



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103P (May 2009)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Permanent Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules 09-187

31 days after filing.

Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The rule changes the measurement criteria for sturgeon to fork length instead of total length for Columbia River treaty Indian and non-Indian fisheries. It also adds language that allows for revocation of a commercial carp permit. This rule provides consistency with tribal fishing rules and rules of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in concurrent waters of the Columbia River.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 220-32-057, Season – Sturgeon; and WAC 220-20-020, General provisions – Lawful and unlawful acts – Food fish other than salmon.

Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047 and RCW 77.04.020

Other authority :

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 09-12-023 on May 22, 2009.

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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Date adopted: August 21, 2009

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New	_____	Amended	<u>2</u>	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 06-301, filed 12/27/06, effective 1/27/07)

WAC 220-20-020 General provisions--Lawful and unlawful acts--Food fish other than salmon. (1) It is unlawful to fish for or possess for commercial purposes any round, undressed sturgeon less than ((48)) 43 inches in fork length or greater than ((60)) 54 inches in fork length.

(2) It is unlawful to fish for, possess, or retain green sturgeon taken with commercial gear. Any green sturgeon taken with any type of commercial gear incidental to a lawful fishery shall immediately be returned to the water unharmed.

(3) It is unlawful to fish for or possess for commercial purposes or possess aboard a commercial fishing vessel for any purpose any species of halibut (*Hippoglossus*) unless permitted by the current regulations of the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

(4) It is unlawful to fish for or possess for commercial purposes sturgeon taken from any of the waters of Puget Sound or tributaries(~~(, and)~~). Any sturgeon taken with any type of commercial gear incidental to a lawful fishery shall immediately be returned to the water unharmed.

(5) It is unlawful to fish for food fish for commercial purposes in the waters of Shilshole Bay, inland and inside a line projected in a southwesterly direction from Meadow Point to West Point.

(6) It is unlawful to fish for or possess for commercial purposes any starry flounder less than 14 inches in length taken by any commercial gear, in all Puget Sound Marine Fish-Shellfish Areas.

(7) It (~~(shall be)~~) is unlawful to harvest herring eggs naturally deposited on marine vegetation or other substrate(~~(7)~~) unless a person has a permit issued by the director.

(8) It is unlawful to fish for or possess carp taken for commercial purposes except as authorized by written permit from the director. However, ((except that)) carp taken incidental to a commercial fishery for other species may be retained for commercial purposes. Failure to comply with the provisions of the carp permit constitutes unlawful use of the carp commercial fishery license and may result in revocation of the carp permit.

(9) It is unlawful to fin sharks in Washington state waters, and it is unlawful to possess shark fins in the field unless the carcass of the shark is retained(~~(, except that)~~). However, once a commercially taken shark carcass has been delivered to a licensed wholesale dealer or a person acting in that capacity, and the sale of the shark has been recorded on a fish receiving ticket, the shark fins need not be retained with the shark carcass.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 00-146, filed 8/17/00, effective 9/17/00)

WAC 220-32-057 Season--Sturgeon. (1) It is unlawful to take, fish for or possess sturgeon taken for commercial purposes in Columbia River Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1F, 1G, and 1H except individuals possessing treaty fishing rights pursuant to the Yakima, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce treaties may fish for sturgeon with setline gear from January 1 through January 31, and during seasons opened under emergency rule by the department and as provided in this section.

(2) During the open season, it is unlawful to:

(a) (~~It is unlawful to~~) Retain for commercial or subsistence purposes sturgeon less than ((48)) 38 inches in fork length or greater than ((60)) 54 inches in fork length in Columbia River Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area (SMCRA) 1F. It is unlawful to retain for commercial or subsistence purposes sturgeon less than 43 inches in fork length or greater than 54 inches in fork length in Columbia River SMCRA 1G and 1H;

(b) (~~To~~) Sell, barter, or attempt to sell or barter sturgeon eggs that have been removed from the body cavity of a sturgeon prior to the sale of the sturgeon to a wholesale dealer licensed under chapter 75.28 RCW, or to sell or barter sturgeon eggs at retail; or

(c) (~~To~~) Deliver to a wholesale dealer licensed under chapter 75.28 RCW any sturgeon that are not in the round with the head and tail intact.

(3) Gear:

(a) Maximum 100 hooks per setline;

(b) Minimum hook size 9/0;

(c) Treble hooks prohibited; and

(d) Visible buoys required, with operator name and tribal identification clearly marked on the buoy.