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## **-- REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS -- Columbia River Recreational Fishing Advisory Group**

The Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife are seeking nominations for membership on the Columbia River Recreational Fishing Advisory Group. The nomination period is open through November 3, 2023.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Advisory Group is to provide input to Department staff regarding the development and implementation of recreational salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon fisheries in the Columbia River within the various management constraints (Endangered Species Act, *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement, escapement needs, etc.). Specifically, this advisory group is focused on recreational fisheries jointly managed by Oregon/Washington from Buoy 10 upstream to Highway 395 at Pasco, WA. The group may also be asked to engage on other matters important to each Department.

### **Composition of Advisory Group**

Up to 20 individuals will serve as advisors for a three-year term (January 2024 - December 2026). Current advisors can reapply and may be re-appointed. Advisors will be selected to represent recreational fishing interests throughout the mainstem Columbia in both states, and to reflect participation in all segments of the recreational sector, including private anglers and the sportfishing industry (i.e. charters/guides, local and large-scale retailers, ports, and manufacturers).

### **Meetings**

It is anticipated that the advisors will meet as a group 2-4 times per year, including public meetings held as part of the North of Falcon summer/fall season planning process. Advisory Group members will also be expected to provide input during Columbia River Compact and Joint State hearings through attendance and testimony. In addition, other meetings and conference calls with selected advisors may be required to address narrower-focus issues. Advisors will be responsible for their own travel expenses, although WDFW can provide compensation for Washington residents per the [Office of Equity](#) guidance. Meetings may occur by conference call, virtual meeting, and/or in-person.

### **Expectations of Advisory Group Members**

Expectations for advisors include regular attendance at the Advisory Group meetings and participation in the North of Falcon and Columbia River Compact/Joint State processes. Participation in these meetings will require advisors to remain informed on the issues pertinent to their areas of concern. The Departments also expect the advisors to provide objective assessments, based on experience and firsthand knowledge, about the nature and conduct of fisheries and of the associated businesses. With the aid of staff from both Departments, advisors will be asked to provide input to Department staff regarding the development and implementation of jointly-managed recreational fisheries in the Columbia River while achieving conservation needs and management guidelines. In addition, advisors should act as communication links between the two Departments and the recreational fishing interests in their areas, transmitting key information to fishers, retailers, and others. For example, the Departments expect advisors to communicate with local constituents about the context and reasons for various policy and fishery decisions. Advisors are also expected to act and communicate in a professional and respectful manner.

### **Interactions with Other Advisory Groups**

Intermittently, interaction among this group and other advisory groups may be appropriate to address regional or statewide issues. For instance, the Departments may occasionally schedule meetings of commercial and recreational fishery and industry representatives in the different fishing sectors.

### **Submitting Nominations**

Individuals may self-apply or be nominated by a group or another individual; however, nominees must be willing to serve if selected. Current members may re-apply by contacting staff and expressing interest in serving an additional term, but past attendance and participation will be considered for re-appointment. New applicants will be selected based on experience in recreational fisheries, willingness to engage in the management process, geographic and diverse affiliation representation, and their ability to communicate with fishery managers. Nominees do not need to be affiliated with an organized group. **Nominations for new advisors must be accompanied by a résumé of the nominee, including the following information:**

1. Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address for nominee, and if applicable, the individual or organization submitting the nomination.
2. Description/listing of which Columbia River Basin fisheries (area and season) the nominee participates in, including the number of years the nominee has participated in each. Please note which fisheries are of specific interest.
3. Description of reasons why the nominee wants to serve as an advisor. Description of how the nominee intends to communicate information with other constituents in their local areas.
4. Affiliations to fishery-related organizations and/or guides/charters.

Oregon resident nominations can be submitted to ODFW by mail at 17330 SE Evelyn St., Clackamas, OR 97015, by FAX at (971) 673-6072, or by email to [crista.a.gortmaker@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:crista.a.gortmaker@odfw.oregon.gov). Washington resident nominations can be submitted to

WDFW by mail at 5525 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642, by fax at (360) 906-6776, or by email to [myrtice.dobler@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:myrtice.dobler@dfw.wa.gov).

**Nominations must be received no later than November 3, 2023.** The Directors of ODFW and WDFW will appoint the advisory group members from the list of nominations, based on their qualifications and to achieve the composition of the group described above. For more information, please contact Jeff Whisler at (971) 673-6024.