



2026 Final Columbia River Smelt Fishery

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

Area: Cowlitz River Only

Dates: Open daily from Sunday, February 1 to Tuesday, March 31, 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.

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 and Wildlife Approval on 1/27/26:

Chair, Fish and Wildlife Commission

Member, Fish and Wildlife Commission