

# Do I Need an Ocean Endorsement?

Answer the questions below to find out.



Marine Resources

**Are you a recreational angler fishing in the ocean?**  
*See below for the definition of the ocean*

**YES**

**Are you only taking shellfish?**

**YES**

A shellfish license is required, but you do not need an ocean endorsement.

**NO**

**Are you fishing for or retaining marine finfish other than salmon and steelhead?**

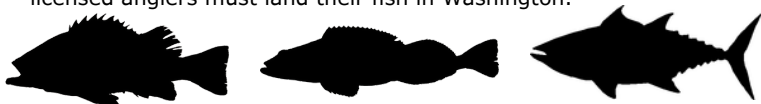
**YES**

**You need an ocean endorsement\*** and fishing license to fish for and retain all other marine finfish including rockfish, lingcod, halibut, tuna, etc.

**NO**

You do not need an ocean endorsement if you are only fishing for and retaining salmon and steelhead. A fishing license and combined angling tag are required.

\*An ocean endorsement is not required on Free Fishing Weekends. Washington residents and non-residents with a valid Washington fishing license who are fishing from a boat within three miles of the Oregon shore north of Cape Falcon (near Manzanita) do not need an Ocean Endorsement. However, non-resident Washington-licensed anglers must land their fish in Washington.



**NO**

You do not need an ocean endorsement to fish in rivers and bays.

## Where does the ocean begin?

The ocean is separated from rivers and bays by:

- Normal high tide lines along coastal beaches, where there are no jetties;
- The visible ends of the jetties, where they exist (Figure 1), except for the Columbia River where it is separated by a north-south line running through Buoy 10 (Figure 2).

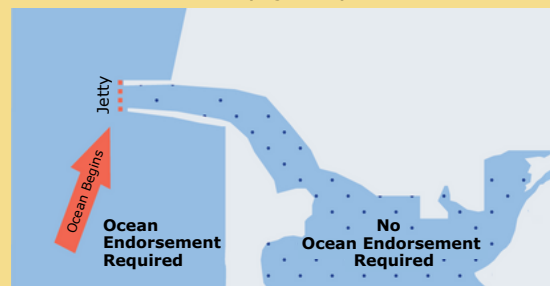


Figure 1. An ocean endorsement is required for recreational anglers fishing in the ocean past the visible ends of the jetties (see Figure 2. for the Columbia River), from beaches and boats or spearfishing.

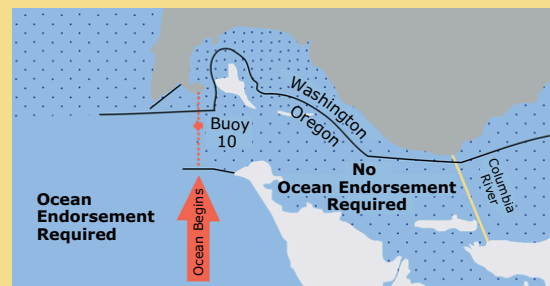


Figure 2. An ocean endorsement is required for recreational anglers fishing past buoy 10 on the Columbia River, from beaches and boats or spearfishing.

## How much does it cost?

- The ocean endorsement cost is in addition to a fishing license and combined angling tag, if required.
- The cost is the same for residents and non-residents:
  - Annual Endorsement: \$9**
  - Daily Endorsement: \$4**
- An Ocean Endorsement is included for free with resident Pioneer, resident Disabled Veteran, and resident and non-resident Youth licenses.

## Where can I get one?

- The endorsement will be available beginning December 1, 2025 **wherever fishing licenses are sold**, including through the MyODFW app (electronic licensing app), ODFW offices that sell licenses, authorized license agents, and online at [odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login](http://odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login).