

## 2021 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.*

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<b>Area:</b>	Cowlitz River Only
<b>Dates:</b>	Open daily from Monday, January 26 to Wednesday, March 31, 2021. *This fishery may close earlier due to low returns and/or high catch rates.
<b>Gear:</b>	Dipnets fished from the bank and occupied at all times. No mesh restriction.
<b>Restrictions:</b>	No per person bag limit. Subsistence purposes only.
<b>Reporting:</b>	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:  <b>Preston Bronson at (541) 429-7277 or Chelsey Dick at (541) 429-7294.</b>

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### **COVID-19 Safety Reminders**

The CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) and Incident Command (IC) encourages you to practice your treaty rights by following the COVID-19 “Stay safe, Stay Healthy” preventative measures:

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
2. Wear face coverings and cover coughs and sneezes;
3. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet whenever possible;
4. Stay home if you are sick;
5. Keep groups comprised of no more than six (6) direct family members, from no more than two (2) households;
6. Clean you tools, equipment and/or gear with sanitizer, particularly if/when you have to share.

Note, exercising treaty hunting, fishing and gathering rights is exempt from IC issued travel restrictions at this time. It is recommended that those traveling to exercising treaty rights outside any IC issued travel limit radius, please self-isolate for 72 hours upon your return.

### **Additional information:**

There’s been a CTUIR COVID-19 Resource website established @ <https://www.ctuircovid.info/> and

CRITFC has a website for tribal fisher to reference @ <https://www.critfc.org/safe-fishers-safe-fisheries> and <https://www.critfc.org/blog/fishery/covid-safe-harvest-sales-workshop>.

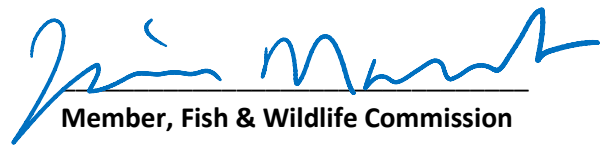
***Any person, who is a CTUIR tribal member that exercises off-reservation treaty rights shall have in his or her possession a CTUIR tribal identification card.***

**Fish & Wildlife Approval:**



Chair, Fish & Wildlife Commission

1/27/21  
Date



Member, Fish & Wildlife Commission

1/27/21  
Date