

WDFW-820 (Rev. 3-2023)  
 Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Application for Commercial Fishery  
 License for the Year \_\_\_\_\_

Department Use	
License Number	Payment Receipt
License Type	
<b>SMELT-GN</b>	
Resident <b>\$535</b>	
DFW Vessel Registration	

Gear	Species	License District
GILLNET	SMELT	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast <input type="checkbox"/> Grays Harbor <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Puget Sound <input type="checkbox"/> Willapa Harbor

Designated Vessel information							
Vessel Name			State or Documentation Number			Hull Identification Number	
Overall Length	Beam	Horsepower	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel	Net tonnage	Gross tonnage	<input type="checkbox"/> Fathometer <input type="checkbox"/> Loran <input type="checkbox"/> Radar	10 inch number

License Owner		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Physical Address		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone Number		
SSN or UBI #		

Primary Operator					
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial			
Birthdate	Sex	Hair	Eyes	Weight	Height
Social Security Number					
Email Address					
Alternate Operator (optional)					
Last Name	First Name	Birthdate			
Last Name	First Name	Birthdate			

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

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the law of the state of Washington that the above information is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.

Signature	Date
Print Name	

Make fees payable to Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)

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**WAC 220-358-060 Smelt.**

It is unlawful to fish for smelt in the lower Columbia River for commercial purposes or to possess smelt taken from those waters for commercial purposes, except as provided in this section:

**Gear**

- (1) Otter trawl gear may be used to fish for smelt if:
  - (a) The head rope of the trawl does not exceed 25 feet in length.
  - (b) The foot rope or groundline of the trawl does not exceed 25 feet in length.
  - (c) The dimensions of the trawl's otter doors do not exceed 3 feet by 4 feet.
  - (d) The bag length of the trawl, as measured from the center of the head rope to the terminal end of the bunt, does not exceed 35 feet.
  - (e) The bridal rope from the rear of the otter doors to the foot and head ropes does not exceed 8 feet.
  - (f) Each breast rope does not exceed 5 feet.
  - (g) The mesh size used in the trawl does not exceed 2 inches stretch measure.
  - (h) Only one trawl net is fished from the boat at a time.
- (2) Gillnet gear may be used to fish for smelt if it does not exceed 1,500 feet in length along the cork line and the mesh size of the net does not exceed 2 inches stretch measure.
- (3) Hand dip net gear may be used to fish for smelt if it does not measure more than 36 inches across the bag frame.
- (4) From December 1 through March 31 it is lawful for smelt fishers to have salmon or sturgeon gillnets aboard while fishing for smelt.

**Fishing periods**

- (5) Otter trawl gear may be used to fish for smelt in SMCRA 1A from 6 p.m. Monday to 6 p.m. Wednesday of each week from March 1 through March 31, and for boats not exceeding 32 feet in length, in SMCRA 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E 7 days per week from December 1 through March 31 of the following year.
- (6) Gillnet gear may be used to fish for smelt in SMCRA 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E 7 days per week from December 1 of each year through March 31 of the following year.
- (7) Hand dip net gear may be used to fish for smelt in SMCRA 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E and tributaries to these areas 7 days per week from December 1 of each year through March 31 of the following year.
- (8) The following areas of the lower Columbia River remain closed to smelt fishing during the open time periods specified in this section:
  - (a) Those waters within one mile of a dam or other obstruction.
  - (b) Those waters of the Cowlitz River upstream from a monument located at Peterson's Eddy, also known as Miller's Eddy.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [77.04.012](#), [77.04.013](#), [77.04.020](#), [77.04.055](#), and [77.12.047](#). WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-358-060, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW [77.12.047](#). WSR 00-17-117 (Order 00-146), § 220-33-040, filed 8/17/00, effective 9/17/00. Statutory Authority: RCW [75.08.080](#). WSR 88-18-066 (Order 88-86), § 220-33-040, filed 9/2/88.]

**WAC 220-356-190 Puget Sound smelt commercial fishery—Seasons.**

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