

Commercial Fishing

And Its Impact on Wild Salmon



Three Key Problems

- Overfishing—salmon have been commercially fished without limit for decades; modern fishing methods make it easier to catch even more
- Few adults return to spawn as too many have been caught
- Fishing is a way of life for many Oregonians; It isn't easy to retrain



Three Solutions

- Place strict limits on catch sizes and seasons
- Close some fisheries to commercial fishing for a few seasons
- Regulate fishing methods to reduce catch sizes



Remaining Obstacles

- Native Americans also have fishing rights that compete with commercial fishers.

What is fair?

- Economic hard times make catch limits tough on those who fish.

