelhead runs are decimated and numbers continue to plummet with the result				
Brandon Davis	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				

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TERRY WAL...	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Its time to get the killnets off of the columbia for good. ODFW seems to disregard the voices of the				
joe sugura	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Vance Briese	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	20 KB	
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Brad Vesterby	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	20 KB	
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Leo Morris	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	22 KB	
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Chris Paresa	Do Not Retu...	Tue 10/22/20...	19 KB	
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Brad Staples	Don't Aband...	Tue 10/22/20...	21 KB	
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Rodger Sellin	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, STOP THIS PRACTICE..PLEASE I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River				
Russell Kelly	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
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Bill Mitchell	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	22 KB	
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Rick Jurgensen	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Dennis Buch...	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Gillnetters do not belong in any Oregon rivers period. The gillnetters and Sea Lions can do there				
Bill Rodberg	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Brian Ferguson	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
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Mike Hambach	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
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Mark Pilako...	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please don't allow gillnets. I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery				
John Hall	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We have been paying for the reform and if the nets get back in for Spring fishery. Why have we been				
Joe Headlee	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Patrick Falk	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Grant James	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Dear ODFW. Please consider the where the majority of the funding for ODFW comes from and make				
Stephen Lewis	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Steven Gilgu...	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	22 KB	
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Troy Cummins	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The Commissions continued consideration of returning gillnets to the mainstream Columbia River is				
Alan Olson	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Dave Hogue, L	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
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Lee Plummer	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
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John Elder	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Mike Lane	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have no idea why Oregon would allow non- selective gill nets to be in a river with endangered stocks				
Craig Malino...	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The reality here, is the O.D.F.W and State of Oregon, is (Guilty), of Domestic Terrorism !! After, We The				
Mark Grube	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
jeff bunnell	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	18 KB	
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Kim Hasselb...	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please take action to discontinue all GILLNETTING in the Columbia to save our Fishery for the Future				
Mike Walshe	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Commissioners of the ODFW,				
Bill Monroe ...	PLEASE DO ...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Hello- my name is Bill Monroe Jr. I'm writing to please ask NOT to increase or even to return to put				
Kevin Collson	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
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Fred Kling	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
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Willa Zook	Columbia Riv...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
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Rob Gibbs	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I fish the Columbia and have watched the numbers of fish drop over the years and now more gill nets				
Robert Sim...	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Phil Bernhard	Don't Aband...	Mon 10/21/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please allow the rivers to be filled with fish, to be caught individually instead of mass harvesting. Leave				
Dale Carper	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I am one of thousands in Oregon who contributes large amounts of my hard earned pay check to the				
Gary Whets...	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Robert Morton	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, There is no reason to allow non-selective giblets on the main stem of the Columbia River when there				

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Jeff Freund	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Prioritizing commercial non-selective gillnet fishing is bad policy and bad science. It endangers many				
Greg Hedrick	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
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Alex Doja	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
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Doug Brown	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	22 KB	
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Edward Rabi...	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, You can't really be considering non-selective fishing our dwindling salmon stocks. No one could be				
Randy Klobas	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The gill net fishery kills way to much bycatch to be an invironmentally acceptable harvest system. Seine				
Michael Drais	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Marv Abe	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please defend the sportsmens' desire to continue fishing the Columbia River. It seems that the fish				
Dean Sigler	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Who is promoting this? What would they gain? What would we all lose? I strongly oppose proposals				
Charles Lobdell	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	22 KB	
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David Thomp...	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
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Kent Hall	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Several years ago, I traveled over 300 miles to fish in the Willamette river for springers and in 3 days 3				
Jim Collins, Jr	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
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Terri moshb...	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Greg Ostrom	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I am a life long Oregonian. The idea of allowing Gillnetters back on the main stem Columbia is not				
Jeffrey Mo...	Gillnets Are ...	Sun 10/20/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We all know that gillnets kill indiscriminately, so why is this continuing to be brought forth for				
Lisa Springer	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, To our respected ODFW Commissioners.				
Gerald Fry	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Richard Bom...	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, If you go in this direction you will wipe out all the fish which results in no fishing. So if there is no				
Erik Barber	Stick to pre...	Sun 10/20/20...	19 KB	
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Douglas DuP...	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Gillnets capture native salmon, not just hatchery raised salmon. Increasing oommercial use of gillnets				
Margaret W...	Please maint...	Sun 10/20/20...	19 KB	
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LARRY ALE...	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
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Peter Metzger	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
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James Russell	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Your proposed action to abandon these previous reforms is just plain wrong, and I think you know it.				
Ronald Taylor	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, At a point in time when I as a sports fisherman have experienced limited fishing opportunities, low				
Jeffrey Albee	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	22 KB	
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William Rainey	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	22 KB	
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Ron Ritenour	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We the sportsmen in Oregon should have never trusted our government to shut down the gill nets on				
Carl Hanson	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
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Andrew Hubel	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	22 KB	
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Damon Struble	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
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Jonathan Gibbs	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We have all pushed to remove Gill nets including me.The reason for that is so Me and may family have				
Bruce Williams	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I write to you as an avid Oregon fisherman and retired biologist. I strongly oppose proposals to				
Joseph Tem...	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	20 KB	
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anthony tant...	Don't Aband...	Sun 10/20/20...	19 KB	
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Donald Wagner	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
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Leo Morris	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
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Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The Columbia River Endorsement for sport-fishing must not be wasted.				
Dan Holmes	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, You have no right to destroy our fish runs with your poor decisions which historically have destroyed				
Kevin McPhail	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Lance Griffin	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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TERRY WAL...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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THOMAS M...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Craig Cameron	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
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Michael Bauer	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Cortney Burrus	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Danny Raym...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Margaret Lo...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We, the people you represent, have been paying extra money for fishing licenses for 6 years to fund				
James Kehoe	Gillnet Fishin...	Sat 10/19/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners,				
William Safko	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, All we have to do is follow the politicians and the gill netters money. Both are corrupt. You cannot				
Steven Gilgu...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
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DAVE Nelson	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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David McNeill	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have fished in Oregon lakes, rivers and bays for over 23 years and have enjoyed the many benefits of				
Eric Duhamel	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
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DAVID MCCOY	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Jim Camp	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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mark Board...	Looking out f...	Sat 10/19/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please allow for multiple use of the steahead and salmon fisheries. Gil netting doesn't. Remember the				
Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
James Harvey	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The sportsmen have been drastically restricted in our quest for salmon and steelhead due to low runs				
Albert Larrea	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Our steelhead and salmon run,				

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Ralph Veldink	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We are now 2 years beyond the agreement that was reached to remove gill nets from the Columbia				
James Wong	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Dan Grumbling	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have been fishing in Oregon for about 65 years, I have fished less this year because of low fish counts				
Daniel Beaty	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Alan Cochran	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, It simply amazes me that we spend billions of dollars trying to protect and improve the Columbia				
Rod Evers	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Why do you keep on trying to get gillnets back in the Columbia River? Enough people have express				
geoffrey ga...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, time is now to due your part to save our salmon!!!! I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the				
gerald bell	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Dale Wolford	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Do your job, let the sportfishing community have some fish. Get rid of the gillnets and crank up the				
Brian Christ...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Can the states just do what they said they would instead of constantly lying to the public. I strongly				
Brooks EILE...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please do not go back to the archaic, indiscriminate methods of harvest. Keep the Columbia River				
Dan Spearing	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Rick Klettke	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, You destroyed Columbia River salmon with the political agenda to build dams then tried to cover up				
Renee Klettke	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, You should be ashamed of the handling of the Columbia River fishery and gill nets. I strongly oppose				
carl DePaolo, J	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Eric Neal	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, You are cutting salmon fishing seasons and limits due to lack of fish returning. This only makes the				
Clifton Powell	Deep pocket...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, income supplementation-not 100% lively hood I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state				
JEFF SHULL	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Ron Dilbeck	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I was born in The Dalles in 1953 while the dam was being built. My father would crawl down a ladder				
Molly Ray	Concerned fi...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please do not harm the endangered salmon and steelhead by allowing gilnetting!!!!!! I strongly				
Michael Hea...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Sportfishing brings in millions if not billion dollars to Pacific northwest. Fish have enough hurdles				
Tom Urdzik	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Raymond Bu...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, gillnets kill everything that puts their head in it! I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state				
Jack Gaston	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Also it doesn't makeAny sense to possibly kill 10 fish to keep one hatchery fish should be able to keep				
Chad Price	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The recommendations by the joint state work group, which is stacked with commercial fishing				
Tim Wolford	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I sick of paying a tax for years now that was supposed to be for these reforms. About to give it all up,				
Terry Coleman	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Richard Martin	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please, No More Broken Promise's I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia				
Roger Goodwin	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Ronald Salzer	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I guess if they want the gillnets in we need to remove the dams. I strongly oppose proposals to				
Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I fish out of Chinook Landing for springers. I guess I should say I use to. I seems that every year when				
Mike Arnold	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
John Julian	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, As I, along with most of the angling public feel the state has betrayed us on this issue. If a reason for				
William Buttler	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Randy Bailey	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I've fished the Clearwater and Snake all my life. I've been looking forward to taking my grandchildren.				
greg hepner	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	19 KB	
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Dan Soule	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Greg Spanos	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I've retired to OR for its' iconic fishery. And ready to move to New Zealand (with my money), for their				
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Steven Hougak	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, To the people on the Oregon fish commission, Who do you think pays your bills every year? It's the				
Richard Bryan	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Philip Longway	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Hey people please wake up! This is the 21st century! There is no reason except for greed to allow gill				
Douglas Mas...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, For states that pride themselves on wildlife conservation, I am astounded that Oregon and				

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Rob Bignall	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Leon Kitchin	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Michael Spr...	Keep the gill...	Sat 10/19/20...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Why would you even think this is a good idea? I live in Idaho and our steelhead season is closed. Our				
Eric Anderson	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Gillnets are size specific and have been removing larger fish since the 1800's. True recovery cannot				
Douglas Cus...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	19 KB	
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Steve Gentz...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Patrick Jones	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
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Mike Sones	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I cannot believe anyone would think gillnets are an option anywhere anytime. I strongly oppose				
Scott Kappes	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Donna Traaen	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Lynn Williams	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Steven Blair	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Tim Cooper	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Bryan Buckalew	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I am a sport fisherman who has invested a significant amount of money into this activity and I find it				
Dale Stutevoss	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Kennan St....	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
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Betty Armst...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, In 2012, measure 81 was abandoned because sports fisherman and conservationists were promised				
Douglas Newell	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
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Richard Sch...	Don't Aband...	Sat 10/19/20...	22 KB	
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Brian Duffy	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Jay Wylie	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Mike Carlson	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, You made a deal, you made a promise! Sportsmen upheld our end of the deal. Don't let a few				
Wayne Spenst	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Mark Abolofia	NO GILLNE...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Reintroducing gillnets will destroy our fisheries that we all have worked so hard to maintain! I strongly				
MARK Carter	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, While gill nets have been banned in most countrys we continue to allow them in the Columbia				
Steve Krupicka	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Carolyn Cooper	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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james t. Ma...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
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James Mickel	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Michael Chu...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I've been sport fishing nearly my entire life, I'm 71 years old, this IS the stupidest proposal I have ever				
William Caff...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Alex Pena	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Bruce McGavin	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I was in a hogline near Kalama when a gillnet boat motored right through all the hoglines at speed. I				
Ron Eriksen	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Gregg Josep...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Robert Bors...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Michael Sallee	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Bryan Mitchell	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Brad Halverson	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Gary Holbrook	STOP NON ...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, As a sports angler I have the ability to retain or release any fish I catch. Gillnets or KILLNETS as I call				
Bryan Mulligan	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We did away with market hunting of our elk, deer, waterfowl, etc. Over a century ago. Why are we				
Chellie Smie...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Non selective gill netting for salmon on the Columbia river is not sustainable! I strongly oppose				
Shane Fogle...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Dylan Gollehon	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Commercial Gill netting in the main stream of the Columbia reform needs to stand firm. With				
Brenda Holb...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Greg McMillan	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The voters were scammed. We should have never compromised on this and voted these damn nets				
Stan Mende...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Harold Jone...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Roger Goodman	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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John murray	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Sharon Burge	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Greg Fair	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, You have taken \$10 a year from my to fish in any tributary of the Columbia river for these reforms.				
Scott Nichols	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Daniel Erceg	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, It is our duty to encourage and enforce responsible fishing processes that will ensure survival of				
Dave Hendrie	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I am strongly recommending not going forward with the initiative to bring back year round gillnetting.				
Albert Payn...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Carl Myers	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please stop funding the ODFW on the backs of the Sportsmen while allowing NETS to indiscriminately				
mark volland	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Get your crap together				
Joe Van Me...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Matt Hastings	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Dear Commissioners,				
Randy Singer	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, give us what we PAID for I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery				
Cory Sceva	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Allowing nets back on the main body of the Columbia not only affects the Columbia River fishery but				
john dale	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
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sh spencer	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
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Makai Brusa...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We are the Pacific Northwest! The jewel of the nation for our beautiful land and our amazing natural				
Don Erickson...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please take my opinion and request to heart. Gill nets have done enough damage to our Columbia				
Rob Benton	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Gillnetting is a non selective method of harvesting fish. The mortality rate for non targeted species is				
Fred Ciccotelli	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, So many of us work so hard and are so passionate about fishing catching so fewer and fewer fish and				
Randy Palmer	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please don't forget that most people support these reforms! I strongly oppose proposals to Tabandon				
Vern Stauss	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
don olson	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, we continue to support our fisheries and the communities we visit. yet you hold gill netters desires				
Robb Sipler	Now is not t...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The time for a non selective Gill net fishery on the Columbia is over, especially with historically low				
Daniel Vorhies	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Paul Reeder	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Gillnetting is so nonselective we can't afford such an antiquated method of harvest. If there's enough				
Raymond Be...	Allowing "Kill...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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steven winn	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, If the resources of our sport fishery are not managed for all, it looks like the commission against sport				
jim traver	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, ridiculously stupid to have this the only place in the us that allows this get them OUT I strongly				

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Jeff Nelson	Opposed to ...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Jeff Heintz	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Matthew Danz	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I am a fishing tackle store owner and avid salmon and steelhead fisherman. I have spent many years				
Dave Dunn	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Marshall Co...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please do not allow gill nets back into our shared waters on the Columbia River! These non selective				
Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners,				
Karl Keener	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Daniel Quan...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I am a long time (since 1970) Salem, Oregon resident. I have been an active outdoorsman ever since				
Donavan Aklin	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Robert Gerding	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Terry Rost	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Jim Marquardt	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, ODFW, Don't allow the positive changes that had been made to be reversed. Gillnets are not				
Russell Sumida	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Hans Blom	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, ODFW Commissioners				
Robert Pala...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Roger Gerte...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have been an Oregon fisherman for over 50 years. I might not get a 2020 license ..no fun fishing				
Raymond Mc...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Robert Hyke	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please keep the nets out of the Columbia. We need the fish and the fish need us to help them				

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Herman Flei...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Grace Neff	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Steve Garrett	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Russ Elliott	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please don't let the know nothing greedy gill netters back in the Columbia River with their kill				
Greg Peldyak	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Instead of non selectively harvest, let the commercials' use hook and line. Lets make smart decisions				
Sean Schau...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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mike Gibson	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Frank Under...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Larry Sene	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, You all have the undisputed information of what the fishery of the Columbia River is going thru.				
Jerry Neme...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, This is the second year in a row that ODFW has thrown me off the river before the good Chinook				
Kenneth Ha...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Ron Reed, J	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Benson Lee	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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NEIL WORF	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Cal Honl	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Allen Swanson	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please read attached information and vote to not abandon Columbia River Reforms I strongly oppose				
Rosalie Sable	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
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Tim Marl	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have been fishing the Columbia for years and put countless dollars into programs to help improve				
David DeMain	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Terry Nowli...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Greg Borke	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Unbelievable! I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms				
duane hawkins	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, if you dont protect and save the salmon and steelhead fishery.....im gonna sell my place and move				
Levi Morris	say goodbye ...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, All sport fishermen who actually support odfw through licenses and purchasing all things tied to sport				
neil riewer	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The sport fisherman have been paying to subsidize the gillnetters for almost 10 years now. This was				
Jim Clabo	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Tracy Meskel	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The Columbia River is no place for commercial nets, that indiscriminately kill! Why are we still having				
michael long	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please save our fish so that my children and grandchildren can enjoy the resources that they are				
Chris Giroux	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Donald Seet...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We had you on our side a few years ago now you switched again. Won't you ever learn? Maybe we'll				
Rob Gibbs	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Dwight Roofe	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Robert Miller	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Gary Water...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Susan Hoste...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Tim Wright	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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John Culver	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Paul JABS	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Why am I paying \$10 Columbia River endorsement? I thought it was to get the gill nets of the main				
Craig Bashford	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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KEVIN CUN...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Chris Del Carlo	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Rod Raney	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Dan Fitzpatr...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Jim Martin	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Let's do the right thing I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery				
James Lung	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Roger Wicklund	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I am ashamed of the ODFW, the Oregon legislature, and our Governor for allowing the gillnets to				
William Barnum	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Commission members should be held accountable for these poorly thought out decisions. Are my				
Mark Clark	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please do not ruin sport fisheries on the lower Columbia and renege on the previously agreed				
Robert Askey	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, A lot of misleading information on harvest of fish in SAFE areas. The plan to take gillnets off the main				
Michael Yar...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Larry Seaman	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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John Conner	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Randy McAd...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have been an Oregonian my whole life (58 years) and only recently the last (20) an avid fisherman. I				
Larry Bette...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Jerry Mark...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Donald Welli...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Bruce Breitling	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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James Housley	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have been fishing the Columbia river since I was 5 yrs old. I am 73 now, and this was the worst year I				
Joe Terleski	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Keep gillnets off the columbia river. They kill way too many non target fish. I strongly oppose				
Mike Larion	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Terry Wilson	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, As a life long (68 year old) Oregonian, who has been fishing in Oregon since I was 5 years old, I				

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Robert Ecke...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please do not abandon Columbia river reforms.I will chose to not buy a license next year;if you do... I				
HOWARD B...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Galand Haas	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Sandra Joos	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Timothy Sch...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please don't abandon our legacy, heritage and NW culture! More than ever we need to keep moving				
Paul Zlotek	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Doug Avolio	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Dave Myers	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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james elliott	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I am so disenchanted with the ODFW possible stepping backwards with regards, to our precious and				
Randy Hacks...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Due to the kill nets my home river is done for have anything return it is the south Santiam rive been				
Chris Alsman	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We have paid to eliminate nets and we keep getting screwed! I strongly oppose proposals to				
John Zimme...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Victor Perry	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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George DesB...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
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Edmund Kee...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, It is incomprehensible to me that ODFW or WDFW would even consider opening any commercial				
Earl Harper	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Tom Gerold	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Just don't understand why we are supposed to be a democratic government yet a small minority has				
David Daschel	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I am absolutely astonished that ODFW commissioners would even consider putting non selective gill				
Arne Hamel	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Les Fahey	Please Ban G...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I retired from public accounting 20 years ago and have observed a steady decline in the Columbia				
Dennis Arce	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Brett Gesh	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Chris Burgi	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Gary Wood	NO Columbia...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please use your knowledge and sense to keep proposed gillnets out of the mainstem Columbia. This is				
Mark Fineran	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Debra Rehn	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Jeff Raines	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Richard Darst	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, It is hard to believe that we are revisiting this issue in light of the very poor fish returns of the last				
Thomas Nored	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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John Harkins	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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George Koki...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Stop the gillnetting all I saw this year while boating on the river was dead floating fish from gillnetters.				
Darrell Kron	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Brandon Rat...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Last year 37 wild fish made it back to my river. Let's not let that number fall to zero. I strongly oppose				
Randy Laws	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Richard Aub...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Linh Tran	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I take my 7 year old son and his cousins fishing quite a bit. With the lack of fish, it's making it more				
CHARLES P...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Our runs continue to decline even though we put more fish from hatcheries in every year. Gillnets				
Steven Buelna	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We're suppose to be an environmental state but yet we're allowing Gillnets on the Columbia River.				
Randy Klettke	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I find it shocking that you would even consider such actions! Why do I continue to support this system				
Greg Holen	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Dennis Buch...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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John Dunn	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Conservation of our natural resources produces sustained trills!!!Rolling back Columbia River Reforms				
Isaac Yanez	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Mr. & Mrs. ...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Troy Kalhar	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, What was the point of all of us sport fishers to pay for an endorsement that is not doing what it was				
David Catto	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have been buying angling licenses in this state for over 50 years. If this proceeds that will stop. My				
David vaupel...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Stan McClain	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, At 67 years old, I am a lifelong fisherman who wants nothing more than to pass along this wonderful				
Donald Wilh...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Please listen to the sportsmen who pay for the licenses that pay your wages. Help protect our				
daniel vanek	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Shane Milburn	Columbia Riv...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
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Tim Roelandt	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Phillip Roberts	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have been an Oregonian for my whole life and do not approve of the way that this problem has been				
Harold John...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Justin Denfeld	Gillnetting in...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Maybe once upon a time, when the technology used to net fish was that of a man with a canoe and a				
Mike Samples	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Why do you as a body (ODFW) continually work against the sport fishing industry in favor of the				
Robert Huber	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I've fished the Columbia for 35 years. I've personally witnessed gillnet boats in action. There have been				
Randy Bonds	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have seen similar restrictions work while living in Alaska. Commercial fisheries have benefited those				



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Pat Hoglund	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Brian Hawki...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Tim McCoy	Keep and Im...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, You continue to break the agreement made with the public. Implement the agreement or refund my				
Brian Mills	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Putting gill nets back into the main stem Columbia, will be a disastrous decision for the future of such				
natasha myers	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Clifford Collins	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have lived and fished in this state some 60 years. I was so hopeful for all of the Columbia river when				
Robert Wim...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, As a lifetime resident of Oregon and having bought a hunting and fishing license every year since I				
Mike Rice	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I have been a life long resident in Oregon. I have been a ocean fisheries guide and helped to				
Tzvetan Hri...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Laura King	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Philip Drake	Columbia Riv...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Abandonment of the Columbia River Fishery Reforms is a major step backward to preserve our salmon				
Herman Win...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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David Hohler	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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William Steen	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, It's ridiculous the way recreational fishermen have to continually keep tabs on our government so as				
Michael McG...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Don't move backwards in efforts to restore healthy fisheries. Support the original reforms and not the				
Jack Percy	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Cindy Petersen	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Ric Salata	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We made an agreement with Kitzhopper in writing that there would be no Gill-nets on the main				
Leo Wilhelm	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, As a business owner in the fishing industry the impact to thousands of business's across Oregon and				
Mark Smith	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Bob Asiello	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Ben Scheele	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Phil Lyman	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I can't believe we are still dealing with gill nets. They need to be removed from our rivers for good. I				
Richard Ken...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Mark Herndon	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Joshua Taylor	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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DENNIS MC...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, when fishing is down in numbers its hard enough to catch a salmon to eat without the nets cleaning				
Pat Grealish	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Jeffrey Bro...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Mark Duray	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Jerry Vaughn	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	18 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Years of Columbia river endorsement fees? and now this? if the Gillnetters and Oregon and				
Douglas Bou...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	21 KB	
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Chad Troutman	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I was hoping our new commissioners would be smarter than the last ones, why would you want to put				
John Hall	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, We have been paying extra to get the nets out. If they are allowed back in it may be time to do a class				
Dennis Price	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Joseph Reed	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Thomas Brown	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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John Barnum	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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John Zell	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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morgan feth...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
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William Sch...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Jeff Frenette	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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James Kennedy	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Do not allow gill-netting on Columbia main stream, as agreed to in 2013 /2014. I strongly oppose				
William Bostick	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Jason Hicks	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Donald Willi...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Mitch Hopping	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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William Hewes	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Carey Allison	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Craig Mostul	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Jean-Pierre...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	22 KB	
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Martin Falk	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Ryan Hubel	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Russell Step...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, Stick to your commitment. I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River				
Barry Mogus	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return				
Dave Bauer	Killnets shoul...	Fri 10/18/201...	19 KB	
Dear ODFW Commissioners, The nets kill without care to any fish! I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia				
Thomas Jones	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Frank Unger	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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William Mac...	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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Chris Cone	Don't Aband...	Fri 10/18/201...	20 KB	
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 Kari Walling...	Columbia Riv...	Wed 10/16/20...	256 KB	
Dear Oregon and Washington Commissioners, Please see the attached letter from CCA Oregon and CCA Washington concerning				
 Richard Pres...	Confronting I...	Tue 10/15/20...	23 KB	
First of all, let me thank you for easy access via email. Washington's "Contact Us" does not give any email address for opinions, etc.				

Date: Last Month

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Michole Jensen Columbia Riv... Wed 10/2/201... 31 KB

Can somebody on the commission or at ODFW explain why the Columbia was closed to recreation salmon fishing and open to

From: [Alan Cochran](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 12:10:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

It simply amazes me that we spend billions of dollars trying to protect and improve the Columbia Basin's dwindling runs of Salmon and Steelhead and at the same time we still allow these same fish we are trying to protect to be harvested by archaic indiscriminate means to bolster the mini economy of a few commercial fishermen. The wild salmon and steelhead belong to all citizens of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, not just a few who don't want to change their harvest methods. It is time for our legislatures to develop a backbone and stand up for the fish of the Columbia Basin and tell the gill netters NO and support the agreements reached by the tri-States and tribes to move to off channel harvest with newer technology for commercial harvest.

I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

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One key purpose of the bi-state reforms was to enhance the overall economic benefits of the fishery and provide more certainty for fisheries - it was never to increase gillnet industry profits.

I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.

Sincerely,

Alan Cochran


Banks, OR 97106


From: [Albert Larrea](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 12:30:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Our steelhead and salmon runs,
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Sincerely,

Albert Larrea

[REDACTED]

Lebanon, OR 97355

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From: [Andreas Grob](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 10:00:08 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please do not do this and move away from this. We will oppose any of these movements and fight for what we think is right for the river, fellow sportswoman and man and not to forget the FISH and creatures itself. Have you seen the creatures caught and injured with this kind of netting and can you imagine how it is to slowly suffocate???

Think about the consequences when implementing adjustments

Andreas

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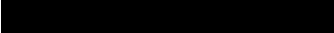

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I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.

Sincerely,

Andreas Grob


Portland, OR 97230


From: [Betty Armstrong](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 2:40:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

In 2012 , measure 81 was abandoned because sports fisherman and conservationists were promised by the Oregon State governor that a bi-state fishery reform would be more effective way to stop non-selective gillnetting on the main stem Columbia and phase out gillnetting over a 4 year period by the end of 2016 , which now has extended 3 more years of gillnetting ,, because the new governor appointed an active gillnetter and gillnet lobbyist to the Oregon State fish commission , which she promised that she would take him off the commission if he tried to dismantle the bi-state reforms . She relived Buckmaster of his position on the commission but not until he lobbied for proposals to abandon the bi-state reforms . It is your duty to do what is best for the majority of our Oregon State residents and our State economy and uphold the reforms voted on by our Legislators . If you are not sure what is best for Oregon's economy , please start by contacting my district Senator , Laurie Monnes Anderson and Senator Girod . Thank you for your time and I hope there is still time remaining before our salmon runs go extinct .

I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting, our region must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum.

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I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.

Sincerely,

Betty Armstrong

[REDACTED]
Fairview, OR 97024
[REDACTED]

From: [Bill Monroe Jr. Jr](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: PLEASE DO NOT abandon the Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to the Mainstem Columbia River
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 8:10:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Hello- my name is Bill Monroe Jr. I'm writing to please ask NOT to increase or even to return to put more gillnetting back on the mainstem Columbia River.

Without question- I definitely oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

Instead of falling back on indiscriminate, industrial commercial gillnetting or its strong presence of influence on our region, we must fully transition to fisheries capable of selective harvest - recreational and commercial - to harvest more hatchery and healthy wild stocks of salmon within the limited number of endangered salmon and steelhead that may be impacted in state fisheries. Our goal should be to get more wild salmon back to the spawning grounds, not merely the bare minimum while making a significant increase in hatchery production as well. This is how we as humans are going to continue to make this region of the world thrive and be so unique.

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I urge you to listen to the majority of the people in Oregon and strongly reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation. This is so very important. NO more non-treaty gillnetting in the mainstem of the mighty Columbia River.

Thank you for your time and careful reading of the message.

Bill Monroe Jr
502-702-4028

Sincerely,

Bill Monroe Jr
[REDACTED]
Oregon City, OR 97045
[REDACTED]

From: [Blake Belveal](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019 8:50:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I've fished for salmon and steelhead in Oregon 40+ years, and have witnessed first hand the steady decline of our fisheries. The amount of money that I alone have injected into Oregon's economy through license fees, tackle, fuel, motels, is a substantial number.

Our primary goal should be recovery, otherwise none of us will be fishing, commercially or sport.

I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

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I urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.

Sincerely,

Blake Belveal

[REDACTED]
Sweet Home, OR 97386
[REDACTED]

From: [Mr. & Mrs. Brad Parr](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 6:00:21 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please stop funding the ODFW on the backs of the Sportsmen while allowing NETS to indiscriminately destroy native fish runs.

We totally oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

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We urge you to reject any further efforts to abandon the Columbia River reforms and hold the agencies accountable for their implementation.

Sincerely,

Brad Parr


Tualatin, OR 97062


From: [Brian Christensen](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 11:00:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Can the states just do what they said they would instead of constantly lying to the public.

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Sincerely,

Brian Christensen


Canby, OR 97013


From: [Brian Mills](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:50:06 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Putting gill nets back into the main stem Columbia, will be a disastrous decision for the future of such a great river. I don't want to wait till the fish are gone before this gill net battle ends.

I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

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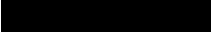
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Sincerely,

Brian Mills


Portland, OR 97218


From: [Brooks EILERTSON](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 11:00:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please do not go back to the archaic, indiscriminate methods of harvest. Keep the Columbia River reforms whole.

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Sincerely,

Brooks EILERTSON

[REDACTED]
Sherwood, OR 97140
[REDACTED]

From: [Bruce McGavin](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms & Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 8:30:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I was in a hogline near Kalama when a gillnet boat motored right through all the hoglines at speed.

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Sincerely,

Bruce McGavin

[REDACTED]
Milwaukie, OR 97222
[REDACTED]

From: [Bruce Williams](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 7:40:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I write to you as an avid Oregon fisherman and retired biologist.

I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

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Sincerely,

Bruce Williams


Bandon, OR 97411


From: [Bryan Buckalew](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 5:10:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I am a sport fisherman who has invested a significant amount of money into this activity and I find it offensive that the State would even consider the use of "killnets". Going forward, I'm passing the word to as many voters as I can to make this a consideration during election time. Guaranteed this item will sway my vote.

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Sincerely,

Bryan Buckalew

[REDACTED]
Tualatin, OR 97062
[REDACTED]

From: [Bryan Mulligan](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 7:30:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We did away with market hunting of our elk, deer, waterfowl, etc. Over a century ago. Why are we unable to do the same for our aquatic species?

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Sincerely,

Bryan Mulligan

[REDACTED]
Wenatchee, WA 98801
[REDACTED]

From: [Cary Rhode](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Protect Our Natural Resources
Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 11:00:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

To save some money, the damage done is often irreversible. Please don't make the same mistake here.

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Sincerely,

Cary Rhode

[REDACTED]

Longview, WA 98632

[REDACTED]

From: [Chad Price](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:40:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The recommendations by the joint state work group, which is stacked with commercial fishing advocates, goes against the intent of the Columbia River Reforms.

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Sincerely,

Chad Price


Beaverton, OR 97007


From: [Chad Troutman](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:20:07 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I was hoping our new commissioners would be smarter than the last ones, why would you want to put gill nets back in our river to kill our endangered salmon and steelhead, there is no selective harvest with gill nets they kill every fish that goes in it please use your brains and ban gill nets for good on the Columbia River.

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Sincerely,

Chad Troutman
[REDACTED]
Lafayette, OR 97127
[REDACTED]

From: [CHARLES PARKER](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:12:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Our runs continue to decline even though we put more fish from hatcheries in every year. Gillnets catch more fish in a day than we sportsmen catch all season. The reforms are needed to give us more fish.

I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

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Sincerely,

CHARLES PARKER

[REDACTED]
Hood River, OR 97031
[REDACTED]

From: [Chellie Smietana](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 7:30:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Non selective gill netting for salmon on the Columbia river is not sustainable!

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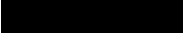
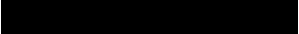
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Chellie Smietana


Wenatchee, WA 98801


From: [Clifford Collins](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:50:06 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have lived and fished in this state some 60 years. I was so hopeful for all of the Columbia river when these reforms were placed in effect. Do not abandon these reforms

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Warren, OR 97053


From: [Cory Sceva](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 5:30:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Allowing nets back on the main body of the Columbia not only affects the Columbia River fishery but it would also negatively affect the tributary fisheries which includes my home river which has already taken hits the last few years due to the bad ocean conditions and the Alaskan net fishery. **SAVE OUR SPORT FISHING**

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Cory Sceva

[REDACTED]
Creswell, OR 97426
[REDACTED]

From: [Craig Malinoff, A](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 8:50:05 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The reality here, is the O.D.F.W and State of Oregon, is (Guilty), of Domestic Terrorism !! After, We The People, voted against everything your doing. The people involved, in these matters, will be punished as such. When you take from, all the people, to benefit the few. Hopefully, some people will catch on, and take matters into their own hands. And your own genetic lines will disappear, just like our fish populations !!

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Craig Malinoff

Lebanon, OR 97355

From: [Dale Carper](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 9:40:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I am one of thousands in Oregon who contributes large amounts of my hard earned pay check to the local fishing industry every year! I am a "Sport Fisherman"! Why do we need "Gillnets"? A simple question! The truth is we don't! Not for restaurants, grocery stores, or any other large retailers needs! "Fair Chase" in every aspect of fish and game gathering and should be the norm!

It is not fair chase to destroy a fishery for the benefit of just a few! The Columbia River is not private. It is in the "Public Domain" and should remain this way!

Let the "Gillnetters" use long line legal commercial fishing tactics. Their harvest will still be large but won't indiscriminately kill other species. Mass hunting and fishing has a very bloody and horrific history in the United States! We have many extinct species because of these practices.

Let's not continue to brush up next to this terrible history in our state!

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Portland, OR 97230


From: [Dale Hewitt](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019 12:20:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Highway robbery! That is how I see it. Wa/OR fish and game gladly accepted my money for Columbia River Enhancement to put commercial nets into estuaries and out of the Columbia main stem. Every year we have been PAYING a fee for this to happen. Now WA/ORDFW want to keep the money and resume past practices. Shame on you. Thou Shalt Not Steal. If this is for real I will no longer buy a recreational fishing license.

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[REDACTED]
Scappoose, OR 97056
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From: [Mr. & Mrs. Dale Lyster](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 10:00:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The Columbia River Endorsement for sport-fishing must not be wasted.
Too much money has been stolen from sport fishing enthusiasts and Fishing Guides for a reversal of promises.

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Corvallis, OR 97330


From: [Dale Welford](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 11:00:18 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Do your job, let the sportfishing community have some fish. Get rid of the gillnets and crank up the hatcheries.

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[REDACTED]

La Grande, OR 97850

[REDACTED]

From: [Dan Grumbling](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 12:20:19 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have been fishing in Oregon for about 65 years, I have fished less this year because of low fish counts and season closings than I ever remember.

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Beaverton, OR 97007


From: [Dan Holmes](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:40:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

You have no right to destroy our fish runs with your poor decisions which historically have destroyed Salmon fisheries in our state and through out our world. How can you even consider any kind of nets to kill our fish and leave nothing for our children and our future!

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Dan Holmes

[REDACTED]
Tualatin, OR 97062
[REDACTED]

From: [Daniel Erceg](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 6:20:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

It is our duty to encourage and enforce responsible fishing processes that will ensure survival of salmon/steelhead/sturgeon on the Columbia, Willamette and their tributaries for future generations. Why on earth would anyone entertain the idea of reverting to past commercial fishing practices that do not support these ideals? What possible benefit could there be to the future of the Columbia/Willamette Fisheries by abandoning the bi-state Columbia River fisheries reforms? Isn't it the job of the ODFW & WDFW to "manage" these fisheries, to secure their future? We need some accountability!

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Scappoose, OR 97056
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From: [Daniel Quanbeck](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:10:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I am a long time (since 1970) Salem, Oregon resident. I have been an active outdoorsman ever since establishing my residence here. I believe in stewardship of our land and resources. I believe we all, as individual and groups, need to be good stewards of our lands and resources. Recently, I think there has been a movement by some to turn away from that stewardship of our resources.

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[REDACTED]
Salem, OR 97301
[REDACTED]

From: [Daniel RAMMING](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 10:50:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Salmon and steelhead returns to the Columbia River are at an all time low. Reversing Columbia River Reforms will further gut a sustainable commercial, Indian and sports fishery. Reconsider a balanced and even approach for all that partake in the Columbia Fishery and it's tributes.

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Daniel RAMMING
[REDACTED]
Terrebonne, OR 97760
[REDACTED]

From: [Dave Coleman](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2019 7:40:06 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

If protecting our native salmon and steelhead species is our goal, allowing gillnets in the lower Columbia simply makes no sense. Non-selective harvest methods will not have a positive effect on reaching this goal.

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Sincerely,

Dave Coleman


Portland, OR 97232


From: [Dave Hendrie](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 6:10:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I am strongly recommending not going forward with the initiative to bring back year round gillnetting. Several years ago, we supported the move away from gillnetting by paying for the Columbia River Endorsement. Now, politics and self interest appear to be in play and you are considering reversing the course. Non-selective gillnetting is bad for our salmon and steelhead, both of which are rapidly declining in numbers. The state of our salmon/steelhead are in jeopardy and we need to protect this resource from those who profit from it. Please consider not rolling back the clock, but moving forward to protect our resources and fisheries.

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[REDACTED]
Gresham, OR 97080
[REDACTED]

From: [David Catto](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:10:06 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have been buying angling licenses in this state for over 50 years. If this proceeds that will stop. My extended family are all fisherman, they too are at the end of it with these types of decisions.

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Gladstone, OR 97027
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From: [David Daschel](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:32:01 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I am absolutely astonished that ODFW commissioners would even consider putting non selective gill nets in the Columbia river.

I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

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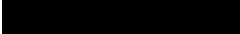
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Sincerely,

David Daschel


Portland, OR 97219



From: [David McNeill](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 2:10:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have fished in Oregon lakes, rivers and bays for over 23 years and have enjoyed the many benefits of well managed fisheries. I strongly urge not allowing non-selective gill nets to operate in the Columbia River.

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David McNeill


Terrebonne, OR 97760


From: [Dean Sigler](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 5:10:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

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Dean Sigler


Beaverton, OR 97003


From: [Dennis Buchanan, K](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 7:20:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Gillnetters do not belong in any Oregon rivers period. The gillnetters and Sea Lions can do there business in the Pacific Ocean, and the sea lions can get there meals in the Pacific Ocean also. Someone needs to protect are fishing.

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Sincerely,

Dennis Buchanan


WOODBURN, OR 97071


From: [DENNIS MCINTOSH](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:30:06 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

when fishing is down in numbers its hard enough to catch a salmon to eat without the nets cleaning the fish out of the rivers, I have gone fishing day after gill nets where in and found nothing to catch.

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Sincerely,

DENNIS MCINTOSH


Newberg, OR 97132


From: [Don Erickson, Jr](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 5:20:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please take my opinion and request to heart. Gill nets have done enough damage to our Columbia River fish stocks. Gill nets have taken the big fish from our stock and left little ones that get through the nets to breed only smaller fish. Stop gill netting in the main stream of the Columbia River!

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Sincerely,

Don Erickson

[REDACTED]
Welches, OR 97067
[REDACTED]

From: [don olson](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:50:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

we continue to support our fisheries and the communities we visit. yet you hold gill netters desires above the recreational fisherman. tired of seeing dead fish float by caused by the netters. its about time you make them the support system you desire because you are killing the industry and the towns we visit

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Sincerely,

don olson


Portland, OR 97267


From: [Donald Claeys](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 7:30:08 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The fishery is already poor, please don't abandon what we have and make it worse. I didn't catch one keeper this year.

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Sincerely,

Donald Claeys


Portland, OR 97229


From: [Donald Seethaler, J](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:20:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We had you on our side a few years ago now you switched again. Won't you ever learn? Maybe we'll take it too the voters and this time we won't settle.

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Donald Seethaler
[REDACTED]
Portland, OR 97230
[REDACTED]

From: [Donald Wilhelm, Sr.](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:02:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please listen to the sportsmen who pay for the licenses that pay your wages. Help protect our endangered fish. The gillnetters are here for today and to hell with tomorrow!

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Donald Wilhelm

[REDACTED]
Troutdale, OR 97060
[REDACTED]

From: [Douglas Cushman](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 7:30:03 AM

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I do consider this one of my primary issues when voting. The economic benefits of sport fishing far outweigh the meager economic return on the gill net fishery. The economic benefits of sport fishing are spread out over a large group of guides, sporting goods retailers and manufactures and far exceed the meager returns of gill netters. Just check the tax returns.

Sincerely,

Douglas Cushman

[REDACTED]
West Linn, OR 97068
[REDACTED]

From: [Douglas DuPriest](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 11:20:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Gillnets capture native salmon, not just hatchery raised salmon. Increasing oommercial use of gillnets on the Columbia runs counter to the important (and federally mandated) goal of increasing the populations of endangered salmon and coho populations. conservation and restoration to return them to sustainable levels. I strongly urge you to reject any proposed that would cause additional takings of endangered salmon. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of these comments.

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Sincerely,

Douglas DuPriest

[REDACTED]
Eugene, OR 97401

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From: [Douglas Massingill](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:00:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

For states that pride themselves on wildlife conservation, I am astounded that Oregon and Washington are considering gillnets at all. Please, take some bold steps and stand strong against this type of fishing that kills all species indiscriminately.

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[REDACTED]
Hood River, OR 97031
[REDACTED]

From: [Dylan Gollehon](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 7:20:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Commercial Gill netting in the main stream of the Columbia reform needs to stand firm. With decreasing fish runs, there is no reason that anything but decreased Gill netting should be the only change that should be made. Gill netting is a out dated industry, from a time when fish runs were more abundant. The only change that needs to be made, is to shut it down completely..

Please take into consideration the impact that abandoning the current reforms will impact fish runs.

Thank you

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Sincerely,

Dylan Gollehon


Portland, OR 97218



From: [Edmund Keene, Sr](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:32:07 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

It is incomprehensible to me that ODFW or WDFW would even consider opening any commercial salmon fishing on the Columbia river. All sport fishing has been cancelled for salmon. What in God's name are you thinking? There was a deal made several years ago - **STICK TO THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.**

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Sincerely,

Edmund Keene

[REDACTED]
Banks, OR 97106
[REDACTED]

From: [Edward Edgerton](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 5:30:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

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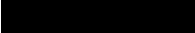
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Sincerely,

Edward Edgerton


Prineville, OR 97754



From: [Edward Rabinowe](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 7:00:19 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

You can't really be considering non-selective fishing our dwindling salmon stocks. No one could be that foolish!

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Sincerely,

Edward Rabinowe

[REDACTED]
Deer Island, OR 97054
[REDACTED]

From: [Elmer Green](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 10:50:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

How many times must we sport fishermen attempt to block you folks from giving a few hundred Gill netters what tens of thousands of sports fishermen have paid for? Talk about rape, and we don't even get a kiss. I'm 82 years old and have fished the Columbia since my teens and the seasons and catch allowance you folks allow the sports fishermen is beyond appalling.

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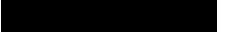
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Sincerely,

Elmer Green


Beaverton, OR 97008


From: [Eric Anderson](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 7:30:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Gillnets are size specific and have been removing larger fish since the 1800's. True recovery cannot start until they are gone.

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Sincerely,

Eric Anderson

[REDACTED]
Salem, OR 97304
[REDACTED]

From: [Eric Neal](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 10:30:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

You are cutting salmon fishing seasons and limits due to lack of fish returning. This only makes the matter worse !

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Eric Neal

[REDACTED]
Eugene, OR 97401

[REDACTED]

From: [Fred Ciccotelli](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 5:20:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

So many of us work so hard and are so passionate about fishing catching so fewer and fewer fish and less opportunity to get out on the water is disheartening. Please stop the wholesale pillaging of our precious resource. Thanks.

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Sincerely,

Fred Ciccotelli

[REDACTED]
West Linn, OR 97068
[REDACTED]

From: [Gary Holbrook](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: STOP NON SELECTIVE GILLNETS IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 7:30:19 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

As a sports angler I have the ability to retain or release any fish I catch. Gillnets or KILLNETS as I call them do not have this capability. We need to "LIMIT YOUR KILL NOT KILL YOUR LIMIT" PLEASE abide

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Sincerely,

Gary Holbrook
[REDACTED]
Beavercreek, OR 97004
[REDACTED]

From: [Gary Wood](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: NO Columbia River Gillnets
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:22:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please use your knowledge and sense to keep proposed gillnets out of the mainstem Columbia. This is dangerous to fish, dishonest to the original bi-state agreement and opposes policy already enacted by the legislature. Why on earth does this keep coming up? Do you want to be in the spot light when someone finally says "follow the money"?

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Gary Wood


Lake Oswego, OR 97035


From: [George DesBrisay](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:32:08 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

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I'm personally disappointed in these agencies are even considering the change. The PNW steelhead and salmon have enough challenges in regard to making it back to there home rivers. Also, make the tribes use better means of fishing that are selective to protect steelhead and other fish species. they need to limit their catch dramatically during these times.

Sincerely,

George DesBrisay
[REDACTED]
Hermiston, OR 97838
[REDACTED]

From: [George Kokinidis](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:22:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Stop the gillnetting all I saw this year while boating on the river was dead floating fish from gillnetters.

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[REDACTED]
Hillsboro, OR 97124
[REDACTED]

From: [George Krumm](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Keep Your Promises--Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 28, 2019 10:20:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I, like many others, have been paying for the Columbia River Basin Endorsement for several years. I'm still being required to purchase this endorsement. As part of the deal, promises were made to eliminate mainstem Columbia River gillnetting. I expect those promises to be kept. Show some integrity. Keep your word. Indiscriminate gillnetting over mixed stocks, some endangered, is not only irresponsible. It is unsustainable and stupid.

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Sincerely,

George Krumm

[REDACTED]
Estacada, OR 97023
[REDACTED]

From: [Graeson Brown](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:40:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have been fishing the Columbia for years and put countless dollars into programs to help improve salmon runs. I believe gillnetting is hurting the already suffering runs and so not after with these proposed changes.

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Graeson Brown

[REDACTED]
Newberg, OR 97132
[REDACTED]

From: [Grant James](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 11:20:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Dear ODFW. Please consider the where the majority of the funding for ODFW comes from and make the right decisions to support recreational fisheries in the state of Oregon and work strongly with our friends to the North to insure they do the same. Supporting the non selective gillnetters, most of whom have second jobs, is ridiculous in these times of Dams, Sea Lions, etc.

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Sincerely,

Grant James

[REDACTED]
West Linn, OR 97068
[REDACTED]

From: [Greg Fair](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 6:20:19 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

You have taken \$10 a year from my to fish in any tributary of the Columbia river for these reforms. Please do not back pedal and also give me an account of where the money from this endorsement was spent.

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Sincerely,

Greg Fair

[REDACTED]
Newberg, OR 97132
[REDACTED]

From: [Greg McMillan](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 7:00:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The voters were scammed. We should have never compromised on this and voted these damn nets out of all rivers for ever!!!!

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Sincerely,

Greg McMillan
[REDACTED]
WILLAMINA, OR 97396
[REDACTED]

From: [Greg Ostrom](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 1:10:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I am a life long Oregonian. The idea of allowing Gillnetters back on the main stem Columbia is not using available science. Steelhead, Chinook and Coho have been under tremendous pressure through environmental issues and over fishing. Gillnets are killing endangered Steelhead, Chinook, Coho and not to mention Sturgeon in the mighty Columbia.

Please put an end to this unwanted, unnecessary fishing menace. Save our fisheries on the Columbia River before it is too late. **END NOW, GILLNETS ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER.**

Greg Ostrom

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Sincerely,

Greg Ostrom


Salem, OR 97306



From: [Greg Peldyak](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:10:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Instead of non selectively harvest, let the commercials' use hook and line. Lets make smart decisions on saving select runs of fish. A wild Columbia fish goes back. An endangered B run Clearwater 20lb steelhead is released. Lets work on ideas that help. An idea by the Indians just came out. Taking out the three lower Columbia river dams sounds great but won't happen until we transition to renewable energy. Hook and line fishing is effect enough to have commercials making their money. The sport fleet is the future and the best source of money for ODFW.

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Sincerely,

Greg Peldyak

[REDACTED]
Hood River, OR 97031
[REDACTED]

From: [Greg Spanos](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:40:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I've retired to OR for its' iconic fishery. And ready to move to New Zealand (with my money), for their great King Salmon runs. They LAUGH at Oregon!!! Who gave them the smolts & technology to introduce them to a new part of the world. And we can't keep the world's largest Salmon fishery safe from extinction! Personal agendas (SUSPECTED not PROVEN negative epigenetic effects of hatchery fish & Gill nets) have driven these populations to near extinction.

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Greg Spanos
[REDACTED]
Hood River, OR 97031
[REDACTED]

From: [Hans Blom](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:50:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

ODFW Commisioners

I am now almost 80 years old and have seen the steady decline of the salmon and Steelhead runs, It is so incomprehensible to me that the ODFW, having become a mindless extension of Governor Kate Brown's disastrous anti environmental policies, as they implement the total return of her non selective gillnetting at a time that our salmon stocks are nose diving. Anybody can see that in the not too distant future there will be no more salmon.

Why are you promoting these disastrous policies given that the gillnet industry brings almost no tax revenue in the state coffers, it is non-selective gillnets kill! While sport fishing and the associated industries, like: boat manufacturing, engine sales, lure and fishing equipment manufacturers, Hotels, restaurants, airlines, fishing guides, all of these benefit the state. If the ODFW would promote sport fishing and support the construction of hatcheries, stream enhancement to promote spawning, A world class fishery on the Columbia and its tributaries is possible. Would you please reverse course and so instead of favoring and supporting a dead industry like gill netting that damages all salmon and Steelhead runs, and instead promote sound management of our salmon and steelhead runs. Please, please before it is too late!

Sincerely

Hans Blom

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Portland, OR 97222



From: [Jack Gaston](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:40:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

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Jack Gaston


Damascus, OR 97089

From: [james elliott](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:42:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I am so disenchanted with the ODFW possible stepping backwards with regards, to our precious and valuable fisheries resources of the Columbia River. i.e. the reinstating of non-selective gillnets in the main body of the Columbia River. Jesus, look at the history of our dwindeling, once magnificent fisheries resource of our beloved river. Please don't sell out our resources, for the few moneyed interests, acting against families of sportsmen and the true lovers of the Great Columbia.

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Sincerely,

james elliott

[REDACTED]
Bend, OR 97702
[REDACTED]

From: [James Harvey](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 12:50:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The sportsmen have been drastically restricted in our quest for salmon and steelhead due to low runs this year, and yet you are considering letting gillnets return to the Columbia River. This is both ridiculous and outrageous!!! This will only benefit the gillnetters and greatly put in peril the future runs of salmon and steelhead in the Columbia river!

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James Harvey

[REDACTED]
Redmond, OR 97756
[REDACTED]

From: [James Housley](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:02:02 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have been fishing the Columbia river since I was 5 yrs old. I am 73 now, and this was the worst year I have ever seen for fishing for salmon in the river. All because of the gillnetts and their non selective fishing methods. Please keep the nets out of the river.

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Rainier, OR 97048


From: [James Kehoe](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Gillnet Fishing Will Destroy Fish Restoration Efforts and Investment
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 2:30:18 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Dear ODFW Commissioners:

I am the former Environmental Manager for the Bonneville Power Administration. For decades we worked diligently with ODFW, WDFW, CRITFC, and other stakeholders throughout the region and provided hundreds of millions of dollars in funding to improve habitat throughout the Columbia system and to help restore the ever dwindling salmon and steelhead runs. We are now starting to see improved results from the efforts of hundreds of people and thousands of hours of work to this end. It is unconscionable that the Oregon and Washington Fish and Wildlife Commissions even consider, let alone approve, restoring commercial gillnet fishing on the Columbia system. This indiscriminate method of harvesting fish does great harm to untargeted species and wild fish as well. If we are to improve our fisheries so that generations to come will be able to enjoy the expenditures of dollars and effort spent to restore our salmon and steelhead runs you must not approve gillnet fishing on the Columbia at this time. It will take years before the fish runs are strong enough to withstand such an onslaught. You do not want to be responsible for undoing all the work and investment that has gone into the attempt to restore strong fish returns. I realize that the gillnet industry lobbies hard to get the Commissions to allow them to gillnet in the Columbia, but the Commission has a greater obligation to the people of the region to push back and support fish restoration instead. Please ensure that your legacy is one that had led to the improvement of fish in the Pacific Northwest rather than one that leads to diminishing runs to the point of cessation of fishing altogether. By voting against gillnet fishing at this time you are ensuring them of the possibility of that method of fishing being considered whenever runs are strong enough to withstand the impacts it brings.

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James Kehoe


Portland, OR 97210



From: [James Kennedy](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:20:05 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Do not allow gill-netting on Columbia main stream, as agreed to in 2013 /2014.

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James Kennedy
[REDACTED]
Beaverton, OR 97005
[REDACTED]

From: [Mr. & Mrs. James Myers](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 8:20:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Commissioners of the ODFW,

I can't believe that this still continues to be bantered between OR and WA as a practice on the Columbia River.

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Sincerely,

James Myers

[REDACTED]

Dundee, OR 97115

[REDACTED]

From: [James Russell](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 10:30:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Your proposed action to abandon these previous reforms is just plain wrong, and I think you know it. There are thousands of Oregon and Washington citizens that know it as well and we are going to fight to stop you. Luckily we now have the CCA to speak for us and I for one intend to increase my financial support to help them.

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Corvallis, OR 97333


From: [Jason Renoud](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 5:10:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I am stunned when ODFW makes decisions that further decreases recreational fisheries. Most of the people I know spend hundreds of dollars for every salmon they catch that is important to the Oregon economy and to funding of ODFW through license fees. Commercial fishing does not have as big of an economic impact and is not as selective in protecting native fisheries

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Sincerely,

Jason Renoud
[REDACTED]
Scotts Mills, OR 97375
[REDACTED]

From: [Jeff Freund](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 8:20:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Prioritizing commercial non-selective gillnet fishing is bad policy and bad science. It endangers many species which have been sustained and even restored with sport fishing dollars. Not to mention money's poured into local economy's from sport fishing.

From a sport fisherman's perspective, I'm also tired of paying licenses and tag fees which are earmarked for enhancing habitat, restoration and management only to have seasons and waters closed virtually eliminating angling opportunity. What exactly is the Columbia River Endorsement for? This is simply bad policy backed by special interest and set by weak agencies ignoring science and common sense.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Freund

[REDACTED]
Bend, OR 97702
[REDACTED]

From: [JEFFREY HULL](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 10:50:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Commercial salmon fishing began depleting Columbia River salmon numbers with the advent of canning in the 1860s. By the 1890s, many salmon stocks were disappearing due to over harvest. the building of dams compounded the problem. Despite the listing of certain salmon stocks as endangered or threatened, the gill net industry seeks to compound the problem. The time for commercial salmon fishing on the Columbia River is over - it will end now with the banning of gill nets or end with salmon extinction. It is time to end gill netting now.

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Sincerely,

JEFFREY HULL

[REDACTED]
Portland, OR 97229
[REDACTED]

From: [Jeffrey Monaco](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Gillnets Are Stupid - Please Read
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:50:19 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We all know that gillnets kill indiscriminately, so why is this continuing to be brought forth for reconsideration? Let them go the way of the dinosaurs already. No one wants to put people out of work, but gillnets are only going to continue adding nails to this industries coffin. These fish populations are continuing to plummet, and to think that business as usual is to the commercial guys benefit is just plain, shortsighted stupidity.

With the money wasted on both sides of this argument, every commercial boat on the Columbia could have been re-equipped with modern, selective alternatives by now. Help these guys transition towards a sustainable future, or help retrain them to do something else. Either they cannot afford the upgrade and are stuck between a rock and a hard place, trying to provide for a living, or they don't care about their impact. Either way they must know in their hearts that gillnet practices are wrong, both logically and morally.

Salmonids cannot speak for themselves, so it is up to us to stand up for their survival in the face of the monumental disadvantages they face. Climate change, deforestation which leads to the loss of breeding habitat, deteriorating ocean conditions, the assault on hatchery production, over-fishing and indiscriminate netting practices (etc., etc.) combine to form a pretty bleak future for them to ever make the comeback we have hoped for.

As the stewards for our fish, it is up to you to help them any way you can. Please stand up for the reforms that have been made in a loud, solid voice that will get the point across once and for all that gillnets are through here forever.

Remember that the vast, vast majority of us are rooting for our fish.

So.....

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Monaco

[REDACTED]

Tillamook, OR 97141

[REDACTED]

From: [Jerry Nemer, A](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:00:07 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

This is the second year in a row that ODFW has thrown me off the river before the good Chinook fishing even began. I caught ZERO Chinook salmon in the Columbia this year and only one Coho. Why? Because the salmon runs are so poor that sport fishing had to be cancelled. Add to this the terrible Spring Chinook runs in the Willamette River the last three years and I ask you why I even to bother buying my salmon and steelhead tag anymore. Now I hear that you plan on restoring year-round commercial gillnetting to the Columbia. The members of the Commission are hopelessly corrupt and compromised. You don't care about the resource and you don't care about the sport fishermen who pay the lion's share of the fees to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. You need to start figuring out who is buttering your bread and quit catering the freeloading commercial gillnetters who are being given a public resource for profit and who are doing great harm to the fish runs in the Columbia. You take our money and spit in our face. The Columbia River Endorsement which sport fishermen paid for years was outright robbery. We should all be reimbursed for the money you stole from us. You took the money from us under false pretense and gave it to our mortal enemy. As far as I am concerned you are a bunch of criminals. I don't even pretend to be politically correct and diplomatic any more. Corrupt members of the Commission and of ODFW need to be removed once and for all. This has gone on long enough. My money, my voice and my vote counts. Commercial gillnetting in the mainstem Columbia must end now. It is time to stand up for the resource and what is right.

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Sincerely,

Jerry Nemer

[REDACTED]
West Linn, OR 97068
[REDACTED]

From: [Jerry Vaughn](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:20:08 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Years of Columbia river endorsement fees? and now this? if the Gillnetters and Oregon and Washington want gillnets returned then they have to rear more fish in our fish hatcheries, being selective of only hatchery fish

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Jerry Vaughn


Boring, OR 97009


From: [Jim Marquardt](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:50:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

ODFW, Don't allow the positive changes that had been made to be reversed. Gillnets are not discriminatory and adversely impact our mainstem fisheries. We've worked hard to get this method restricted and more needs to be done.

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Jim Marquardt

[REDACTED]
Scappoose, OR 97056
[REDACTED]

From: [Joe Terleski](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:02:02 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Keep gillnets off the Columbia River. They kill way too many non-target fish.

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Joe Terleski

[REDACTED]
Salem, OR 97304
[REDACTED]

From: [John Dunn](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:10:07 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Conservation of our natural resources produces sustained trills!!!Rolling back Columbia River Reforms is diametrically opposed to this philosophy!!Do the right thing!!

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John Dunn
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Portland, OR 97221
[REDACTED]

From: [John Hall](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:20:07 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We have been paying extra to get the nets out. If they are allowed back in it may be time to do a class action lawsuit either continue with original plan or pay back all monies to sport fishermen and women whom have paid into the agreement!

I understand you have to try and please both sides but an agreement is just that and if you can not stay with it then your work is worthless!

John Hall long time fisherman and volunteer.

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Milwaukie, OR 97267


From: [John Hall](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 3:30:06 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We have been paying for the reform and if the nets get back in for Spring fishery. Why have we been paying and how about paying back our money!

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Milwaukie, OR 97267
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From: [John Julian](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:01:06 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

As I, along with most of the angling public feel the state has betrayed us on this issue. If a reason for their actions were to be given, it may be more expectable to us. Letting the tribes control things may very well be the best solution.

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Sincerely,

John Julian
[REDACTED]
Columbia City, OR 97018
[REDACTED]

From: [Jonathan Gibbs](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 7:50:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We have all pushed to remove Gill nets including me. The reason for that is so Me and my family have a chance at these fish, And a chance for them to spawn.

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Gibbs

[REDACTED]

Lebanon, OR 97355

[REDACTED]

From: [Justin Denfeld](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Gillnetting in Rivers is Archaic
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:00:07 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Maybe once upon a time, when the technology used to net fish was that of a man with a canoe and a throw-net, was it alright to net for fish in a river. Now, with the abilities of modern technology, gillnetters have the capacity to completely rake clean the rivers of everything with scales. It's a practice that will completely decimate the fish populations and extinct the many species that once prospered in the Columbia River. There's a reason why the whole country has outlawed this practice. I thought we were supposed to be progressive in protecting our natural wonders. The thought of allowing gillnetters to destroy the Columbia River makes me nauseous, because it's not a matter of "if", it's a matter of "when" the populations will be extinct. We are already to a depressing, painstakingly low level of fish returns. We can't withstand this pattern of digression going forward. Adding gillnetters back in the river will bring salmon and steelhead runs to a complete halt immediately. Once that happens, there will be nothing we can do to bring them back. Please don't let this happen.

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Justin Denfeld

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North Plains, OR 97133

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From: [kelly goss](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019 11:10:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

What is so hard to get that our salmon runs are depleting because of Sea lions, Gill Netters and the indians Taking the sport fishing and leaving those that rake the river on is ridiculous and make no sense.

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kelly goss

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Portland, OR 97201

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From: [Kent Hall](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 3:20:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Several years ago, I traveled over 300 miles to fish in the Willamette river for springers and in 3 days 3 of us caught 5! I would not have gone if I knew that gillnetting by commercial fishermen would be allowed!

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Kent Hall


Bandon, OR 97411


From: [Kim Hasselbalch](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 8:40:06 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please take action to discontinue all GILLNETTING in the Columbia to save our Fishery for the Future Generations..

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Sincerely,

Kim Hasselbalch

[REDACTED]
Battle Ground, WA 98604
[REDACTED]

From: [Kris Lumsden](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: The sport fishing industry in Oregon will be destroyed!
Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 7:40:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

If you continue to charge the sportfishermen for licenses and take their catch away, you will be sorry. This situation is not only bad for the fishing public, but horrible for the resource you are charged with managing!

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Sincerely,

Kris Lumsden


Damascus, OR 97089


From: [Larry Sene](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:00:07 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

You all have the undisputed information of what the fishery of the Columbia River is going thru. Allowing the resolution of the bi-state reforms can only be the most ignorant move of any proposal I have ever heard! Do not change the existing reforms that have been achieved in any way. Actually Gillnets should not now or never in the future be allowed in this river at all!!!

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Sincerely,

Larry Sene
[REDACTED]
Warren, OR 97053
[REDACTED]

From: [Les Fahey](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Please Ban Gill nets on the main stem of the Columbia
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:22:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I retired from public accounting 20 years ago and have observed a steady decline in the Columbia River fishery. I support efforts to reverse this trend and believe a non select fishery has no business being allowed on the Columbia River main stem.

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Portland, OR 97225


From: [Leo Wilhelm](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:30:07 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

As a business owner in the fishing industry the impact to thousands of business's across Oregon and Washington would be devastating. This includes boat, manufacturers, sporting goods stores, tackle manufacture's, motels, restaurants across the entire state. Myself because the impact was a 25% loss from the year before and I am sure that is across the board from all other business's effected. The gill nets have NO business in the entire main stem of the Columbia river, EVER.

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Sincerely,

Leo Wilhelm

[REDACTED]
Umatilla, OR 97882
[REDACTED]

From: [Levi Morris](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: say goodbye to odfw income from sport fishing for gillnets are returned full time
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:30:06 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

All sport fishermen who actually support odfw through licenses and purchasing all things tied to sport fishing. If this full time gillnetting passes there will be HUGE decreases in sport Fisherman!!!

If odfw was wondering the fishing throughout Oregon is mediocre at best and compared to 15 years ago it is very poor, so non selective gillnets year round will only make fishing and fishing communities worse and future fishing will cease to exist

Please think your decisions through and realize all the consequences

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Levi Morris


Oregon City, OR 97045


From: [Linh Tran](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:12:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I take my 7 year old son and his cousins fishing quite a bit. With the lack of fish, it's making it more difficult to catch fish so they can remain enthusiastic about fishing in the future. Kids are the future of the fishing industry and without their interest in fishing, the fish and wildlife departments are losing a major source of their funding!

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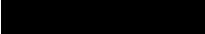
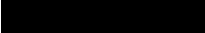
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Hillsboro, OR 97123


From: [Lloyd Loncosky](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 3:30:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Our salmon and steelhead runs are decimated and numbers continue to plummet with the result being fewer fish allocated to sportsmen. I have purchased a fishing license and punchcard every year since 1971 but cannot in good conscience continue to do so if the kill nets are allowed to remain in the Columbia River. Many of my friends have quit fishing over the last few years and I will be forced to join them if the commercial insanity continues. Please don't force me to stop fishing!

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Sincerely,

Lloyd Loncosky
[REDACTED]
Columbia City, OR 97018
[REDACTED]

From: [Makai Brusa, R.](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 5:20:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We are the Pacific Northwest! The jewel of the nation for our beautiful land and our amazing natural resources. Why do we continue to drag nets thru our precious Columbia River. We are hypocrites if we allow this. We are better than this and have better means to fish. Nets kill. Plain and simple. I have fished it since my grandpa first took me. We can not restore salmon while dragging nets down the river killing everything it tangles. I've seen 100 dead salmon or Steelhead floating down river. Not cool! Do the right thing.

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Makai Brusa

[REDACTED]
West Linn, OR 97068

[REDACTED]

From: [Margaret Lochridge](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 4:00:10 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We, the people you represent, have been paying extra money for fishing licenses for 6 years to fund the removal of commercial gillnetters from the mainstem of the Columbia River. We did not have a choice, and believed it when we were told what purpose our money was to be used to do.

All of us feel lied to. Betrayed. How dare you refuse to listen to the science being presented. There is a lot of anger out here, and each time you choose to side with the commercial gillnetting industry, you create more anger and feelings of betrayal.

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Margaret Lochridge

Portland, OR 97267

From: [Mark Abolofia](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: NO GILLNETS! DO NOT ROLLBACK REFORMS!
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 10:00:18 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Reintroducing gillnets will destroy our fisheries that we all have worked so hard to maintain!

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Mark Abolofia


Portland, OR 97225


From: [mark Boardman, C.F.](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Looking out for Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 1:30:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please allow for multiple use of the steahead and salmon fisheries. Gil netting doesn't. Remember the sport fisherman! We bring lots of money to the communities and pay towards habitat improvements.

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Kalispell, MT 59901

From: [MARK Carter](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 10:00:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

MARK Carter

[REDACTED]

Carlton, OR 97111

[REDACTED]

From: [Mark Clark](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:22:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please do not ruin sport fisheries on the lower Columbia and renege on the previously agreed Columbia river reforms to curtail non-select gill netting!

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Mark Clark


Lake Oswego, OR 97034


From: [Mr. & Mrs. Mark Tompkins](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:20:18 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I fish out of Chinook Landing for springers. I guess I should say I use to. I seems that every year when the fish are due to show up you people close the river. Don't you realize the seasons are shifting due to climate change?

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Mark Tompkins

[REDACTED]
Gresham, OR 97030
[REDACTED]

From: [mark.volland](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 5:40:03 PM

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we are losing a natural resource.

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mark volland

[REDACTED]
Canby, OR 97013
[REDACTED]

From: [Marv Abe](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 5:40:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please defend the sportsmens' desire to continue fishing the Columbia River. It seems that the fish counts are declining as are the successful outcomes of our fishing outings. Thanks in advance for listening to sportsmens' concerns.

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Marv Abe

[REDACTED]
Sherwood, OR 97140
[REDACTED]

From: [Matt Hastings](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 5:40:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Dear Commissioners,

While the following is a form letter, my personal appeal to you is not. I consider the issue of gill nets still being allowed on ANY fishable waters to be critical to the future of all fishing. I am against their use as they are non selective in use and will further endanger our already dangerously low salmon, steelhead and sturgeon resources. If you fish and want your children and grandchildren and their offspring to enjoy what we have then you must stop the use of gill nets and force the commercial industry to stop playing games and get on board with methods that are sustainable.

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Matt Hastings


Portland, OR 97219

From: [Matthew Danz](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:30:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I am a fishing tackle store owner and avid salmon and steelhead fisherman. I have spent many years assisting the various fishing groups oppose Columbia River gill netting. I am not against commercial fishing, I am against non-select gill nets and their "by-catch" that takes more fish from our already sensitive runs of steelhead and salmon. Oregon had already voted and passed previous legislation when Kitzhaber deviated the plan saying he would have to veto it. Please support keeping gill nets OFF the Columbia River!!!

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[REDACTED]
Eugene, OR 97401
[REDACTED]

From: [Michael Churchill](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 9:40:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I've been sport fishing nearly my entire life, I'm 71 years old, this IS the stupidest proposal I have ever heard!

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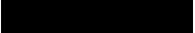
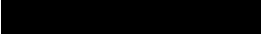
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Sincerely,

Michael Churchill


Oregon City, OR 97045


From: [Michael Hearing](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 10:00:08 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Sportfishing brings in millions if not billion dollars to Pacific northwest. Fish have enough hurdles without nets! Sea lions!

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Sincerely,

Michael Hearing


Corvallis, OR 97330



From: [michael long](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:30:06 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

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michael long

Beaverton, OR 97005

From: [Michael McGuire](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:32:02 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Don't move backwards in efforts to restore healthy fisheries. Support the original reforms and not the continued needless indiscriminate killing of wild fish.

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Sincerely,

Michael McGuire


West Linn, OR 97068


From: [Michael Sprague](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Keep the gillnets OUT of the Columbia!
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 7:40:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Why would you even think this is a good idea? I live in Idaho and our steelhead season is closed. Our salmon run was low.

The fish need a clear path to the spawning grounds for the runs to survive.

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Michael Sprague

[REDACTED]
Lewiston, ID 83501
[REDACTED]

From: [Mike Carlson](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 10:10:09 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

You made a deal, you made a promise! Sportsmen upheld our end of the deal. Don't let a few 'millionaire fish processors' dictate our Columbia fish management policies!!! Please!

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Sincerely,

Mike Carlson


Portland, OR 97230


From: [Mike Lane](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 9:00:08 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have no idea why Oregon would allow non- selective gill nets to be in a river with endangered stocks of fish.

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Mike Lane
[REDACTED]
Portland, OR 97229
[REDACTED]

From: [Mike Rice](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:42:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have been a life long resident in Oregon. I have been a ocean fisheries guide and helped to successfully introduce the current upland bird stamp to the Oregon legislature. There is absolutely no reason to allow gill netting in the Columbia. This year upriver sport fishermen had reduced bag limits and greatly reduced fishing days while gill betters were given more and more days to fish. This very unfair to sportsmen and guides and hurts our economy. Please do not abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and eliminate gill netting in the Columbia.

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[REDACTED]
Gresham, OR 97080
[REDACTED]

From: [Mike Samples](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:00:07 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Why do you as a body (ODFW) continually work against the sport fishing industry in favor of the commercial entities. I am losing all respect for your work and any efforts to help save endangered anadromous fish runs.

I have been a ODFW volunteer for over twenty years helping to restore, maintain, and grow anadromous fish stocks throughout the central coast of Oregon and the Willamette Valley. How dare you intentionally work to destroy our remaining stocks in favor of commercial entities.

I will never volunteer for your organization in the future, never continue as an educator, mentor or be involved with any program sponsored by ODFW. You have lost an advocate and added someone who will work against you for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for nothing.

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Prineville, OR 97754


From: [Mike Sones](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 6:50:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

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Portland, OR 97229


From: [Ron Dilbeck](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 10:10:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I was born in The Dalles in 1953 while the dam was being built. My father would crawl down a ladder from the railroad bridge and fish at Celilo Falls. Back then the runs were strong and the river and fish could survive the gill netting. Not anymore!

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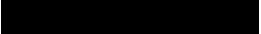
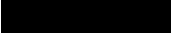
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Wilsonville, OR 97070


From: [neil riewer](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:30:06 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The sport fisherman have been paying to subsidize the gillnetters for almost 10 years now. This was promised to end gill net fishing on the Columbia, but now we see that promise on the verge of being broken and all "OUR" monies going for nothing. Do not go down the same road as Washington did and vote against the will of the voters!

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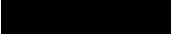
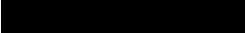
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Sincerely,

neil riewer


Gresham, OR 97080


From: [Nolan Matsumoto](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 9:50:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Dear Commissioners, This is the second year in a row that the salmon/steelhead seasons have closed early. They closed before the fish even got up to where I normally fish the Columbia. They closed because of the low numbers of returning fish and now you are wanting to open it up for gillnetting? How does one even make any sense of a thought like that? Seriously! HOW?

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[REDACTED]
Ontario, OR 97914
[REDACTED]

From: [Mr. & Mrs. Milton Hunt](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 5:40:04 PM

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Sincerely,

Milton Hunt

[REDACTED]
Scappoose, OR 97056
[REDACTED]

From: [Paul JABS](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:50:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Why am I paying \$10 Columbia River endorsement? I thought it was to get the gill nets of the main river. Was I wrong about this? not paying for it next year.

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Sincerely,

Paul JABS

[REDACTED]
Aurora, OR 97002
[REDACTED]

From: [Paul Mikesh](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 25, 2019 7:30:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please give the fish a break and stop this indiscriminant destruction of this precious resource for the benefit of a few. More of these gillnet caught fish are taken out of the nets by sealions than ever reach the deck of their boats. Where is the "selectivenrss" in the practice.? It's high time you recognize that recreational fishing gives back more to our communities than commercial fishing ever did.

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Sincerely,

Paul Mikesh
[REDACTED]
Columbia City, OR 97018
[REDACTED]

From: [Paul Reeder](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:40:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Gillnetting is so nonselective we can't afford such an antiquated method of harvest. If there's enough fish to afford commercial fishing than it should be done by the most selective methods.

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Sincerely,

Paul Reeder


Oregon City, OR 97045

From: [Phil Bernhard](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 12:50:05 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please allow the rivers to be filled with fish, to be caught individually instead of mass harvesting. Leave that to the ocean fisheries.

The ones coming back to spawn and the ones going out to sea deserve a chance.

Please make the rivers a "free zone" from gill nets.

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Sincerely,

Phil Bernhard

[REDACTED]
Marylhurst, OR 97036
[REDACTED]

From: [Phil Lyman](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:30:07 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I can't believe we are still dealing with gill nets. They need to be removed from our rivers for good.

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Sincerely,

Phil Lyman


Portland, OR 97219



From: [Philip Drake](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Columbia River Fishery Reforms Good-Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:40:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Abandonment of the Columbia River Fishery Reforms is a major step backward to preserve our salmon and provide for increased recreational Salmon and Steelhead fishing. Gill nets do not belong on the river and commercial fishing in the river does not belong to support providing fish to restaurants. Commercial fishing should be done in the ocean under strict controls. The River is for recreational and tribal fishing. Do not let yourselves be persuaded by fishing interests that are so narrow that only less than 100 people are affected.

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Sincerely,

Philip Drake

[REDACTED]
Gresham, OR 97080

[REDACTED]

From: [Philip Longway](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:10:05 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Hey people please wake up! This is the 21st century! There is no reason except for greed to allow gill nets in the main stem Columbia River. This is just wrong and shame on you for even considering this proposal

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Philip Longway


Portland, OR 97219


From: [Phillip Roberts](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:02:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have been an Oregonian for my whole life and do not approve of the way that this problem has been handled. The people voted to remove the gill nets off of the river and move to a harvest method that would be more selective and still give the commercial fisherman a way to make a living. The sport fisherman have been paying extra to make this happen and now again this is being abandoned again. It needs to be implemented as was voted for by the people.

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Phillip Roberts


Portland, OR 97267


From: [Ralph Veldink](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 12:30:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We are now 2 years beyond the agreement that was reached to remove gill nets from the Columbia River. I think that the sportsmen of this state have been duped. I believe that our Columbia River Endorsement dollars have been squandered. I think that the sportsman of this state should have sued for removal of the gill nets and not joined the Kitshaber agreement. The ODFW has done many things to loose the respect of the sportsmen of this state. I cannot believe that when the Columbia River had the most restrictive sport seasons ever that gill netting was still allowed. Right now I can only fish for a hatchery coho. Chinook season and Steelhead seasons are closed Hatchery coho seem to be in short supply with many unmarked fish returning. Yet the Department has allowed a Commercial Chinook season in zones 5 and 6 and a Commercial Coho season in the lower river. If this department wants my respect it must change. Stop being an Agency that is only there to divide up the last salmon. Stop being an Agency that spends all of it's dollars counting fish. Stop being an Agency that uses gill nets to test for fish. Stop being an Agency that does everything by emergency regulation. When you became unable to print salmon regulations a year that is when Commercial Fishing should have stopped. Please do not abandon the agreement we made. Time is up. Get the gill nets off of the Columbia.

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Ralph Veldink


Portland, OR 97230



From: [Randy Bailey](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:00:22 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I've fished the Clearwater and Snake all my life. I've been looking forward to taking my grandchildren. This year the Clearwater has been shut down. The following will kill recreational fishing. Don't abandon the reforms.

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Sincerely,

Randy Bailey

[REDACTED]

Sagle, ID 83860

[REDACTED]

From: [Randy Bonds](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:00:07 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have seen similar restrictions work while living in Alaska. Commercial fisheries have benefited those restrictions. Non-selective gillnetters do not belong in the Columbia river main stream at this time. Do not abandon the bi-state reforms the reforms.

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Rainier, OR 97048


From: [Randy Hackstedt](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:42:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Due to the kill nets my home river is done for have anything return it is the south Santiam rive been fishing it for 40 years and now it's not worth the time. Thanks for putting the screws to me and all the other fishermen and women.

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[REDACTED]
Lebanon, OR 97355
[REDACTED]

From: [Randy Klettke](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:12:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I find it shocking that you would even consider such actions! Why do I continue to support this system with my tax \$, license fees, support to local economies, etc. when the agencies that are supposed to be helping with fish recovery keep making stupid decisions that benefit only a handful of people who have abused the resource for years!

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Maupin, OR 97037


From: [Randy Klobas](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 6:50:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The gill net fishery kills way to much bycatch to be an invironmentaly acceptable harvest system. Seine nets are more better. The rules and regulations that recreational fishermen have to abide by

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Tillamook, OR 97141


From: [Randy McAdams](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:12:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have been an Oregonian my whole life (58 years) and only recently the last (20) an avid fisherman. I have seen the sport fishing opportunities dwindle year after year and gill netting makes absolutely no sense to me.

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Sincerely,

Randy McAdams


Portland, OR 97267


From: [Ric Salata](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:30:07 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We made an agreement with Kitzhopper in writing that there would be no Gill-nets on the main stream Columbia River and I think it is your responsibility to honor the agreement.

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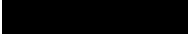
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Sincerely,

Ric Salata


Oregon City, OR 97045



From: [Richard Bomhoff, Sr.](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:00:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

If you go in this direction you will wipe out all the fish which results in no fishing. So if there is no fishing we won't need to buy any license. So if you have no revenue what are you going to do?

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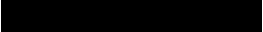
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Richard Bomhoff


Deer Island, OR 97054


From: [Richard Darst](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:22:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

It is hard to believe that we are revisiting this issue in light of the very poor fish returns of the last many years. It is critical to keep the nets off the river!!!!

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Richard Darst


Eugene, OR 97404


From: [Rick Klettke](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 10:40:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

You destroyed Columbia River salmon with the political agenda to build dams then tried to cover up the gross oversites and environmental tragedy. Exacerbated the situation with the politics of sea lions becoming out of control. Don't continue to rape the Columbia River fishery with gill nets.

I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

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Sincerely,

Rick Klettke

[REDACTED]
Tigard, OR 97223
[REDACTED]

From: [Rob Benton](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 5:20:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Gillnetting is a non selective method of harvesting fish. The mortality rate for non targeted species is very high. As a conservationist, this method has no place in a climate that has seen and is currently experiencing the extinction of several fish species.

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Sincerely,

Rob Benton

[REDACTED]
Hillsboro, OR 97123
[REDACTED]

From: [Rob Gibbs](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 5:10:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I fish the Columbia and have watched the numbers of fish drop over the years and now more gill nets during the whole year? All gill netters have strong regular jobs so they don't need the extra \$ to make a living. Keep the reform's intact!

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Sincerely,

Rob Gibbs

[REDACTED]
Boring, OR 97009
[REDACTED]

From: [Robb Sipler](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Now is not the time to Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:50:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The time for a non selective Gill net fishery on the Columbia is over, especially with historically low adult returns.

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Sincerely,

Robb Sipler

[REDACTED]
Madras, OR 97741
[REDACTED]

From: [Robert Askey](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:12:19 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

A lot of misleading information on harvest of fish in SAFE areas. The plan to take gillnets off the main river and into SAFE areas made a lot of sense. Gillnets are not selective. Whatever gets in them dies or is released to swim off and die. High mortality rate. Commercial fishing in main river was to come up with a better selective way. Gillnetters I believe had no intentions of finding a selective way to harvest and release ESA listed salmon and Steelhead. Which would better regulate what commercial fisherman can keep and release unharmed. Makes no sense to spend millions of dollars to get wild runs going and habitat improvements where possible and then have the fish end up dead in gillnets used in the main Columbia River.

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Sincerely,

Robert Askey

[REDACTED]
Newberg, OR 97132
[REDACTED]

From: [Robert Claeys](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 9:30:31 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Gillnetting is insane with salmon runs diminishing.

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Robert Claeys


Vancouver, WA 98682


From: [Robert Eckert, Sr](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:52:06 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please do not abandon Columbia river reforms. I will chose to not buy a license next year, if you do....

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Sincerely,

Robert Eckert


Portland, OR 97230


From: [Robert Huber](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:00:07 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I've fished the Columbia for 35 years. I've personally witnessed gillnet boats in action. There have been MANY times when I've seen them ripping steelhead out of their net and throwing them as far as they can away from their nets. Gillnets are an archaic way of harvesting fish and the fishery managers should reconsider this method. The once great runs of salmon and steelhead have diminished and this is part of the problem

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Sincerely,

Robert Huber


Clatskanie, OR 97016

From: [Robert Morton](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 9:00:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

There is no reason to allow non-selective gillnets on the main stem of the Columbia River when there are Endangered species of salmon and steelhead that rely on this river system to return to their spawning grounds. States are suppose to be doing all in their power to help these fish species to recover to naturally sustainable levels.

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Sincerely,

Robert Morton

[REDACTED]
Keizer, OR 97303
[REDACTED]

From: [Robert Wimberly](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:42:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

As a lifetime resident of Oregon and having bought a hunting and fishing license every year since I was 14 (less one year I was at training for the ORNG) I have seen it all. From liberal fish limits to limited catch and release to rolling up river closures for Salmon and Steelhead. I see a developing change in the allowable fishing dates combined with added expense for tags and endorsement tags. Many of my fishing friends will not be buying fishing licenses next year to these expenses and limited fishing opportunities for those of us that live east of The Dalles. We seem to get skipped in the re-opening of seasons for both Salmon and Steelhead while below The Dalles and above the confluence of the Snake get short closures and liberal limits. We fail to see the benefit of our closures. Until the Commission attacks the real problems of nets and sea lions we don't see an improvement in our plight. Lack of continued financial support of the ODFW are becoming much easier subscribe to.

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Umatilla, OR 97882


From: [Rod Evers](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 11:50:18 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Why do you keep on trying to get gillnets back in the Columbia River? Enough people have express their opposition on this issue. You have the Columbia closed half the time because of the lack salmon runs and yet you want to let them net...does not make sense. Sports fishermen pay a fee to fish and represent about what, 70-80% of your budget? Come on people...thinks about it from the prospective of future generations. I want my grandson to be able to catch a salmon in the future but the way it is going he may not be able to.

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Portland, OR 97206


From: [Roger Gertenrich](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:50:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I have been an Oregon fisherman for over 50 years. I might not get a 2020 license ..no fun fishing when there are so few fish tcaught /release

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Sincerely,

Roger Gertenrich


Portland, OR 97239


From: [Roger Wicklund](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:22:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I am ashamed of the ODFW, the Oregon legislature, and our Governor for allowing the gillnets to remain. They are all obviously influenced more by money in their own coffers than the welfare of the environment and the desires of our state's residents. Oregon used to be recognized as an environmentally conscientious state. It is now apparent to all that we will abandon all logical environmental principles for the financial profit of our leadership.

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Portland, OR 97205


From: [Ron Ritenour](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 9:10:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We the sportsmen in Oregon should have never trusted our government to shut down the gill nets on the Columbia River. We should bring this issue to a vote of the people to make gill netting illegal and forever shut it down. Do your job and stop the gill netting as promised.

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Sincerely,

Ron Ritenour


Dallas, OR 97338


From: [Ronald Taylor](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 10:10:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

At a point in time when I as a sports fisherman have experienced limited fishing opportunities, low quotas and restrictions that are unprecedented you are considering putting nets back in the river. I can not support an action that will further reduce fishing opportunities and will support a ballot measure that would ban all and any commercial netting in the main stream Columbia.

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Sincerely,

Ronald Taylor

[REDACTED]
Salem, OR 97301
[REDACTED]

From: [Russ Elliott](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 3:10:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please don't let the know nothing greedy gill netters back in the Columbia River with their kill everything gill nets. Do the responsible thing and keep them out!

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Sincerely,

Russ Elliott

[REDACTED]
Salem, OR 97309
[REDACTED]

From: [Russ Thackery](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, November 4, 2019 3:50:00 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Do not allow gillnets in the lower Columbia River. We need to protect and enhance our wild salmon runs.

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Sincerely,

Russ Thackery

[REDACTED]
Columbia City, OR 97018
[REDACTED]

From: [Mr. & Mrs. Scott Tews](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:30:02 AM

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Scott Tews

[REDACTED]
Hillsboro, OR 97124
[REDACTED]

From: [Shane Milburn](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return of Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:02:03 PM

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Sincerely,

Shane Milburn
[REDACTED]
Lake Oswego, OR 97035
[REDACTED]

From: [Stan McClain](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:02:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

At 67 years old, I am a lifelong fisherman who wants nothing more than to pass along this wonderful sport to my grandchildren. It seems that those charged with protecting and enhancing our salmon and steelhead runs are constantly bowing to the demands of the commercial fisheries at the expense of these precious fish. WHY!!!???

Please intervene and help us to do everything possible to restore salmon and steelhead for future generations to enjoy.

We're counting on you!!!

Stan McClain
Salem, Ore

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Sincerely,

Stan McClain
[REDACTED]
Salem, OR 97304
[REDACTED]

From: [Steven Buelna](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:12:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

We're suppose to be an environmental state but yet we're allowing Gillnets on the Columbia River. The main reason we've lost so many species of salmon and steelhead on this river and the systems that feed into it is because of the Gillnets. We use to have some of the largest species of salmon in the world right here in Oregon and Washington but they have been wiped out buy Gillnets and Dams. Let's make it right for pass bad deeds and rebuild out fish stock back to what they once were.

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Steven Buelna


Portland, OR 97224


From: [Steven Hougak](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:20:18 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

To the people on the Oregon fish commission, Who do you think pays your bills every year? It's the people that buy fishing and hunting licences! without us you would not have a job .Why don't you listen to us? Most of us think you are doing us wrong, with pour policies. for instance closing down fish hatcheries, that could eventually lead to more fish for everyone, you produce more fish,you feed everyone, even the Orca's! The gillnets are in the river because you allow them to be there, but you don't think that we know whats going on , when you shut the rivers down to us and let them in to supposedly let them in for what you call map up !!! that is such BS .We are watching you , please make some better choices !!

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Steven Hougak

[REDACTED]
Boring, OR 97009

[REDACTED]

From: [steven_winn](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:30:04 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

If the resources of our sport fishery are not managed for all, it looks like the commission against sport angling is a play and pay political scheme, that ends up harming all involved and concerned with managing the resource, and a pocket filling lottery for politicians, we must vote out the non willing to listen!!!!!!

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steven winn

[REDACTED]
Eugene, OR 97405
[REDACTED]

From: [TERRY WALKER](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 11:50:06 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Its time to get the killnets off of the columbia for good. ODFW seems to disregard the voices of the people that actually fund them. In doing so you are continuing to alienate the people that actually care about the fisheries and wildlife in this state. Please hear our voices and stop the madness! I promise you this, "I WILL NO LONGER SUPPORT YOUR AGENCY " if you continue to support the raping of our fisheries by an outdated non-selective method of harvest!

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Sincerely,

TERRY WALKER

[REDACTED]
Scappoose, OR 97056
[REDACTED]

From: [Terry Wilson](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:52:06 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

As a life long (68 year old) Oregonian, who has been fishing in Oregon since I was 5 years old, I strongly urge ODFW Commissioners not to allow Gill Netters to the Columbia River Mainstream.

I strongly oppose proposals to abandon the bi-state Columbia River fishery reforms and return non-selective gillnets to the mainstem Columbia River. Non-selective gillnets do not belong in mixed-stock lower Columbia River fisheries where endangered salmon and steelhead are present. Gillnets are incapable of selectively harvesting hatchery fish, which is key to recovering wild salmon populations and meeting federal hatchery reform requirements to maintaining hatchery production.

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Terry Wilson


Portland, OR 97225


From: [Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Carlier](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:20:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

As a refresher, Here are the 5 economic benefits of the sport fishing industry...

- 1) The tackle industry: manufacture, distribution, marketing, and retail sales of fishing rods, reels, and tackle, etc.
- 2) The marine industry: boat, motor, and electronics ... manufacture, distribution, retail, etc.
- 3) The tourism industry: transportation, resorts, motels, restaurants, etc.
- 4) The media industry: tv, radio, and internet 'how to' education
- 5) The government: licenses, tags, special fees, etc.

Number 5 is where your salary comes from....

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Sincerely,

Thomas Carlier
[REDACTED]
Beaverton, OR 97006
[REDACTED]

From: [Tim McCoy](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Keep and Implement Fully Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:52:05 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

You continue to break the agreement made with the public. Implement the agreement or refund my money. Am about 3 heart beats from starting a class action lawsuit for my \$ and/or ballot initiative to ban the nets.

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Tim McCoy

[REDACTED]
Tualatin, OR 97062
[REDACTED]

From: [Tim Wolford](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:30:03 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

I sick of paying a tax for years now that was supposed to be for these reforms. About to give it all up, Fishing and Hunting!!!

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Tim Wolford

[REDACTED]
Albany, OR 97321
[REDACTED]

From: [Timothy Schroeder](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:52:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Please don't abandon our legacy, heritage and NW culture! More than ever we need to keep moving forward on our reforms. Please do not let us slide back down this treacherous and slippery slope. Stand with the people of our great state.

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Sincerely,

Timothy Schroeder


Portland, OR 97229


From: [Tom Gerold](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:32:02 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Just don't understand why we are supposed to be a democratic government yet a small minority has such a influence. There are so many more sport fishermen & women that interject so much more money into the economy as compared to the gill netters.

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Sincerely,

Tom Gerold

[REDACTED]
Keizer, OR 97303
[REDACTED]

From: [Tracy Meskel](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 2:30:06 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The Columbia River is no place for commercial nets, that indiscriminately kill! Why are we still having this fight? These fish are dying on OUR WATCH! And all they want to do is rape the river. Look at the Steelhead runs, look at the fall salmon run. The fall run is our LAST true wild fish!! Please keep the nets out of the main stem of the Columbia!

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Sincerely,

Tracy Meskel

[REDACTED]
Gladstone, OR 97027
[REDACTED]

From: [Troy Cummins](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 10:20:04 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The Commissions continued consideration of returning gillnets to the mainstream Columbia River is alarming. These actions, in direct opposition to the Columbia Compact, would be in direct opposition to the best interests of both the fish and the residents of Oregon that owns this valuable public resource., amounting to nothing short of mismanagement.

I urge the Commission to rethink these critical decisions and recognize that without support from sportsman's dollars you will have no future budget from which to manage these endangered fish populations back to health.

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Sincerely,

Troy Cummins

[REDACTED]
LEBANON, OR 97355
[REDACTED]

From: [Troy Kalhar](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 12:10:06 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

What was the point of all of us sport fishers to pay for an endorsement that is not doing what it was supposed to? This is very frustrating that we are all paying for nothing.

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Sincerely,

Troy Kalhar

[REDACTED]
Sandy, OR 97055
[REDACTED]

From: [Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Beck, Jr](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:20:03 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

To our respected ODFW Commissioners.

For the first time in 37 years, I did not purchase an annual fishing license. In April of this year I sold my fishing boat, the boat of my dreams. I can't remember when I ever missed the Columbia River Salmon fishery in August, but I didn't go this year. If I have to stop fishing to feel like I've done my part in conserving our resources then that's what I'm going to do. These gill nets have no place in our fisheries. In an instant gill nets can rewind the clock on all of our hard work and conservation efforts and send a fish run into extinction.

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Wallace Beck


McMinnville, OR 97128


From: [William Barnum](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:22:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

Commission members should be held accountable for these poorly thought out decisions. Are my grandkids going to be able to in the future, catch a salmon on the Columbia River? Don't destroy this resource in order to keep the archaic and non-discriminating system on the river.

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William Barnum

[REDACTED]
Warren, OR 97053
[REDACTED]

From: [William Safko](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 2:30:05 PM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

All we have to do is follow the politicians and the gill netters money. Both are corrupt. You cannot devastate the fishery any more that you have done! NO, NO, NO!!!

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William Safko


Portland, OR 97230


From: [William Steen](#)
To: [ODFW Commissioners](#)
Subject: Don't Abandon Columbia River Fishery Reforms and Return Gillnets to Mainstem
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 11:32:02 AM

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

It's ridiculous the way recreational fishermen have to continually keep tabs on our government so as not to lose what's all ready been given and rightfully ours!!!

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Sincerely,

William Steen


Keizer, OR 97303




Joint-State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee (PRC)

**Public Comments received between
November 7, 2019 through December 4, 2019**

for the PRC meeting (to be determined)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2019 2:00:25 PM

Name	Robert Huber
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Clatskanie Oregon
Comments	<p>I live on the river west of Clatskanie and I'm really disappointed in how this years Columbia river fishery was managed. We had almost no opportunity to fish for springers an only a week to fish for fall chinook. If there is not enough fish to leave the entire river open then I feel like you should just close the entire river. Catering to the guides by having a large quota at Bouy 10 and starting too early when the run is mainly tules is wrong. My suggestion is to start the fishing later in August, leave the entire river open and if there is concern over small run projection then limit fishing to every other day so the season can extend thru the run. You're really screwing people that don't have the resources to travel to get to where the fishing is open....and for what? So guides can make a living off of the backs of Salmon and Steelhead?</p>
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, November 8, 2019 6:09:26 PM

Name	William Brasker
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	2422 brasker1957@gmail.comBraskerso 38 West Richland
Comments	CCA is growing in Washington state members whom all pay taxes buy fishing licenses and are registered voters and lobby in Olympia STOP COMERCIAL NETS
Attachment	

The message has been sent from 50.35.128.242 (United States) at 2019-11-08 22:09:22 on Chrome 78.0.3904.96
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Friday, November 8, 2019 10:56:18 PM

Name	Lisa Sudar
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Longview WA
Comments	Since salmon is classified as a "food fish" not a "sport fish," I feel it is only fair to allow commercial fishers access so those of us who don't sport fish can eat high quality, local fish, in all seasons. When the fish return, we should all have reasonable access to this wonderful, healthy food.
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Entry ID: 117

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Saturday, November 9, 2019 8:51:48 AM

Name	David Johnson
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Kalama WA
Comments	Gill nets were supposed to be out of the Columbia by 2017. The Commission's disgraceful back room action in Spokane restored them in full force. I was so shocked and disgusted I sold my boat and did not buy a fishing license. The commissioners who voted for this action should resign or be replaced as soon as possible
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Monday, November 11, 2019 11:09:35 AM

Name	Tyler Comeau
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Vancouver WA
Comments	<p>I ask that you fully implement the Columbia River Gill Net Reforms. Walking back the policy has bought negative impacts to our resources and the public perception of both ODFW and WDFW. The dismantling of the reforms couldn't have come at a worse time, with the loss of potential fee increases and the sunset of the CR endorsement providing clear examples of the consequence of these actions.</p> <p>Selective harvest methods offer the only sustainable future for our region's fisheries. Our fish already face a myriad of challenges to their survival, yet one of the most simple to control and solve is how we, as humans and custodians of the resource, choose to manage our fish harvest volume, harvest locations, and harvest methods.</p> <p>Please reinstate the Columbia River Reforms and remove non-tribal gill nets from the lower mainstem Columbia River. Do it for the sake of the resource, the agencies you represent, and for the citizens of this state. Harming threatened and endangered fish in mixed stock fisheries (that are not monitored) makes zero sense!</p> <p>Thank you for your service.</p>
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Entry ID: 119

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 1:46:29 PM

Name	Ed Wickersham
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED], Ridgefield WA
Comments	<p>It is time to end all non-tribal gill netting in the Lower Columbia River(LCR). During the Spokane meeting earlier this year the WA Commission voted in favor of re-authorization of non-tribal gillnetting on the LCR. That action was taken without adequate public notice or transparent public process in complete contravention of the existing CR Fisheries Reform Policy. I will remind you that the CR Policy was developed after all sides were provided several opportunities for public comment and probably thousands of hours of staff time analyzing the issues. The results of that process should not be over turned by this contrived action in Spokane designed by couple of Commissioners with questionable motives.</p> <p>The non-tribal gillnet fishery in the LCR is not an industry, it has terrible consequence for wild and ESA listed stocks of salmon and steelhead and by allocating a substantial portion of the no-tribal catch to the gillnets the far more economically beneficial recreational fishery is substantially constrained.</p> <p>Gillnets are a destructive harvest device from the 19th century that have no place in a mixed stock fishery with ESA listed populations of fish. Anyone who says that gillnets are appropriate or beneficially selective should be ignored as either ignorant or dishonest.</p> <p>The only selectivity that gillnets provide is to favor smaller fish because some of them manage to escape the nets. If you have any doubts that this is in fact the case take the time to review the average decrease in size of CR Chinook taken in the Commercial fishery over the last 15 to 20 years. On average the size of Chinook taken in the Non-tribal fishery on the LCR has decreased by about 20% to 25% since the early 2000s. Consider what gillnets have done to these fish in the last hundred years.</p> <p>Support the existing CR fisheries policy and if there is a legitimate need for a non-tribal commercial fishery in the LCR we must find an acceptable harvest method and that is not gillnets.</p>

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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 10:37:55 AM

Name	Margaret Lopic
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Longview WA
Comments	I don't think it is fair to those of us who love salmon, but don't fish as a sport, that the seasons for commercial fishermen are so restricted. Please change the regulations so that sports fishermen and commercial fishermen have equal access to the river when there are adequate fish. Commercial fishing should be allowed spring, summer, and fall and not as restricted to specific areas. Non fishing folk love salmon, too!!!!
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 6:08:01 PM

Name	arpo lepiso
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	portland oregon
Comments	The commercial salmon fishery provides jobs and living for many people in addition to the fishermen. Salmon from Washington and Oregon is shipped all over the country and if there is additional restrictions or closures, the effect will be major. If this becomes the norm, both Oregon and Washington will loose the salmon market to Wild Salmon from other states and it will become very expensive to ever get that marketplace back.
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Entry ID: 122

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019 8:37:26 AM

Name	John MCDonald
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Sea Wash
Comments	For the 95% of the public in Washington that does not sport fish the Washington commercial fisherman are their source to locally caught seafood. There should always be a balance in commercial and recreational shares of the resource. Especially in rural areas where these fisherman live . Their environment is where they work and others from the I 5 corridor come to play or recreation purpose. Please be good stewards of the resource and keep a fair equitable share to each user group ,commercial and recreational. Their is an saying work before pleasure. The other one was don't play with your food .
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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019 8:00:19 AM

Name	steven RADISICH
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	Bellingham WA
Comments	There are alot of people that can't afford or are unable to catch their own Salmon, we need the mainstream non treaty Columbia river gillnetters to be able to go out and catch the Salmon so the people that can't catch their own have Salmon available for them to buy spring summer and fall
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Entry ID: 123

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [Dobler, Myrtice C \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Contact the Policy Review Committee
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 6:42:15 AM

Name	JOHN BOSSEMAN
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	OEGON CITY OREGON
Comments	WHY NOT USE THE CATCH 2 FISH POLICY LIKE ALASKAN INSTEAD OF ALL THIS THROWBACK, IT MAKES NO SENSE TO KEEP THROWING BACK FISH THAT WIL DIE 70% OF THE TIME.PLUS FOLKS CANNNOT HARDLY SCHEDULE FISHING ANYMORE DUE TO TO MANY CLOSURES AN NO DEFINATE SEASONS. I HAVE A 35K BOAT THAT HASN'T FISHED IN 3 YEARS DUE TO THAT AND YES I HAVEN BOUGHT A LICSENSE ALON WITH DROVES OF OTHERS. PLUS TO MANY CONFUSING RULES AND NO ZONESIT JUST GOTTEN TO BE TO RIDICULOUS. IF YOU DONT WANT A FISHING INDUSTRY YOU WON.
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