



2026 COLUMBIA RIVER SMELT FISHERY

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Fish and Wildlife Code of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Fish and Wildlife Commission has the authority to establish emergency regulations for Umatilla ceremonial, subsistence, and commercial fisheries. Pursuant to that authority, the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the following regulations.

- Area:** Sandy River Only
- Dates:** Open daily from Wednesday, March 11 to Saturday, April 12, 2026. *This fishery may close earlier due to low returns and/or high catch rates.
- Gear:** Dipnets fished from the bank and occupied at all times. No mesh restriction.
- Restrictions:** No per person bag limit. Ceremonial and subsistence purposes only.
- Reporting:** Fisher(s) are required to report with the Fisheries Program the dates of harvest and total catch within 72 hours. Catch report may be given by contacting:
Preston Bronson at (541) 429-7277 or Clifford Stanger at (541) 429-7249.
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Any person who is a CTUIR tribal member that exercises off-reservation treaty rights shall have in his or her possession a CTUIR tribal identification card.

Fish & Wildlife Approval on 3/10/26:

Chair, Fish & Wildlife Commission

Member, Fish & Wildlife Commission