

WAC 220-360-510 Columbia River emerging commercial fishery—Qualifications. To qualify for an emerging commercial fishery license and experimental fishery permit, a person must:

(1) Possess a commercial gillnet salmon license/permit issued by Washington (WA) or Oregon (OR) for the Columbia River; and

(a) Demonstrate by valid Washington or Oregon fish receiving tickets that salmon have been taken in the Columbia River or Columbia River select areas within the most recent five calendar years by the applicant under a commercial salmon license issued for the Columbia River; or

(b) Demonstrate participation in a test fishery (WA) or possession and use of an experimental gear permit (OR) using alternative commercial fishing gears within the most recent five calendar years.

(2) Have at least three years of commercial salmon fishing experience.

(3) Have at least one year of fishing experience (commercially or in a research/test fishery capacity) with purse seines, beach seines, or a pound net.

(4) Be free of a commercial fishing or other related violation within the last 10 years.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.130, 77.12.045, 77.12.047, 77.70.160, 77.50.030, and 77.65.400. WSR 22-23-006 (Order 22-262), § 220-360-510, filed 11/2/22, effective 12/3/22.]