

Chapter 43.58 RCW
WASHINGTON-OREGON BOUNDARY COMMISSION

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RCW 43.58.050 Oregon-Washington Columbia River boundary compact—Ratification. The interstate compact determining the Oregon-Washington boundary on the Columbia River which was executed on the 21st day of December, 1956 by the Oregon commission on interstate cooperation for the state of Oregon and the Washington-Oregon boundary commission for the state of Washington is hereby ratified and approved. [1965 c 8 § 43.58.050. Prior: 1957 c 90 § 1.]

Reviser's note: The effective date of RCW 43.58.050 was March 13, 1957. State Constitution, Amendment 33, recognizing the modification of the state's boundaries through appropriate compact procedure, was approved by the voters on November 4th, 1958, and the governor's proclamation relating thereto was issued on December 4th, 1958.

The Oregon legislature has ratified the compact, see Oregon Revised Statutes §§ 186.510 and 186.520, effective April 4, 1957. See also, Article XVI of the Oregon Constitution relating to state boundaries which was adopted by the people November 4, 1958, effective December 3, 1958.

Congressional ratification is contained in Public Law 85-575, dated July 31, 1958.

RCW 43.58.060 Oregon-Washington Columbia River boundary compact—Terms and provisions. The terms and provisions of the compact referred to in RCW 43.58.050 are as follows:

INTERSTATE COMPACT DETERMINING
OREGON-WASHINGTON BOUNDARY ON THE
COLUMBIA RIVER

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The boundary between the states of Oregon and Washington along the course of the Columbia River has not been easy to ascertain because of changes in the main channel of the river with a result that a state of confusion and dispute exists and the enforcement and administration of the laws of the two states has been rendered difficult.

The purpose of this compact is to fix with precision by reference to stations of longitude and latitude the boundary between the states of Oregon and Washington from one marine league due west of the mouth of the Columbia River to the most easterly point at which the 46th parallel of North latitude crosses said river, at which point the river ceases to form the boundary between the two states.

ARTICLE II. DESCRIPTION

The boundary between the states of Oregon and Washington from one marine league due west of the mouth of the Columbia River to the point at which the last described point number (# 191) of the boundary as herein determined meets the 46th parallel of North latitude at 118° 59'10".12 of West longitude shall be as follows:

Beginning one marine league at sea off the mouth of the Columbia river at north latitude 46° 15'00".00; running thence due east to point number 1 of this description, which point is at north latitude 46° 15'00".00, west longitude 124° 05'00".00; thence from point number 1 continuing upstream in the channel of the Columbia river by a series of straight lines connecting the following numbered and described points in consecutive order.

Point Number	North Latitude	West Longitude	Description of Location
1	46°15'00".00	124°05'00".00	
2	46°15'51".00	124°02'02".75	
3	46°16'17".00	124°01'45".80	
4	46°16'59".50	124°02'14".40	
5	46°17'28".00	124°02'07".00	
6	46°17'33".25	124°01'12".25	
7	46°16'41".50	124°00'00".00	
8	46°16'03".00	123°58'11".80	
9	46°14'19".80	123°55'42".00	
10	46°14'06".00	123°52'14".50	
11	46°16'09".50	123°44'20".50	
12	46°15'01".00	123°41'12".70	
13	46°15'33".30	123°38'52".80	
14	46°15'23".90	123°35'05".00	
15	46°15'38".00	123°32'23".00	
16	46°16'14".60	123°30'00".00	
17	46°15'46".70	123°27'51".40	
18	46°14'23".50	123°25'51".60	
19	46°13'10".50	123°25'20".50	
20	46°11'29".00	123°25'43".60	
21	46°10'47".80	123°25'38".00	
22	46°09'01".00	123°23'21".50	
23	46°08'33".00	123°18'45".60	
24	46°09'04".50	123°15'47".20	
25	46°10'00".00	123°13'51".20	
26	46°11'20".80	123°09'55".50	
27	46°11'11".30	123°07'10".90	
28	46°09'40".00	123°04'23".50	
29	46°09'24".00	123°03'22".40	
30	46°08'38".40	123°02'00".00	
31	46°08'06".00	123°00'16".00	
32	46°06'20".02	122°57'44".28	
33	46°06'17".36	122°57'38".295	a point on the center line of the Longview Bridge at center of main span
34	46°06'14".71	122°57'32".31	
35	46°05'02".70	122°54'11".00	
36	46°03'37".50	122°52'59".50	
37	46°01'53".50	122°52'35".50	
38	46°00'52".25	122°51'17".20	
39	45°58'52".00	122°50'11".80	
40	45°57'40".00	122°48'46".80	
41	45°55'57".00	122°48'18".00	
42	45°54'47".00	122°48'36".75	
43	45°53'05".00	122°47'48".30	
44	45°52'06".00	122°47'01".50	
45	45°50'40".00	122°47'04".50	
46	45°49'31".20	122°47'41".00	
47	45°48'37".00	122°47'40".00	
48	45°46'51".00	122°46'06".30	
49	45°45'34".20	122°45'37".00	
50	45°44'04".70	122°45'32".00	
51	45°42'05".00	122°46'16".00	
52	45°40'50".80	122°46'24".00	
53	45°39'26".75	122°45'46".00	
54	45°38'40".00	122°44'13".00	
55	45°38'17".00	122°42'47".50	
56	45°37'35".37	122°41'35".14	

Point Number	North Latitude	West Longitude	Description of Location
57	45°37'29".47	122°41'23".855	a point on the center line of Northern Pacific Railroad Bridge across Columbia River, which point is at center of 3rd pier south of the draw span
58	45°37'26".52	122°41'18".215	
59	45°37'07".85	122°40'33".42	
60	45°37'05".938	122°40'26".939	a point on the center line of the west highway bridge crossing the Columbia River between Portland, Ore. and Vancouver, Wash., said point being 12.0 ft. south from the center of pier No. 6 of said bridge
61	45°37'05".62	122°40'25".86	a point on the center line of the east highway bridge crossing the Columbia River between Portland, Ore. and Vancouver, Wash., said point being 12.0 ft. south from the center of pier No. 6 of said bridge
62	45°37'03".71	122°40'19".38	
63	45°36'34".00	122°38'27".00	
64	45°36'29".80	122°36'21".30	
65	45°36'20".00	122°35'20".00	
66	45°35'47".90	122°32'48".00	
67	45°35'23".50	122°31'24".20	
68	45°35'01".00	122°29'30".00	
69	45°34'42".80	122°28'20".50	
70	45°34'03".00	122°27'09".30	
71	45°33'49".00	122°26'15".80	
72	45°34'03".30	122°24'36".50	
73	45°34'29".50	122°23'25".80	
74	45°34'33".40	122°22'44".00	
75	45°34'10".00	122°21'04".00	
76	45°32'55".20	122°19'49".00	
77	45°32'38".00	122°17'43".70	
78	45°32'38".80	122°15'56".70	
79	45°33'03".25	122°14'24".50	
80	45°33'55".00	122°11'58".50	
81	45°34'37".00	122°10'54".00	
82	45°35'03".00	122°08'25".50	
83	45°34'53".40	122°06'40".00	
84	45°35'00".00	122°06'02".00	
85	45°36'35".00	122°02'35".00	
86	45°36'53".80	122°01'11".50	
87	45°36'58".00	122°00'08".50	
88	45°37'23".00	121°58'54".50	
89	45°37'59".00	121°57'42".80	
90	45°38'37".50	121°57'16".50	
91	45°38'42".00	121°57'01".80	
92	45°38'40".35	121°56'37".34	
93	45°38'40".13	121°56'22".57	a point at the intersection of the axis of Bonneville Dam and the center line of center pier of the spillway of said dam
94	45°38'39".82	121°56'01".46	
95	45°39'17".00	121°54'25".00	
96	45°39'43".85	121°53'58".48	a point on center line of bridge at Cascade Locks, known as "The Bridge of the Gods" and in the center of the main span of said bridge

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97	45°39'44".81	121°53'58".16	
98	45°39'45".77	121°53'57".84	
99	45°40'15".00	121°54'02".00	
100	45°41'36".80	121°51'57".00	
101	45°42'24".75	121°48'36".00	
102	45°41'39".00	121°44'02".00	
103	45°41'42".00	121°42'22".00	
104	45°42'19".00	121°40'02".00	
105	45°42'17".50	121°37'48".50	
106	45°43'36".00	121°31'54".30	
107	45°43'15".275	121°29'52".445	
108	45°43'07".02	121°29'36".615	a point on the center line of the Hood River Bridge at the center of the draw span of said bridge
109	45°43'04".075	121°29'30".96	
110	45°42'05".20	121°27'41".80	
111	45°41'39".25	121°25'22".00	
112	45°41'35".00	121°24'02".00	
113	45°42'11".50	121°22'17".00	
114	45°42'18".00	121°20'11".50	
115	45°42'00".00	121°18'40".00	
116	45°41'13".30	121°17'10".00	
117	45°40'40".50	121°14'52".00	
118	45°40'17".00	121°12'52".50	
119	45°39'00".00	121°11'57".00	
120	45°37'47".00	121°11'38".40	
121	45°37'00".25	121°11'43".00	
122	45°36'23".80	121°10'57".00	
123	45°36'22".50	121°10'00".00	
124	45°36'29".175	121°08'39".84	
125	45°36'40".89	121°08'22".135	a point on the center line of the Dallas Bridge across the Columbia River at the center of the main span of said bridge
126	45°36'43".94	121°08'17".53	
127	45°36'35".69	121°07'50".34	
128	45°36'58".44	121°07'16".41	
129	45°37'06".095	121°06'57".58	
130	45°37'14".85	121°07'02".75	a point on the axis of the Dalles Dam at Station 48+79 of the center line survey of said dam
131	45°37'23".97	121°07'08".14	
132	45°38'53".13	121°05'01".25	
133	45°39'09".54	121°03'47".80	
134	45°39'04".04	121°01'57".51	
135	45°39'12".08	121°00'22".28	
136	45°38'54".66	120°58'56".33	
137	45°38'55".91	120°58'49".52	a point on the center line of the Oregon Trunk Railroad Bridge and in the center of the 4th pier from the north end of said bridge
138	45°38'58".405	120°58'35".90	
139	45°39'24".84	120°57'06".97	
140	45°39'23".58	120°56'34".22	
141	45°38'24".54	120°54'44".75	
142	45°38'35".09	120°53'40".72	
143	45°40'18".79	120°51'15".26	
144	45°41'11".69	120°47'14".64	
145	45°42'19".71	120°43'38".83	
146	45°42'42".58	120°42'10".70	
147	45°42'57".18	120°41'18".11	
148	45°43'48".14	120°40'05".19	
149	45°44'45".12	120°38'01".97	
150	45°44'47".00	120°37'17".91	
151	45°44'47".99	120°35'23".91	
152	45°44'18".49	120°33'29".23	
153	45°42'37".59	120°31'17".65	
154	45°42'00".37	120°30'16".48	
155	45°41'40".42	120°28'53".22	
156	45°41'58".55	120°24'08".96	
157	45°42'41".66	120°19'30".62	
158	45°43'16".74	120°16'56".18	
159	45°43'33".84	120°12'34".62	

Point Number	North Latitude	West Longitude	Description of Location
160	45°45'43".67	120°10'10".01	
161	45°46'24".09	120°08'25".17	
162	45°47'07".10	120°04'08".70	
163	45°48'26".17	120°00'49".27	
164	45°49'28".29	119°57'52".64	
165	45°49'41".97	119°54'21".95	
166	45°50'25".18	119°50'53".51	
167	45°50'52".00	119°48'05".62	
168	45°50'45".15	119°46'18".16	
169	45°51'25".40	119°40'07".80	
170	45°54'20".70	119°37'20".96	
171	45°55'10".82	119°35'58".28	
172	45°55'32".25	119°34'13".67	
173	45°54'31".37	119°31'24".18	
174	45°54'23".43	119°29'13".01	
175	45°55'03".10	119°26'57".35	
176	45°55'18".10	119°21'48".12	
177	45°55'51".37	119°19'52".71	
178	45°55'54".48	119°19'39".28	a point on the center line of the Umatilla Bridge at the center of the north main span of said bridge
179	45°55'59".59	119°19'17".20	
180	45°56'10".26	119°17'47".60	a point on the axis of McNary Dam at the north face of the south nonoverflow section
181	45°56'15".24	119°17'05".76	
182	45°56'24".05	119°15'21".40	
183	45°55'58".60	119°13'28".22	
184	45°55'40".97	119°11'39".82	
185	45°55'40".26	119°10'05".04	
186	45°55'58".55	119°07'30".72	
187	45°56'34".25	119°05'32".00	
188	45°57'31".28	119°03'37".36	
189	45°58'09".33	119°01'33".95	
190	45°58'45".73	119°00'27".12	
191	46°00'00".00	118°59'10".12	

ARTICLE III. RATIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This compact shall become operative when it has been ratified by the legislatures of the states of Oregon and Washington and approved by the Congress of the United States and the Constitutions of the states of Oregon and Washington have been amended to authorize the establishment of the boundary as herein provided. [1965 c 8 § 43.58.060. Prior: 1957 c 90 § 2.]

RCW 43.58.070 Oregon-Washington Columbia River boundary compact—Transfer of records, etc., to division of archives. Upon ratification by the state of Oregon and approval by the Congress of the United States of the compact set forth in RCW 43.58.060, the secretary of the Washington-Oregon boundary commission is hereby directed to transmit all records, work sheets, maps, minutes and other papers of said commission to the division of archives and records management of the office of the secretary of state. [1981 c 115 § 3; 1965 c 8 § 43.58.070. Prior: 1957 c 90 § 3.]

Effective date—1981 c 115: See note following RCW 40.14.020.

RCW 43.58.090 Oregon-Washington Columbia River boundary compact—Repeal of RCW 43.58.010 through 43.58.040, when. Chapter 27, Laws of 1937, as amended by chapter 6, Laws of 1955 extraordinary session and chapter 43.58 RCW [RCW 43.58.010 through 43.58.040] each shall be

repealed when the compact set forth in RCW 43.58.060 has been ratified by the state of Oregon and approved by the Congress of the United States. [1965 c 8 § 43.58.090. Prior: 1957 c 90 § 5.]

Reviser's note: See note following RCW 43.58.050.