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## Columbia River Fisheries

Significant social, cultural, economic importance





#### ESA Listed stocks

**~390K** Angler Trips





## **Columbia River Fisheries**

Complex, intensively managed

### State, Tribal, Federal, & International Management

Endangered Species Act

Manage within allowed take limits for listed species

#### **OR/WA Commission**

Non-treaty fishery policy and rules



#### **US v Oregon**

Sharing obligations with Tribes

#### Columbia River Compact

Sets non-treaty seasons and regulations



## **Columbia River Fisheries**

Oregon Management Framework

#### Commission Policy (2017)

- Maintain recreational fishery priority in mainstem
- Provide for an economically viable commercial fishery, but limit use of gillnets in mainstem

- 80/20 recreational/commercial in spring/summer
- 70/30 recreational/commercial in fall
- Focuses majority of commercial
  fishery off-channel on enhanced
  hatchery production
  - In last 5 years have allowed avg of 19 days of mainstem fishing using gillnets



## Columbia River Basin Endorsement

Supports management costs

\$9.75 year \$1 Day

# Free for disabled veterans, pioneer licenses, and youth



## **CRBE Benefits**



OREGO

#### **Hatchery Production**



Salmon released in off channel areas

- ~34% of harvested fish caught by recreational anglers
- Allowed transition of majority of gill-nets off mainstem



#### **Fishery Monitoring**

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Full time and seasonal monitoring positions

 Vital to maintaining fishery opportunity in Zone 6



#### Enforcement



Full Time Troopers



Hours Enforcing Sport & Commercial Fisheries









- Maintains youth license and pioneer license exemptions
- Continues the provisions of SB 59A