24. 2008-2009 SPORTFISHING RULE PROPOSALS – PUBLIC HEARING

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"GREEN SHEET" (Form revised 02/09/07)

Meeting dates:	November 2-3, 2007 Meeting (Public Hearing)	#24
Agenda item:	2008-2009 Sportfish Rule Proposals – Public Hearing	
Staff Contact:	Patricia Michael, Sportfishing Rules Coordinator (Fish Program)	
Presenter(s):	Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager (Inland/Marine) (Fish Program) and Heather Bartlett, Fish Management Division Manager (Anadromous) (Fish Program)	

Background:

This year's regulation process is a "major cycle" year, where both staff and the public are invited to submit regulation proposals. We received a total of 323 proposals: 98 from staff and 225 from the public. These proposals were reviewed by recreational fishery advisory groups, regional and headquarters staff, fish program administration, enforcement staff, the Commission Fish Committee, and the Director's Office. The proposals were divided into two categories during this review for inclusion in the public mailout. Proposals that were supported by the department for further public comment were presented in text format, describing the proposed change and the reason the change is needed. Public proposals that were not supported were put into table format, with a brief description of the proposal and a short rationale as to why staff did not support the proposal. Some public proposals were modified and added to the list of supported proposals; this was also noted in the table.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

Establish rules and regulations for the upcoming 2008-09 sportfishing season(s) to allow for increased recreational fishing opportunities while providing quality care for the state's sportfishing resources. The rule proposal package (attached) does contain a number of policy issues related to sportfishing changes.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

WDFW has made a concerted effort to involve the sportfishing public in the regulation development process in three major ways.

1. One way was by inviting the public to submit proposals for rule changes. An information packet with a timeline for the rules process, a proposal form and instructions, and information about other rule change processes was sent to our sportfishing rule development mailing and e-mailing lists. These lists have been developed over several years and include members of the public who have participated in the process before, other regulatory agencies and Tribes, WDFW advisory groups, and anyone who sent in a rule change proposal or requested to be part of this year's process. The same information was also featured in a news release and placed on the Department's website.
2. Another way we involved the public was to invite them to comment on the proposals in the public mailout (attached). This document was sent to our sportfishing rule development mailing and e-mailing lists, featured in a news release, and placed on the Department's website. Instructions were provided on where to send written testimony and where and when the November Commission meeting (where oral testimony will be taken) will occur. The public mailout has been included in your notebook materials, along with the testimony received so far on each of the proposals.
3. We have also involved our sportfishing advisory groups in the process by inviting them to submit proposals and holding a joint meeting for members of all the groups in July, where we discussed the proposals we had received from staff and the public and asked for their comments or concerns. Several of the individual advisory groups have also included sportfishing rule changes as an item on their individual meeting agendas, either to express their views to staff, or to be briefed by staff on the progress of the process at that particular time. Another meeting specifically for advisors will be held in November.

Action requested *(identify the specific Commission decisions you are seeking and when):*

None at this time. Public Testimony only. Consideration for adoption will take place at the February 2008 meeting.

Draft motion language:

Not applicable.

Justification for Commission action:

This action is justified under RCW 77.12.047. It will allow for implementation of updated rules and regulations for the upcoming 2008-09 sportfishing season(s), which will help foster increased recreational fishing opportunities while providing quality care for the state's sportfishing resources.

PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR** 07-16-134**; or**
☐ **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or**
☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).**

☒ **Original Notice**
☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR _____**
☐ **Continuance of WSR _____**

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) WAC 220-16-320 General definitions – Fish length. WAC 220-56-105 River mouth definitions. WAC 220-56-100 Definitions – Personal use fishing. WAC 220-56-175 Catch record cards. WAC 220-56-282 Sturgeon – Areas, seasons, limits and unlawful acts. WAC 220-56-310 Shellfish – Daily limits. WAC 220-56-315 Crab, shrimp, crawfish – Unlawful acts. WAC 220-56-320 Shellfish gear – Unlawful acts. WAC 220-56-350 Clams other than razor clams, mussels – Areas and seasons. WAC 220-56-380 Oysters – Areas and seasons. WAC 220-56-510 Game fish possession limits and size limits. WAC 232-12-168 Fishing contests. WAC 232-28-619 Washington food fish and game fish – Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules. Sport fishing Rules.

Hearing location(s):
Campbell's Resort and Conference Center
104 W Woodin Ave
Chelan, WA 98816

Date: November 2-3, 2007 Time: 8:00 a.m.

Submit written comments to:
Name: Lori Preuss, Rules Coordinator
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Olympia WA, 98501-1091

e-mail preuslmp@dfw.wa.gov
fax (360) 902-2155 by (date) November 1, 2007

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact
Susan Yeager
TTY (360) 902-2207 or (360) 902-2267

Date of intended adoption: On or after February 1, 2008

(**Note:** This is NOT the **effective** date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: See Attachment #1

Reasons supporting proposal: See Attachment #1

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.12.047

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Federal Court Decision?	☐ Yes	☒ No
State Court Decision?	☐ Yes	☒ No

If yes, CITATION:

DATE
September 19, 2007

NAME (type or print)
Lori Preuss

SIGNATURE Lorna M Preuss

TITLE
Rules Coordinator

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TIME: 11:50 AM

WSR 07-19-135

(COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE)

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:
None.

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

☐ Private
☐ Public
☒ Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:
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Olympia, WA 98501-1091

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☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared.
These rules affect recreational fishers. There is no direct regulation of small businesses.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

☐ Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:
Name:
Address:

phone ( ) _____
fax ( )_____
e-mail _____

☒ No: Please explain: These proposals do not affect hydraulics.

Attachment #1

Purpose of the proposal, anticipated effects, and reasons supporting proposal:

WAC 220-16-320 – A definition of “fork length” is added to the general definition of fish length. Fork length will be used to measure sturgeon, which have a cyclic tail that does not lend itself to conventional length measurement.

WAC 220-56-100 –
(2) A new “Anti-snagging rule” is defined as restricting terminal gear to one single-pointed hook. Anglers may only retain fish hooked inside the mouth, and a night closure is in effect. This rule will be applied in place of the non-buoyant lure rule in areas where anglers are attempting to snag fish.
(5) The term “bass” is defined as largemouth and smallmouth bass. This will make it clear that rock bass and striped bass are not included in the rules for “bass.”
(19) The term “non-buoyant lure restriction” has been deleted and will be replaced in the rule by the new anti-snagging rule described above. The non-buoyant lure rule is very complex. The new rule will be easier for anglers to understand and for officers to enforce.

WAC 220-56-105 – The mouth of the Nisqually River at the upstream end of Alder Lake is defined as the Highway 7 Bridge at Elbe. This will help anglers to distinguish between the lake and the river at all flow levels. Different rules apply in the lake than those in the river.

WAC 220-56-175 – Anglers may purchase a second catch record card for hatchery steelhead. A second card is invalid for wild steelhead.

WAC 220-56-282 – Sturgeon size limits are described in terms of fork length instead of total length.

WAC 220-56-310 – This change would completely remove the minimum carapace size requirement for spot shrimp.

WAC 220-56-315 – Anglers may use up to five units of gear while fishing for crayfish in fresh water.

WAC 220-56-320 - This proposed rule would make universal the requirement to use large mesh pots when fishing for spot shrimp in Puget Sound after June 1st. Shrimpers who are fishing after June 1st in areas closed to spot shrimp, but open for coonstripe and pink shrimp, will still be able to use small mesh pots for the non-spot shrimp. The purpose of the rule is to reduce mortality on juvenile spot

shrimp by requiring large mesh when fishing for spot shrimp, which minimizes the sorting of small spot shrimp at the boat.

WAC 220-56-350 - Sport clam seasons are closed year-round on additional public beaches in WDFW Regions 4 and 6 that are polluted and therefore pose a human health risk to harvesters, according to the Washington Department of Health (DOH). This change is needed in order to carry out parts (2) and (3) of WDFW's tripartite legislative mandate (RCW 77.04.012): (1) Conserving the state's wildlife and food fish, game fish, and shellfish resources; (2) Maintaining the economic well-being and stability of the state's fishing industry; and (3) Enhancing and improving recreational and commercial fishing in the state.
The economic well-being and stability of the state's commercial aquaculture industry depends on a public perception that clams and oysters sold in the marketplace are safe to eat. This rule change strengthens our agency's ability to prevent the introduction of tainted shellfish into the commercial marketplace. For the same reason, this rule change enhances and improves the commercial shellfish aquaculture industry. This rule change also enhances recreational fishing by eliminating the current confusion among sport harvesters about the meaning of "closed" and "open." Beaches "closed" by DOH for pollution will also be closed by WDFW clam and oyster season regulations.

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WAC 220-56-510 – Separate daily limits are listed for largemouth and smallmouth bass. The current statewide bass rule that addresses both largemouth and smallmouth bass is only effective in management of largemouth bass, providing too much protection for smallmouth bass. The focus of increasing smallmouth bass harvest needs to be directed at fish less than 14 inches to avoid even greater increases in abundance of this smaller size group of

smallmouth bass. A daily limit of one fish and minimum size of 48” is provided for tiger muskellunge, to allow a high quality fishery on these popular game fish.

WAC 232-12-168 – Fishing contests on tiger muskellunge (tiger muskies) are only allowed if no retention of muskies is allowed. Fish may be caught, measured, and photographed before being immediately released. Tournaments are only allowed on wild steelhead in areas and at times where it is lawful to retain wild steelhead. Due to the current spread of several deleterious aquatic invasive species throughout the country, rules for decontamination of tournament boats are expanded to include other aquatic invasive species in addition to zebra mussels. Tournament anglers are required to sign a decontamination statement, which must be submitted to the Department as part of the tournament report.

WAC 232-28-619 – Modify exceptions to statewide rules. Change seasonal dates, and modify closed areas, daily limits, size limits, and gear restrictions. Non-buoyant lure restrictions and night closures have been replaced by a new anti-snagging rule. New statewide daily limit for smallmouth bass incorporated.

Aberdeen Lake – only 2 trout over 15” may be retained.

Banks Lake – crappie daily limit of 10 fish, minimum size 9”.

Bear River – closed waters above the Longview Fiber Bridge.

Big Quilcene River – selective gear rules added to lower river. Season in upper river section shortened to close October 31.

Big Tiffany Lake – bonus limit added for Eastern brook trout.

Black Lake renamed Spring Hill Reservoir.

Boulder Creek and tributaries – bonus limit added for Eastern brook trout.

Box Canyon Creek – dry lakebed specified as being included in the Closed waters area.

Bradley Lake – juvenile anglers only from May 15 through the last day of Free

Fishing Weekend to accommodate two special fishing events for juveniles.

Burley Creek – Standard stream season of June 1 through October 31.

Cascade River: from the Rockport-Cascade Road upstream – selective gear rules and catch-and-release, except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Cedar River – anglers may keep other game fish species during the catch-and-release fishery for trout.

Chehalis River – from the High Bridge upstream – June 1 through April 15 season, selective gear rules and catch-and-release, except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Cispus River – anglers may keep other game fish species, and up to two hatchery steelhead during the catch-and-release fishery for trout.

Cle Elum Lake – bonus limit added for Lake Trout (Mackinaw).

Columbia Basin Hatchery Creek – Trout daily limit lowered to three fish.

Columbia River – anti-snagging rule added from Rocky Reach Dam to Turtle Rock.

Cottonwood Creek – Closed waters.

Cowlitz River - Closed waters within a 100-foot radius of the new Cowlitz Trout Hatchery outfall structure, except anglers who permanently use a wheelchair may fish within posted markers when adjacent waters are open. From PUD signs on Peters Road to the mouth of the Muddy Fork and Ohanepecosh rivers – anglers may keep other game fish species, and up to two hatchery steelhead during the November 1 through May 31 catch-and-release fishery for trout.

Curley Creek - Standard stream season of June 1 through October 31.

Dalton Lake – no more than two trout over 13” in length may be retained.

De Roux Creek – Closed waters area added from the mouth to the USFS Trail #1392 (De Roux Cr. Trail) stream crossing (approximately one river mile).

Downs Lake – season opens March 1.

Dry Creek – closed waters upstream from the middle Waitsburg Road.

East Little Walla Walla River – Closed waters.

Ellen Lake – catch-and-release, except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained.

Failor Lake - no more than two trout over 13” in length may be retained.

Goodman Creek – anglers may not retain wild steelhead.

Grande Ronde River – daily limit for bass and channel catfish changed to match that of the adjoining Snake River.

Hatch Lake – catch-and-release for all game fish, except up to five rainbow trout may be retained.

Hoh River – season extended through April 30.

Hoquiam River - March 1 through 31, season closed.

Humptulips River – March 1 through 31 season added in mainstem from Highway 101 to forks and West Fork mouth to Donkey Creek – selective gear rules and catch-and-release.

Kalama River – Timing and area of anti-snagging rule and night closure adjusted.

Lake Creek – from Black Lake to Three Prong Creek – Closed waters.

Liberty Lake – season opens March 1.

Little Quilcene River – Standard stream season of June 1 through October 31 – catch and release and selective gear rules from mouth to Little Quilcene River Bridge on Penny Creek Road.

Little Twin Lake – Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Trout daily limit one.

Long Lake (Spokane River Reservoir) – year-round season.

Mashel River – catch-and-release, except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Selective gear rules.

Medical Lake – March 1 through October 31 season.

Mill Creek – June 1 through March 31 season.

Mill Pond – holders of a senior license may fish along with juveniles.

Munn Lake – additional season March 1 through the last Friday in April – catch-and-release and selective gear rules.

Nisqually River - between the tank crossing and LaGrande dam - catch-and-release, except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Selective gear rules.

North Creek – Closed waters from the mouth to falls at river mile 0.8.

Pampa Pond - no more than two trout over 13” in length may be retained.

Prices Lake – year-round season.

Rock Creek – mouth to ACE Park: year-round season; same rules as adjacent area of Columbia River.

Roosevelt Lake – Closed waters from the Coulee Dam National Recreation Area boundary downstream of Onion Creek to the Canadian border March 1 through May 31.

Sauk River – Selective gear rules and catch-and-release, except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained.

Silvernail Lake – name changed to Silver Nail Lake.

Skagit River – from the Cascade River to Gorge Powerhouse - Selective gear rules and catch-and-release, except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained.

Spokane River – from the upstream boundary of the Plese Flats Day Use Area to Monroe Street Dam – June 1 through March 15 season.

Sprague Lake – Trout: no more than 2 over 20” in length. Combined daily limit of 25 crappie and bluegill. Crappie minimum size 9”. Walleye: statewide daily and size limits.

Sylvia Lake - no more than two trout over 13” in length may be retained per day.

Teal Lake – Year-round season. Trout daily limit one fish.

Teanaway River – Release all trout.
N.F. Teanaway River – mouth to Beverly Creek, including tributaries – selective gear rules and release all trout. Beverly Creek to impassable waterfall – Closed waters.

Tieton River – dry lakebed specified as being included in the Closed waters area.

S.F. Tieton River – Closed waters area adjusted to between Bridge on USFS Road 1200 to the bridge on USFS Road 1070.

Touchet River – additional season from mouth to confluence of the north and south forks ends March 31.

Tucannon River – additional season from mouth to Tucannon Hatchery Bridge ends March 31.

Vance Creek Ponds 1&2: no more than two trout over 15” in length may be retained per day.

Walla Walla River: no daily limit for channel catfish. Additional season from Touchet River upstream ends March 31.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 817, filed 5/29/69)

WAC 220-16-320 General definitions--Fish length measurement. The length of a fish, unless otherwise provided, is defined as the shortest distance between the extreme tip of the tail and extreme tip of the snout or jaw, whichever extends the farthest, measured while the fish is lying in a prone and normal position, except:

The term "fork length" means the distance from the extreme tip of the snout to the center of the fork of the tail.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 06-135, filed 6/13/06, effective 7/14/06)

WAC 220-56-100 Definitions--Personal-use fishing. The following definitions apply to personal use fishing in Titles 220 and 232 WAC:

(1) "Anadromous game fish" means steelhead, searun cutthroat trout, and searun Dolly Varden/bull trout.

(2) "Anti-snagging rule" means terminal gear is restricted to one single-pointed hook. Only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained. Night closure is in effect.

(3) "Bait" means any substance which attracts fish by scent or flavors. Bait includes any lure which uses scent or flavoring to attract fish.

((~~(3)~~)) (4) "Barbless hook" means a hook on which all barbs have been deleted when manufactured or filed off or pinched down.

((~~(4)~~)) (5) "Bass" means largemouth and smallmouth bass.

(6) "Bow and arrow fishing" means any method of taking, or attempting to take, fish by the use of an arrow equipped with a barbed head and a line attached, and propelled by a bow, as in the sport of archery, while the fisher is above the surface of the water.

((~~(5)~~)) (7) "Buoy 10 line" means a true north-south line projected through Buoy 10 at the mouth of the Columbia River. "Buoy 10 fishery" means a fishery between a line in the Columbia River from Tongue Point in Oregon to Rocky Point in Washington and the Buoy 10 line.

((~~(6)~~)) (8) "Channel Marker 13 line" means a true north-south line through Grays Harbor Channel Marker 13.

((~~(7)~~)) (9) "Daily limit" means the maximum number or pounds of fish, shellfish, or seaweed of the required size of a given species or aggregate of species which a person may retain in a single day.

((~~(8)~~)) (10) "Fresh" means fish or shellfish that are refrigerated, iced, salted, or surface glazed.

((~~(9)~~)) (11) "Freshwater area" means:

(a) Within any freshwater river, lake, stream or pond.

(b) On the bank or within 10 yards of any freshwater river, lake, stream or pond.

(c) On or within any boat launch, ramp, or parking facility associated with any freshwater river, lake, stream or pond.

((~~(10)~~)) (12) "Frozen" means fish or shellfish that are hard frozen throughout.

((~~(11)~~)) (13) "Gaffing" means an effort to take fish by impaling the fish with a hook attached directly to a pole or other device.

((~~(12)~~)) (14) "Hatchery" when used to describe the difference

between a hatchery fish and a nonhatchery fish, except salmon, means a fish having a clipped adipose fin or a clipped ventral fin with a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin. A hatchery salmon is a salmon having a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin, regardless of whether the fish is missing a ventral fin.

((~~(13)~~)) (15) "Hook" means one single point, double or treble hook. A "single point hook" means a hook having only one point. A "double hook" means a hook having two points on a common shank. A "treble hook" means a hook having three points on a common shank.

((~~(14)~~)) (16) "Hook and line" or "angling" shall be identical in meaning and, except as provided in WAC 220-56-115, shall be defined as the use of not more than one line with three hooks attached to a pole held in hand while landing fish, or the use of a hand operated line without rod or reel, to which may be attached not more than three hooks. When fishing for bottom fish, "angling" and "jigging" shall be identical in meaning.

((~~(15)~~)) (17) "In the field or in transit" means at any place other than at the ordinary residence of the harvester. An ordinary residence is a residential dwelling where a person normally lives, with associated features such as address, telephone number, utility account, etc. A motor home or camper parked at a campsite or a vessel are not considered to be an ordinary residence.

((~~(16)~~)) (18) "Juvenile" means a person under fifteen year of age.

((~~(17)~~)) (19) "Lure" means a manufactured article constructed of feathers, hair, fiber, wood, metal, glass, cork, leather, rubber or plastic which does not use scent or flavoring to attract fish. "Nonbuoyant lure" means a lure complete with hooks, swivels or other attachments, which does not float in freshwater.

((~~(18)~~)) (20) "Night closure" means closed to fishing from one hour after official sunset to one hour before official sunrise.

((~~(19) "Nonbuoyant lure restriction" means nonbuoyant lures, defined as lures with hooks and attachments (eyes, swivels, etc.), that do not have enough buoyancy to float in freshwater, may have only one single hook measuring not more than 3/4 inch point to shank. No weights may be attached below or less than twelve inches above a buoyant lure defined as a lure with hooks and attachments that has enough buoyancy to float in freshwater, and all hooks must be attached to or no more than three inches below a buoyant lure or within three inches of bait or a nonbuoyant lure. No hook may be attached to the line above a buoyant lure.~~

~~(20)~~)) (21) "Possession limit" means the number of daily limits allowed to be retained in the field or in transit.

((~~(21)~~)) (22) "Processed" means fish or shellfish which have been processed by heat for human consumption as kippered, smoked, boiled, or canned.

((~~(22)~~)) (23) "Steelhead license year limit" means the maximum number of steelhead trout any one angler may retain from April 1st through the following March 31st.

((~~(23)~~)) (24) "Selective gear rules" means terminal fishing gear is limited to artificial flies with barbless single hooks or

lures with barbless single hooks, bait is prohibited, and fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor is prohibited unless otherwise provided. Up to three hooks may be used. Only knotless nets may be used to land fish. In waters under selective gear rules, fish may be released until the daily limit is retained.

((~~(24)~~)) (25) "Slough" means any swamp, marsh, bog, pond, side-channel, or backwater connected to a river by water. Waters called sloughs that are not connected to a river are considered lakes.

((~~(25)~~)) (26) "Snagging" means an effort to take fish with a hook and line in a manner that the fish does not take the hook or hooks voluntarily in its mouth.

((~~(26)~~)) (27) "Spearing" or "spear fishing" means an effort to take fish or shellfish by impaling the fish or shellfish on a shaft, arrow or other device.

((~~(27)~~)) (28) "Stationary gear restriction" means the line and weight and lure or bait must be moving while in the water. The line and weight and lure or bait may not be stationary.

((~~(28)~~)) (29) "Steelhead" means searun rainbow trout over twenty inches in length.

((~~(29)~~)) (30) "Unmarked salmon" means a salmon with intact adipose and ventral fins.

((~~(30)~~)) (31) "Trout" means brown trout, bull trout, cutthroat trout, Dolly Varden, Eastern brook trout, golden trout, grayling, Kokanee (silver trout), lake trout, rainbow trout, tiger trout, and, in WAC 232-28-619, salmon from waters designated as "landlocked salmon rules apply."

((~~(31)~~)) (32) "Whitefish gear rules" means terminal fishing gear is restricted to one single hook, maximum hook size three-sixteenths inch point to shank (hook size 14), and bait is allowed. All species: Release all fish except whitefish.

((~~(32)~~)) (33) "Wild" when used to describe the difference between a hatchery fish and a nonhatchery fish, except salmon, means a fish with all fins intact.

((~~(33)~~)) (34) "Wild" when used to describe a salmon (chinook, coho, chum, pink or sockeye), means a salmon with an unclipped adipose fin, regardless of whether the fish is ventral fin-clipped. A salmon with a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the site of the clipped fin is not a wild salmon.

((~~(34)~~)) (35) "Wild cutthroat release" means it is unlawful to retain any cutthroat trout that does not have a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.

((~~(35)~~)) (36) "Wild steelhead release" means it is unlawful to retain any steelhead that does not have a clipped adipose or ventral fin and a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 07-22, filed 2/16/07, effective 3/19/07)

WAC 220-56-105 River mouth definitions. When pertaining to food fish angling, unless otherwise defined, any reference to the mouths of rivers or streams shall be construed to include those waters of any river or stream including sloughs and tributaries upstream and inside of a line projected between the outermost uplands at the mouth. The term "outermost upland" shall be construed to mean those lands not covered by water during an ordinary high tide. The following river mouths are hereby otherwise defined:

Abernathy Creek - Highway 4 Bridge.
Bear River - Highway 101 Bridge.
Bone River - Highway 101 Bridge.
Chambers Creek - Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge.
Chehalis River - Highway 101 Bridge in Aberdeen.
Chelan River - Railroad Bridge.
Cispus River - Posted markers at the Lewis County P.U.D. kayak launch, approximately 1.5 miles upstream from the confluence of the Cowlitz and Cispus rivers.
Cowlitz River - A line projected across the river between two fishing boundary markers set on each bank of the river approximately one-half mile downstream from the lowermost railroad bridge crossing the Cowlitz River.
Dakota Creek - A line from the outermost headland of the south bank to a house at 1285 Runge Avenue, Blaine, Washington, approximately one-quarter mile downstream from the Blaine Road Bridge.
Deschutes River - A line projected across the river 400 feet below the lower Tumwater Falls fish ladder.
Drano Lake - Highway 14 Bridge.
Duwamish River - First Avenue South Bridge.
Elk River - Highway 105 Bridge.
Entiat River - Highway 97 Bridge.
Hawk Creek (Lincoln County) - Falls at the Hawk Creek campground.
Hoquiam River - Highway 101 Bridge.
Humptulips River - Mouth of Jessie Slough.
Johns River - Highway 105 Bridge.
Kennedy Creek - An arc 500 yards east of the midpoint of the northbound Highway 101 Bridge.
Kettle River - Barstow Bridge.
Lake Washington Ship Canal - A line 400 feet west of the fish ladder at the Chittenden Locks.
Lewis River - A straight line running from a fishing boundary marker or from the outermost upland at the north shore of the Lewis River mouth, southerly across the Lewis River to a fishing boundary marker near the south shore.
Methow River - Highway 97 Bridge.
Naselle River - Highway 101 Bridge.
North Nemah River - Highway 101 Bridge.

Niawiakum River - Highway 101 Bridge.
Nisqually River - At the upstream end of Alder Lake, the mouth of the Nisqually River is the Highway 7 Bridge at Elbe.
North River - Highway 105 Bridge.
Palix River - Highway 101 Bridge.
Puyallup River - 11th Street Bridge.
Samish River - The Samish Island Bridge (Bayview-Edison Road).
Sammamish River - 68th Avenue NE Bridge.
Skagit River - A line projected from the terminus of the jetty with McGlinn Island to the white monument on the easterly end of Ika Island, then to a white monument on the westerly end of Craft Island, then to a white monument near the corner of the levee on the westerly side of Dry Slough, and then to a white monument on the easterly side of Tom Moore Slough.
Skamokawa Creek - Highway 4 Bridge.
Skookum Creek - A line 400 yards below the old railroad bridge.
Snohomish River - Burlington Northern Railway Bridges crossing main river and sloughs.
South Nemah River - Lynn Point 117 degrees true to the opposite shore.
Spokane River - State Route 25 Bridge.
Wallace River - The furthest downstream railroad bridge.
Washougal River - A straight line from the Crown Zellerbach pumphouse southeasterly across the Washougal River to the east end of the Highway 14 Bridge near the upper end of Lady Island.
Whatcom Creek - A line projected approximately 14 degrees true from the flashing light at the southwesterly end of the Port of Bellingham North Terminal to the southernmost point of the dike surrounding the Georgia Pacific treatment pond.
White Salmon River - Between markers on the east and west shores downstream of the Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge except when buoys are in place southerly from the shore to the buoys and east and west between the buoys.
Little White Salmon River - At boundary markers on river bank downstream from the Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery.
Willapa River - South Bend boat launch.
Wind River - Boundary line markers at mouth.
Yakima River - Highway 240 Bridge.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 07-59, filed 4/11/07, effective 5/12/07)

WAC 220-56-175 Catch record cards. It is unlawful for any person to fail to comply with the catch record requirements as provided for in this section:

(1) In order to fish for or possess for personal use any crab in Catch Record Card Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line and in Catch Record Card Areas 5-13, anadromous salmon, sturgeon, halibut, or steelhead, an angler must obtain and have in personal possession a valid appropriate catch record card as described in WAC 220-69-236 except for commercially caught salmon retained for personal use as provided for in WAC 220-20-016 and commercially caught sturgeon retained for personal use as provided for in WAC 220-20-021. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a catch record card is not required for landlocked steelhead or for salmon in waters designated as "landlocked salmon rules apply" in WAC 232-28-619.

(2) Any angler, after obtaining a catch record card shall validate the catch record card by completely, accurately, and legibly completing all personal identification information in ink on the catch record card prior to detaching the catch record card from the underlying copy of the catch record card or, for automated licenses, affixing the appropriate validation sticker to the catch record card. A catch record card remains valid so long as there are one or more unfilled spaces available for the species being fished for, except:

(a) In the mainstem Columbia River downstream from where the river forms the common boundary between Oregon and Washington for sturgeon a catch record card remains valid when the sturgeon portion of the catch record card is filled. A person may not retain sturgeon after the sturgeon portion of the catch record card is filled.

(b) A second or subsequent catch record card is invalid for retention of sturgeon and wild steelhead.

(3) Immediately upon catching and possessing a salmon, steelhead, sturgeon or halibut, the angler shall enter in ink in the appropriate space the place, date of catch, species (catch type), for sturgeon, length, for halibut, vessel type and for salmon, whether or not the fish was marked.

(4) Immediately upon retaining a Dungeness crab aboard a vessel or on the shore, the fisher must enter in ink in the appropriate space the place and date of catch, fishery type and enter a tally mark for each Dungeness crab retained from each catch record card area fished. At the end of the fishing day, the fisher shall enter the total number of crab tally marks for each fishery type.

(5) Every person issued a catch record card shall by April 30 of the year following the year printed on the catch record card return such card to the department of fish and wildlife except as follows: Every person issued a Puget Sound crab catch record card shall return such catch record card to the department of fish and

wildlife no later than the required return date printed on the catch record card or report their catch record card information on the internet site designated on the catch record card by the same date.

(6) Any person possessing a catch record card shall, upon demand of any law enforcement officer or authorized department employee, exhibit said card to such officer or employee for inspection.

(7) A catch record card shall not be transferred, borrowed, altered, or loaned to another person.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 07-22, filed 2/16/07, effective 3/19/07)

WAC 220-56-282 Sturgeon--Areas, seasons, limits and unlawful acts. (1) It is unlawful to retain green sturgeon.

(2) It is lawful to fish for white sturgeon the entire year in saltwater, but open in freshwater only concurrent with a salmon or gamefish opening unless otherwise provided.

(3) The daily limit is one white sturgeon, with the following size restrictions:

(a) Minimum size ((~~48~~)) 42 inches ((~~in~~)) fork length in the Columbia River and tributaries upstream from The Dalles Dam.

(b) Minimum size ((~~42~~)) 38 inches ((~~in~~)) fork length in all other state waters.

(c) Maximum size ((~~60~~)) 54 inches ((~~in~~)) fork length.

Once the daily limit has been retained, it is lawful to continue to fish for sturgeon in the mainstem of the Columbia River downstream from where the river forms the boundary between Oregon and Washington, provided that all subsequent sturgeon are released immediately.

(4) The possession limit is two daily limits of fresh, frozen or processed white sturgeon.

(5) There is an annual personal-use limit of five white sturgeon from April 1 through March 31, regardless of where the sturgeon were taken. After the annual limit of sturgeon has been taken, it is lawful to continue to fish for white sturgeon in the mainstem Columbia River downstream from where the river forms the common boundary between Oregon and Washington, provided that all subsequent sturgeon are released immediately.

(6) It is unlawful to fish for sturgeon with terminal gear other than bait and one single barbless hook. It is lawful to use artificial scent with bait when fishing for white sturgeon. Violation of this subsection is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160. It is unlawful to possess sturgeon taken with gear in violation of the provisions of this section. Possession of sturgeon while using gear in violation of the provisions of this section is a rebuttable presumption that the sturgeon were taken

with such gear. Possession of such sturgeon is punishable under RCW 77.15.380 Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree--Penalty, unless the sturgeon are taken in the amounts or manner to constitute a violation of RCW 77.15.370 Unlawful recreational fishing in the first degree--Penalty.

(7) It is unlawful to fish for or possess sturgeon taken for personal use from freshwater, except the Chehalis River, from one hour after official sunset to one hour before official sunrise.

(8) It is unlawful to possess in the field sturgeon eggs without having retained the intact carcass of the fish from which the eggs have been removed.

(9) It is unlawful to use a gaff or other fish landing aid that penetrates the fish while restraining, handling or landing a sturgeon.

(10) It is unlawful to fail to immediately return to the water any undersize sturgeon.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 06-23, filed 2/14/06, effective 5/1/06)

WAC 220-56-310 Shellfish--Daily limits. It is unlawful for any one person to take in any one day for personal use more than the following quantities and sizes of shellfish:

(1) Cockles, borers and clams in the shell, other than razor clams, geoduck clams and horse clams, 40 clams in the aggregate, or 10 pounds, whichever is achieved first except:

(a) In Skagit Bay, east of a line projected from Browns Point to Swinomish Slough entrance - diggers may additionally retain up to 20 pounds of eastern softshell clams in the shell.

(b) Willapa Bay - diggers may additionally retain up to twenty-four cockles.

(2) Razor clams: 15 clams.

(3) Geoduck clams: 3 clams.

(4) Horse clams: 7 clams.

(5) Oysters: 18 oysters, shucked and the shells left on the beach. Minimum size before shucking two and one-half inches along the longest dimension of the shell.

(6) Rock scallops: 12 scallops.

(7) Weathervane scallops: 12 scallops (over 4 inches).

(8) Spiny and pink scallops: 10 pounds or 5 quarts in the shell, in the aggregate.

(9) Shrimp: ((~~In all waters - First Saturday in May through May 31, daily limit 80 shrimp. During all other open periods total weight 10 pounds, maximum 80 spot shrimp as part of the 10 pound limit. Spot shrimp: First Saturday in May through May 31 in all waters and in Areas 1 through 3 and Area 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line during the remainder of the year, no minimum size; June 1 through October 15 in Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh~~

~~line and Areas 5 through 13, minimum size one and three-sixteenths inch from the base of the eyestalk to the top rear edge of the carapace.~~))

(a) In Areas 1-3 and Area 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line - total weight 10 pounds, maximum 80 spot shrimp as part of the 10-pound limit.

(b) In Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line and Areas 5-13 - first Saturday in May through May 31, daily limit 80 shrimp. During all other open periods total weight 10 pounds, maximum 80 spot shrimp as part of the 10-pound limit.

(10) Octopus: 1 octopus.

(11) Pinto abalone: Closed statewide.

(12) Crawfish: 10 pounds in the shell. Minimum size 3 1/4 inches from tip of rostrum to tip of tail. Female crawfish with eggs or young attached to the abdomen must be released immediately.

(13) Squid other than Humboldt squid: 10 pounds or 5 quarts. In addition a person may retain up to 5 Humboldt squid per day.

(14) Sea cucumbers: 25 sea cucumbers.

(15) Red sea urchins: 18 sea urchins.

(16) Purple sea urchins: 18 sea urchins.

(17) Green sea urchins: 36 sea urchins.

(18) Dungeness crabs:

(a) In Area 1 except when fishing from the north jetty of the Columbia River and Areas 2, 3, and 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line - 6 male crabs.

(b) In Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, and Areas 5, 6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 - 5 male crabs.

(c) In the Columbia River upstream of a line from the outermost end of the north jetty to the exposed end of the south jetty, or when fishing from the north jetty of the Columbia River - 12 male crabs.

(19) Red rock crabs: 6 crabs.

(20) Mussels: 10 pounds in the shell, in the aggregate.

(21) Goose barnacles: 10 pounds of whole barnacles or 5 pounds of barnacle stalks.

(22) Ghost and mud shrimp: 10 dozen.

(23) King and box crab: Closed statewide.

(24) Tanner crabs: 6 crabs.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 07-22, filed 2/16/07, effective 3/19/07)

WAC 220-56-315 Crabs, shrimp, crawfish--Unlawful acts. (1) It is unlawful to take and possess crabs, shrimp, and crawfish taken for personal use except by hand or with hand dip nets, ring nets, shellfish pots, and any hand-operated instrument that will not penetrate the shell.

(2) It is unlawful to set, fish, or pull more than two units

of gear at any one time except:

(a) In Puget Sound waters it is unlawful to set, fish, or pull at any one time more than two units of crab gear and two additional units of shrimp gear.

(b) It is unlawful for the operator of any boat from which shrimp pots are set, fished, or pulled in Catch Record Card Areas 4 through 13 to have on board or to fish more than four shrimp pots.

(c) In the Columbia River it is unlawful to set, fish, or pull more than three units of crab gear.

(d) In fresh water it is lawful to use up to five units of gear to fish for crawfish.

(3) It is unlawful for any person to operate a shellfish pot not attached to a buoy bearing that person's name, except that a second person may assist the pot owner in operation of the gear.

(4) It is unlawful to salvage or attempt to salvage shellfish pot gear from Hood Canal that has been lost without first obtaining a permit authorizing such activity issued by the director, and it is unlawful to fail to comply with all provisions of such permit.

(5) It is unlawful to fish for or possess crab taken for personal use from the waters of Fidalgo Bay within 25 yards of the Burlington Northern Railroad trestle connecting March Point and Anacortes.

(6) It is unlawful to fish for or possess crab taken for personal use with shellfish pot or ring net gear from the waters of Padilla Bay or Swinomish Slough within 25 yards of the Burlington Northern Railroad crossing the northern end of Swinomish Slough except from one hour before official sunrise to one hour after official sunset.

(7) It is unlawful to dig for or possess ghost or mud shrimp taken for personal use by any method except hand operated suction devices or dug by hand.

(8) One unit of gear is equivalent to one ring net or one shellfish pot. It is unlawful to have more than one unit of unattended gear attached to a buoy line or to fail to have a separate buoy for each unit of gear.

(9) In waters open only on certain days or certain hours during the day, except for the night closure set out in subsection (10) of this section, it is unlawful to fail to remove gear from the water when fishing for shellfish is not allowed, and it is unlawful to fail to remove gear from the water by one hour after sunset if fishing is not allowed on the next calendar day. In waters that are open continuously except for the night closure set out in subsection (10) of this section, gear may be left in the water during the night closure.

(10) It is unlawful to set or pull shellfish pots, ring nets or star traps from a vessel in Catch Record Card Areas 1-13 from one hour after official sunset to one hour before official sunrise.

(11) It is unlawful to possess soft-shelled crab for any personal use purpose. Violation of this subsection shall be an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 06-67, filed 4/11/06, effective 5/12/06)

WAC 220-56-320 Shellfish gear--Unlawful acts. (1) It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any personal use shellfish gear to leave such gear unattended in the waters of the state unless said gear is marked with a buoy to which shall be affixed in a permanent visible and legible manner the first and last name and permanent mailing address of the operator. It is unlawful for more than one person's name and address to appear on the same marker buoy. It is unlawful to violate the following provisions regarding unattended shellfish gear:

(a) Unattended shellfish gear must have the line attaching the buoy to the gear weighted sufficiently to prevent the line from floating on the water's surface.

(b) All buoys must consist of durable material and remain visible on the surface at all times except during extreme tidal conditions. It is unlawful to use bleach, antifreeze or detergent bottles, paint cans or any other container.

(c) All buoys attached to shrimp gear must be yellow or fluorescent yellow in color. Flags and staff, if attached, may be any color.

(d) All buoys attached to crab gear must be half red or half fluorescent red in color and half white in color. Flags and staff, if attached, may be any color.

(2) It is unlawful for the maximum perimeter of any shrimp pot to exceed 10 feet, and the pot shall not exceed 1-1/2 feet in height.

(3) It is unlawful to fish for or possess crab taken with shellfish pot gear that are equipped with tunnel triggers or other devices which prevent free exit of crabs under the legal limit unless such gear is equipped with not less than two escape rings located in the upper half of the pot which are not less than 4-1/4 inches inside diameter in all waters except in the Columbia River the escape ring minimum size is 4 inches inside diameter. It is unlawful to use mesh size for crab pots less than 1-1/2 inches.

(4) It is unlawful to take, fish for or possess shrimp taken for personal use with shellfish pot gear ((~~during the month of May in Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line and in Areas 5 through 13, and year-round in Area 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line and Areas 1 through 3~~)) unless such gear meets the following requirements:

(a) The entire top, bottom, and sides of the shellfish pots must be constructed of mesh material and except for the entrance tunnels have the minimum mesh opening size defined below.

(b) The minimum mesh ((~~opening~~)) size for shrimp pots is one inch, defined as a mesh that a 7/8-inch square peg will pass through each mesh opening except for flexible (web) mesh pots where the opening must be a minimum of one and three-quarters inch stretch measure except:

June 1 through October 15, Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, and Areas 5 through 13: In any Marine Area of portion

thereof that is closed for spot shrimp but open for coonstripe and pink shrimp, the minimum mesh size for shrimp pots is one-half inch, defined as a mesh that a 3/8 inch square peg will pass through each mesh opening except for flexible (web) mesh pots where the opening must be a minimum of one and one-eighth inch stretch measure.

(c) All entrance tunnels must open into the pot from the side.

(d) The sum of the maximum widths of all entrance tunnels must not exceed 1/2 the perimeter of the bottom of the pot.

(5) It is unlawful to fish for or possess shellfish taken for personal use with shellfish pot gear unless the gear allows for escapement using at least one of the following methods:

(a) Attachment of pot lid hooks or tiedown straps with a single strand or loop of untreated, 100 percent cotton twine no larger than thread size 120 so that the pot lid will open freely if the twine or fiber is broken.

(b) An opening in the pot mesh no less than three inches by five inches which is laced or sewn closed with untreated, 100 percent cotton twine no larger than thread size 120. The opening must be located within the top half of the pot and be unimpeded by the entry tunnels, bait boxes, or any other structures or materials.

(c) Attachment of pot lid or one pot side serving as a pot lid with no more than three single loops of untreated 100 percent cotton or other natural fiber twine no larger than thread size 120 so that the pot lid or side will open freely if the twine or fiber is broken.

(6) It is unlawful to set shellfish pots in a manner that they are not covered by water at all times.

(7) ((~~June 1 through October 15 in Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line and Areas 5 through 13, it is unlawful to use mesh size for shrimp pots less than one-half inch except in entrance tunnels except for flexible (web) mesh pots where the opening must be a minimum of one and one-eighths inch stretch measure.~~

~~(8)~~)) It is unlawful to fish for crab using shellfish pot gear greater in volume than thirteen cubic feet.

((~~(9)~~)) (8) Use of gear in violation of this section is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160, except failure to use untreated cotton twine as provided for in subsection (5) of this section remains a misdemeanor punishable under RCW 77.15.380 Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree--Penalty.

((~~(10)~~)) (9) It is unlawful to possess shellfish taken with gear in violation of the provisions of this section. Possession of shellfish while using gear in violation of the provisions of this section is a rebuttable presumption that the shellfish were taken with such gear. Violation of this subsection is punishable under RCW 77.15.380 Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree--Penalty, unless the shellfish are taken in the amounts or manner to constitute a violation of RCW 77.15.370 Unlawful recreational fishing in the first degree--Penalty.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 07-22, filed 2/16/07, effective 3/19/07)

WAC 220-56-350 Clams other than razor clams, mussels--Areas and seasons. ((~~(1) It is lawful to~~)) A person can take, dig for and possess clams and mussels taken for personal use on Puget Sound the entire year:

Except that public tidelands at the following beaches are closed unless otherwise provided:

((~~(a)~~)) (1) Ala Spit: Open May 1 through May 31.

((~~(b)~~)) (2) Alki Park: Closed the entire year.

(3) Alki Point: Closed the entire year.

(4) Bay View State Park: Closed the entire year.

(5) Brown's Point Lighthouse: Closed the entire year.

(6) Brownsville: Closed the entire year.

(7) Cama Beach State Park: Closed the entire year.

((~~(c)~~)) (8) Camano Island State Park: Closed the entire year.

((~~(d)~~)) (9) Chuckanut Bay: Closed the entire year.

(10) Coupeville: Closed the entire year.

(11) Dash Point State Park: Closed the entire year.

(12) Dave Mackie County Park: Closed the entire year.

(13) Des Moines City Park: Closed the entire year.

(14) Discovery Park: Closed the entire year.

(15) DNR-18: Closed the entire year.

(16) DNR-79: Closed the entire year.

(17) DNR-85: Closed the entire year.

(18) DNR-142: Closed the entire year.

(19) DNR-144 (Sleeper): Closed the entire year.

(20) Dockton County Park: Closed the entire year.

(21) Dosewallips State Park: Open May 15 through July 31 only in area defined by boundary markers and signs posted on the beach.

((~~(e)~~)) (22) Dungeness Spit and Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge Tidelands - Open May 15 through September 30.

((~~(f)~~)) (23) Eagle Creek: Closed the entire year.

((~~(g)~~)) (24) East San De Fuca: Closed the entire year.

(25) Fort Flagler State Park including that portion of the spit west of the park boundary (Rat Island): Open April 1 through June 30.

((~~(h)~~)) (26) Fort Ward State Park: Closed the entire year.

(27) Freeland County Park((~~- Open January 1 through May 15~~)): Closed the entire year.

((~~(i)~~)) (28) Frye Cove County Park - Open January 1 through June 15.

((~~(j)~~)) (29) Garrison Bay: Tidelands at Guss Island and those tidelands at British camp between the National Park Service dinghy dock at the north end and the park boundary at the south end are closed the entire year.

((~~(k)~~)) (30) Gertrude Island - All tidelands at Gertrude Island closed the entire year.

((~~(l)~~)) (31) Golden Gardens: Closed the entire year.

(32) Graveyard Spit: Closed the entire year.

(33) Harrington Beach: Closed the entire year.

(34) Hoodsport: Tidelands at Hoodsport Salmon Hatchery are closed the entire year.

((~~(m)~~)) (35) Hope Island State Park (South Puget Sound): Open April 1 through May 31.

((~~(n)~~)) (36) Howarth Park: Closed the entire year.

(37) Illahee State Park: Open April 1 through July 31.

((~~(o)~~)) (38) Jarrell Cove State Park: Closed the entire year.

(39) Kayak Point County Park: Closed the entire year.

((~~(p)~~)) (40) Kitsap Memorial State Park: Open May 15 through June 30.

((~~(q)~~)) (41) Kopachuck State Park: Open June 1 through July 31.

((~~(r)~~)) (42) Liberty Bay - All state-owned tidelands in Liberty Bay north and west of the Keyport Naval Supply Center are closed to the harvest of clams the entire year.

((~~(s)~~)) (43) Lincoln Park: Closed the entire year.

(44) Lions Park (Bremerton): Closed the entire year.

(45) Little Clam Bay: Closed the entire year.

(46) Lower Roto Vista Park: Closed the entire year.

(47) Manchester State Park: Closed the entire year.

(48) McNeil Island - All tidelands on McNeil Island are closed the entire year.

((~~(t)~~)) (49) Meadowdale County Park: Closed the entire year.

(50) Mee-Kwa-Mooks Park: Closed the entire year.

(51) Middle Ground (Sequim Bay): Closed the entire year.

(52) Monroe Landing: Closed the entire year.

(53) Mukilteo State Park - Closed the entire year.

((~~(u)~~)) (54) Mystery Bay State Park: Open October 1 through April 30.

((~~(v)~~)) (55) Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge: Closed the entire year.

(56) North Beach County Park: Closed the entire year.

(57) North Fort Lewis: Closed the entire year.

(58) North Point Hudson: Closed the entire year.

(59) Northeast Cultus Bay: Closed the entire year.

(60) Oak Bay County Park: Open July 1 through July 31.

((~~(w)~~)) (61) Oak Harbor City Park: Closed the entire year.

(62) Old Man House State Park: Closed the entire year.

(63) Olympia Shoal: Closed the entire year.

(64) Oyster Reserves: Puget Sound and Willapa Bay state oyster reserves are closed the entire year except as follows:

((~~(i)~~)) (a) North Bay: State-owned oyster reserves open the entire year.

((~~(ii)~~)) (b) Oakland Bay: Tidelands at the north end of Oakland Bay and on the channel of the northwest shore of the Bayshore Peninsula between department markers open the entire year.

((~~(iii)~~)) (c) Willapa Bay - Long Island oyster reserve: Northwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 39 and 41 and southwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 58 and 59.

((~~(x)~~)) (65) Penrose Point State Park: Open March 1 through May 31.

((~~(y)~~)) (66) Picnic Point County Park: Closed the entire year.

((~~(z)~~)) (67) Pitship Point: Closed the entire year.

((~~(aa)~~)) (68) Pitt Island - All tidelands on Pitt Island are closed the entire year.

((~~(bb)~~)) (69) Pleasant Harbor State Park: Closed the entire year.

(70) Point Whitney (excluding Point Whitney Lagoon): Open March 1 through May 15.

((~~(cc)~~)) (71) Point Whitney Lagoon: Open May 15 through June 30.

((~~(dd)~~)) (72) Port Angeles Coast Guard: Closed the entire year.

(73) Port Angeles Harbor: Closed the entire year.

(74) Port Gardner: Closed the entire year.

(75) Port Townsend Ship Canal/Portage Canal: Open January 1 through May 31.

((~~(ee)~~)) (76) Post Point: Closed the entire year.

(77) Potlatch DNR tidelands: Open April 1 through August 31.

((~~(ff)~~)) (78) Potlatch East: Open April 1 through August 31.

((~~(gg)~~)) (79) Potlatch State Park: Open April 1 through August 31.

((~~(hh)~~)) (80) Priest Point County Park: Closed the entire year.

(81) Purdy Spit County Park: The southern shore of the spit from the boat ramp to the bridge is closed the entire year.

((~~(ii)~~)) (82) Quilcene Bay Tidelands - All state-owned tidelands in Quilcene Bay north of a line drawn from the Quilcene Boat Haven to Fisherman's Point are closed to the harvest of clams the entire year, except those state-owned tidelands on the west side of the bay north of the Quilcene Boat Haven are open April 1 through December 31, daily from official sunrise to official sunset only.

((~~(jj)~~)) (83) Retsil: Closed the entire year.

(84) Rendsland Creek: Open January 1 through June 15.

((~~(kk)~~)) (85) Richmond Beach: Closed the entire year.

(86) Saltwater State Park: Closed the entire year.

((~~(ll)~~)) (87) Samish Beach: Closed the entire year.

(88) Scenic Beach State Park((~~--~~)): Open April 15 through May 15.

((~~(mm)~~)) (89) Seahurst County Park: Closed the entire year.

((~~(nn)~~)) (90) Semiahmoo: Closed the entire year.

(91) Semiahmoo County Park: Closed the entire year.

(92) Sequim Bay State Park - Open May 1 through June 15.

((~~(oo)~~)) (93) Shine Tidelands State Park: Open January 1 through May 15.

((~~(pp)~~)) (94) Silverdale County Park: Closed the entire year.

(95) Sinclair Inlet: Closed the entire year.

(96) Skagit Wildlife Area Jensen Access: Closed the entire year.

(97) Skagit Wildlife Area North Fork Access: Closed the entire year.

(98) Skagit Wildlife Area South Fork Access: Closed the entire year.

(99) South Carkeek Park: Closed the entire year.

(100) South Dougall Point: Closed the entire year.

(101) South Gordon Point: Closed the entire year.

(102) South Indian Island County Park: Open April 1 through August 31.

((~~(qq)~~)) (103) South Mukilteo Park: Closed the entire year.

(104) South Oro Bay: Closed the entire year.

(105) South Point Wilson: Closed the entire year.

(106) Southworth Ferry Dock: Closed the entire year.

(107) Spencer Spit State Park: Open March 1 through July 31.

((~~(rr)~~)) (108) Sunrise Beach (Langley Seawall): Closed the entire year.

(109) Suquamish (Old Man House): Closed the entire year.

(110) Taylor Bay: Closed the entire year.

(111) Triton Cove Tidelands: Open July 1 through September 30.

((~~(ss)~~)) (112) Twanoh State Park: Closed the entire year.

((~~(tt)~~)) (113) Walker County Park: Closed the entire year.

(114) West Dewatto: DNR Beach 44A closed the entire year.

((~~(uu)~~)) (115) West Pass Access: Closed the entire year.

(116) Willapa Bay: State-owned tidelands east of the department Willapa Bay Field Station and Nahcotta Tidelands Interpretive Site are closed year-round.

((~~(vv)~~)) (117) Wolfe Property State Park: Open January 1 through May 15.

((~~(2)~~)) (118) Woodard Bay: Closed the entire year.

It is lawful to take, dig for and possess clams, cockles, borers, and mussels, not including razor clams, taken for personal use in Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor the entire year, except from state oyster reserves, which are closed to clam digging the entire year.

((~~(3)~~)) It is lawful to take, dig for and possess clams, cockles, borers, and mussels, not including razor clams taken for personal use from the Pacific Ocean beaches from November 1 through March 31.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 07-22, filed 2/16/07, effective 3/19/07)

WAC 220-56-380 Oysters--Areas and seasons. It is lawful to take and possess oysters taken for personal use from public tidelands the entire year, except that public tidelands at the following beaches are closed unless otherwise provided:

(1) Alki Park: Closed the entire year.

(2) Alki Point: Closed the entire year.

(3) Bangor: Closed the entire year.

(4) Bay View State Park: Closed the entire year.
(5) Brown Point (DNR 57-B): Closed the entire year.
((~~(2)~~)) (6) Brown's Point Lighthouse: Closed the entire year.
(7) Brownsville: Closed the entire year.
(8) Chuckanut: Closed the entire year.
(9) Coupeville: Closed the entire year.
(10) Cushman (Saltwater) Park - Open March 1 through December 31.
((~~(3)~~)) (11) Dash Point State Park: Closed the entire year.
(12) Dave Mackie County Park: Closed the entire year.
(13) Des Moines City Park: Closed the entire year.
(14) Discovery Park: Closed the entire year.
(15) DNR-18: Closed the entire year.
(16) DNR-79: Closed the entire year.
(17) DNR-85: Closed the entire year.
(18) DNR-142: Closed the entire year.
(19) DNR 144 (Sleeper): Closed the entire year.
(20) Dockton County Park: Closed the entire year.
(21) East San De Fuca: Closed the entire year.
(22) Fort Flagler State Park including that portion of the spit west of the park boundary (Rat Island): Open April 1 through June 30.
((~~(4)~~)) (23) Fort Ward State Park: Closed the entire year.
(24) Freeland County Park: Closed the entire year.
(25) Frye Cove County Park: Open January 1 through June 15.
((~~(5)~~)) (26) Golden Gardens: Closed the entire year.
(27) Graveyard Spit: Closed the entire year.
(28) Harrington Beach: Closed the entire year.
(29) Hoodsport: Tidelands at the Hoodsport Salmon Hatchery are closed the entire year.
((~~(6)~~)) (30) Hope Island State Park (South Puget Sound): Open April 1 through May 31.
((~~(7)~~)) (31) Howarth Park: Closed the entire year.
(32) Illahee State Park: Open April 1 through July 31.
((~~(8)~~)) (33) Jarrell Cove State Park: Closed the entire year.
(34) Kitsap Memorial State Park: Open May 15 through July 31.
((~~(9)~~)) (35) Kopachuck State Park: Open March 1 through July 31.
((~~(10)~~)) (36) Liberty Bay - All state-owned tidelands in Liberty Bay north and west of the Keyport Naval Supply Center are closed to the harvest of oysters the entire year.
((~~(11)~~)) (37) Lincoln Park: Closed the entire year.
(38) Lions Park (Bremerton): Closed the entire year.
(39) Little Clam Bay: Closed the entire year.
(40) Lower Roto Vista Park: Closed the entire year.
(41) Manchester State Park: Closed the entire year.
(42) Meadowdale County Park: Closed the entire year.
(43) Mee-Kwa-Mooks Park: Closed the entire year.
(44) Middle Ground (Sequim Bay): Closed the entire year.
(45) Monroe Landing: Closed the entire year.
(46) Mukilteo State Park: Closed the entire year.
(47) Mystery Bay State Park: Open October 1 through April 30.

((~~(12)~~)) (48) Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge: Closed the entire year.

(49) North Beach County Park: Closed the entire year.

(50) North Fort Lewis: Closed the entire year.

(51) North Point Hudson: Closed the entire year.

(52) Northeast Cultus Bay: Closed the entire year.

(53) Oak Bay County Park: Open July 1 through July 31.

((~~(13)~~)) (54) Oak Harbor Beach Park: Closed the entire year.

(55) Oak Harbor City Park: Closed the entire year.

(56) Old Man House State Park: Closed the entire year.

(57) Olympia Shoal: Closed the entire year.

(58) Oyster Reserves: Puget Sound and Willapa Bay oyster reserves are closed the entire year except the following are open the entire year:

(a) Oakland Bay - Tidelands at the north end of Oakland Bay and on the channel of the northwest shore of the Bayshore Peninsula between department markers - open the entire year.

(b) North Bay - State-owned reserves open the entire year.

(c) Willapa Bay - Long Island oyster reserve: Northwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 39 and 41 and southwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 58 and 59.

((~~(14)~~)) (59) Penrose Point State Park: Open March 1 through May 31.

((~~(15)~~)) (60) Picnic Point: Closed the entire year.

(61) Pleasant Harbor State Park: Closed the entire year.

(62) Port Angeles Coast Guard: Closed the entire year.

(63) Port Angeles Harbor: Closed the entire year.

(64) Port Gardner: Closed the entire year.

(65) Port Townsend Ship Canal/Portage Canal: Open January 1 through May 31.

((~~(16)~~)) (66) Post Point: Closed the entire year.

(67) Potlatch DNR Tidelands: Open April 1 through August 31.

((~~(17)~~)) (68) Potlatch East: Open April 1 through August 31.

((~~(18)~~)) (69) Potlatch State Park: Open April 1 through August 31.

((~~(19)~~)) (70) Priest Point County Park: Closed the entire year.

(71) Quilcene Bay Tidelands - All state-owned tidelands in Quilcene Bay north of a line drawn from the Quilcene Boat Haven to Fisherman's Point are closed except those state-owned tidelands on the west side of the bay north of the Quilcene Boat Haven are open April 1 through December 31, daily from official sunrise to official sunset, only.

((~~(20)~~)) (72) Reid Harbor - South Beach: Closed the entire year.

(73) Retsil: Closed the entire year.

(74) Richmond Beach: Closed the entire year.

(75) Saltwater County Park: Closed the entire year.

(76) Samich Beach: Closed the entire year.

(77) Seahurst County Park: Closed the entire year.

(78) Scenic Beach State Park: Open April 15 through May 15.

((~~(21)~~)) (79) Semiahmoo: Closed the entire year.

(80) Semiahmoo County Park: Closed the entire year.

(81) Shine Tidelands State Park: Open January 1 through May 15.

((~~(22)~~)) (82) Silverdale County Park: Closed the entire year.

(83) Sinclair Inlet: Closed the entire year.

(84) Skagit Wildlife Area Jensen Access: Closed the entire year.

(85) Skagit Wildlife Area North Fork Access: Closed the entire year.

(86) Skagit Wildlife Area South Fork Access: Closed the entire year.

(87) South Carkeek Park: Closed the entire year.

(88) South Dougall Point: Closed the entire year.

(89) South Gordon Point: Closed the entire year.

(90) South Indian Island County Park: Open April 1 through August 31.

((~~(23)~~)) (91) South Mukilteo Park: Closed the entire year.

(92) South Oro Bay: Closed the entire year.

(93) South Point Wilson: Closed the entire year.

(94) Southworth Ferry Dock: Closed the entire year.

(95) Sunrise Beach (Langley Seawall): Closed the entire year.

(96) Suquamish (Old Man House): Closed the entire year.

(97) Taylor Bay: Closed the entire year.

(98) Walker County Park: Closed the entire year.

(99) West Pass Access: Closed the entire year.

(100) Willapa Bay: State-owned tidelands east of the department Willapa Bay Field Station and the Nahcotta Tidelands Interpretive Site are open only between boundary markers and posted signs.

((~~(24)~~)) (101) Woodard Bay: Closed the entire year.

(102) Wolfe Property State Park: Open January 1 through May 15.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 06-135, filed 6/13/06, effective 7/14/06)

WAC 220-56-510 Game fish possession limits and size limits. It is unlawful to retain or possess game fish taken in excess of the daily, possession, or license year possession limits, or game fish that do not conform to the size limits provided for in this section, unless otherwise provided for in WAC 232-28-619.

(1) Daily game fish possession and size limits:

Species	Daily limit	Size limits
Largemouth Bass	5	Release bass 12 to 17 inches in length. Not more than 1 largemouth bass 17 inches in length or greater may be retained.
Smallmouth Bass	10	No minimum size. Not more than one smallmouth bass over 14 inches in length or greater may be retained.
Burbot	5	No size restriction.
Channel catfish	5	No size restriction.
Eastern brook trout	Count as part of the 5 trout daily limit in lakes, ponds and reservoirs.	No size restriction.
	Bonus limit in rivers, streams and beaver ponds. Up to 5 trout including Eastern brook trout may be retained, but not more than 2 of which may be trout other than Eastern brook trout.	No size restriction.
Grass carp	Unlawful to retain.	Not applicable.
Tiger Muskellunge	5	Minimum size 48 inches in length.
Trout (except Eastern brook trout)	5 from lakes, ponds and reservoirs.	No size restriction.
	2 from rivers, streams, and beaver ponds.	8-inch minimum size.
	The daily trout limit is 5 trout, regardless of origin, of which not more than 2 may be steelhead.	

Species	Daily limit	Size limits
Walleye	5	16-inch minimum size. Not more than 1 walleye greater than 22 inches in length may be retained.
Whitefish	15	No size restriction.
All other game fish	No limit.	No size restriction.

(2) Possession limit: The game fish possession limit in the field is two daily limits in fresh, frozen or processed form.

(3) Wild steelhead and Dolly Varden/bull trout: Except as provided for in this section and WAC 232-28-619, it is unlawful to retain wild steelhead or Dolly Varden.

(4) Wild steelhead license year limit: From waters in which wild steelhead may be taken as provided for in WAC 232-28-619, the license year limit is one wild steelhead.

(5) ((~~Total steelhead license year limit: The license year limit is thirty steelhead in total.~~

~~(6)~~)) Saltwater game fish retention: Game fish taken in saltwater may not be retained, except that up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 06-23, filed 2/14/06, effective 5/1/06)

WAC 232-12-168 Fishing contests. (1) Contest defined: By definition, a fishing contest exists when 6 or more licensed persons fish competitively and determine winners, regardless of prize value.

(2) Application:

(a) Fishing contest permit applications should be submitted to the department by November 1 of each year for contests that are to take place the following calendar year. After November 1, applications must be submitted not less than 30 days prior to the date for which the contest is proposed.

(b) Applications must include the permit fee required by RCW 77.65.480. The fee will be returned if the permit is denied. No more than seven permits will be issued to any one permittee during a calendar year. The fee is $24 per permit.

(c) For purposes of application for a fishing contest permit, "permittee" means a "person" as defined in RCW 77.08.010. All applications from a permittee must be in a single name.

(3) Approval:

(a) Fishing contests which adversely affect fish or wildlife resources or other recreational opportunity may be denied.

(b) Contests will not be allowed on sea-run cutthroat trout, wild steelhead where wild steelhead retention is not allowed, Dolly Varden or bull trout.

(c) During fishing contests, where anglers target tiger muskies, no retention of caught fish is allowed. Tiger muskies may be caught, measured for length, photographed and all fish must be immediately released alive.

(4) Prize value: Total prize value per contest will not exceed $5,000 when trout, steelhead, char, whitefish, grayling, tiger muskie, or kokanee are included as target species; provided that contests wherein other species not listed above are targeted, or where bass or walleye are the targeted species and at least 90 percent of bass or walleye are released alive and in good condition after the contest, may qualify for no limitation on amount of prize.

(5) Legal requirements, all contests:

(a) Fishing contest permits must be in the possession of the contest sponsor or official at the contest site.

(b) Contests are restricted to the species and waters approved on the permit. Only those species listed as a target of the contest may be retained by contest participants during bass or walleye contests where all contestants fish at the same time and place.

(c) Sponsors must report contest information requested by the

department within 30 days after the contest has ended. Subsequent contest permits will not be issued for one year after the date of the contest for which the report was not returned if this requirement is not fulfilled.

(d) Contest participants may not restrict public access at boat launches.

(e) Contests for bass and walleye where participants expect to fish at the same time from boats on lakes or reservoirs will not last longer than three consecutive days and have the following limits per water:

ACRES	CONTESTS PER DAY	BOATS PER CONTEST DAY
Less than 300	1	15
301 - 3,000	1	35
3,001 - 6,000	2	75
6,001 - 10,000	2	120
More than 10,000	3	250

* No more than four weekend days per month nor more than two weekends per month may be scheduled on any water when contestants fish at the same time, and are allowed to fish from boats.

(f) It is unlawful for the fishing contest permittee or any of the contest participants to fail to comply with the conditions of the fishing contest permit, or of general fishing rules not specifically exempted by this permit. Failure of the permittee or any of the contestants to comply with all provisions of the contest permit or of other fishing regulations during a contest may lead to revocation of the permit and result in denial of fishing contest permits to the permittee and related organizations or individuals sponsoring contests for two years.

(6) Special regulations, bass and walleye contests:

(a) In any contest targeting either bass or walleye, all live bass or walleye must be released alive into the water from which they were caught after being weighed and/or measured. At the end of each day's competition, if the mortality of target fish caught that day exceeds 10%, the contest will be suspended. Suspended contests may be continued (within assigned permit dates) only if the cause of the high mortality can be positively identified, and the cause of the mortality (high waves, equipment deficiency, etc.) ceases or is corrected by contest officials.

(b) During bass and walleye contests only, participants may continue to fish while holding up to five fish in possession, as long as one fish is released immediately upon catching a fish which would make the angler in excess of five fish if kept. The fish released may come either from the one just caught, or from the livewell, but at no time may the angler have more than five fish in the livewell.

(c) During bass contests, contestants may not use live bait.

(d) During bass and walleye contests participants may retain

up to five bass and walleye of any size to be weighed in. A tournament angler may not be in possession of more than five bass or walleye from the water being fished, except as authorized under (6)(e) below.

(e) The contest director or director designee may exceed possession limits for bass or walleye for the purpose of transporting fish from a weigh-in site to an open-water area. During transportation, the transport boat must not leave the water the fish were caught from and a copy of the contest permit must be on board during actual fish transport.

(f) Boat identification: All boats used for fishing in bass and walleye contests must be clearly identified according to criteria established by the department.

(7) ((~~Zebra mussel decontamination. Prior to participating in a Washington state fishing contest:~~

~~(a) All contest participants are required to sign a zebra mussel decontamination statement that their boats and/or boat trailers have or have not been in physical contact with any waters east of the Continental Divide for thirty days immediately preceding the contest and, if the boat and/or trailer has been in contact with such waters the participant must complete a decontamination report indicating that the following actions have been taken:~~

~~(i) A physical inspection has been made of the hull, motor, trailer, livewell and bilge by the contest director or designee, and any zebra mussels, if found, have been disposed of in a garbage container; and~~

~~(ii) The vessel has been decontaminated by the hull having been:~~

~~(A) Pressurized washed with hot soapy water; or~~

~~(B) Washed with a household bleach solution of one part bleach to 19 parts water, or the equivalent;~~

~~(iii) The motor has been run in a household bleach solution of one part bleach to 19 parts water, or the equivalent, for a minimum of one minute; and~~

~~(iv) The bilge and any livewells have been flushed, and the flush water disposed in such a manner that the wastewater will not directly enter state waters, either ground or surface.~~

~~(b) The zebra mussel decontamination statement and decontamination report shall be submitted to the department as part of the fishing contest report.~~)) Aquatic invasive species decontamination. Prior to launching into any Washington state body of water:

(a) All contest participants are required to sign an aquatic invasive species decontamination statement that their boats and/or boat trailers have or have not been in physical contact with any waters outside of Washington state for thirty days immediately preceding the contest and, if the boat and/or trailer has been in contact with such waters, the participant must complete an aquatic invasive species decontamination report indicating that the following actions have been taken:

(i) A physical inspection has been made of the hull, motor,

trailer, livewell and bilge by the contest director or designee, according to criteria established by the department; and

(ii) Any aquatic invasive species, if found, have been disposed of in a garbage container; and

(iii) The hull, motor, trailer, livewell, and bilge have been decontaminated according to criteria established by the department.

(b) The aquatic invasive species decontamination statement and decontamination report shall be submitted to the department as part of the fishing contest report.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 07-16-056, filed 7/26/07, effective 8/26/07)

WAC 232-28-619 Washington food fish and game fish--Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules. (1) All freshwater streams and lakes not listed as open for salmon fishing are closed.

(2) Freshwater terminal gear restrictions: In all waters with freshwater terminal gear restrictions, including, but not limited to, selective gear rules, whitefish gear rules, single point barbless hooks required, fly-fishing only, and ((~~nonbuoyant lure restrictions~~)) antisnagging rule, violation of the gear rules is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160. It is unlawful to possess fish taken with gear in violation of the freshwater terminal gear restrictions. Possession of fish while using gear in violation of the freshwater terminal gear restrictions is a rebuttable presumption that the fish were taken with such gear. Possession of such fish is punishable under RCW 77.15.380 Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree, unless the fish are taken in the amounts or manner to constitute a violation of RCW 77.15.370 Unlawful recreational fishing in the first degree.

(3) County freshwater exceptions to statewide rules:

(a) Adams and Grant counties: All seasons in specific freshwater exceptions to statewide rules apply to inlet and outlet streams of named lakes in Grant and Adams counties.

(b) Adams, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, and Okanogan counties, except Zosel Dam (Okanogan River): Lawful to fish to base of all dams.

(c) Benton County: Rivers, streams and beaver ponds open year around.

(d) Ferry and Lincoln counties: Except those tributaries listed under specific water exceptions to statewide rules, all tributaries to Lake Roosevelt between Grand Coulee Dam and the State Highway 25 Bridge at Northport except Barnaby and Nancy creeks: Trout: Daily limit 5, no minimum size.

(e) Kitsap County and Mason County on Tahuya Peninsula west of Belfair-Bremerton Highway (S.R. 3): Beaver ponds: Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Trout: No minimum length.

(4) Specific freshwater exceptions to statewide rules:

Aberdeen Lake (Grays Harbor County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Trout: No more than two over 15 inches in length may be retained per day.

Abernathy Creek (Cowlitz County):

From mouth to a point five hundred feet downstream from salmon hatchery: June 1 through August 31 and November 1 through March 15 season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

From Abernathy Falls to posted markers five hundred feet downstream from salmon hatchery: Closed waters.

Aeneas Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fly fishing only. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. Trout: Daily limit one.

Ahtanum Creek, including North and Middle Forks (Yakima County): Selective gear rules. North Fork from Grey Rock Trailhead Bridge crossing to Shellneck Creek: Closed waters.

Alder Creek (Cowlitz County): Closed waters.

Aldrich Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Aldwell Lake (Clallam County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules except fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor permitted. Trout: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches.

Alexander Lake (Kitsap County): Closed waters.

Alkali Lake (Grant County): Crappie: Not more than five greater than eight inches in length. Bluegill: Not more than five greater than six inches in length.

Alta Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Amber Lake (Spokane County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit two, minimum length fourteen inches; release rainbow trout with a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the site of the clipped fin. Additional season October 1 through November 30 and March 1 through Friday before last Saturday in April. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

American Lake (Pierce County): Chumming permitted.

American River (Yakima County): Closed waters: From Highway 410 Bridge at river mile 5.4 to the Mesatchee Creek Trail crossing at river mile 15.8 July 16 through September 15. Selective gear rules.

Anderson Lake (Jefferson County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited. From September 1 through October 31, selective gear rules and trout: Release trout.

Armstrong Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Asotin Creek, mainstem and forks (Asotin County): Closed to fishing for steelhead.

From SR 129 Bridge upstream to the forks: Lawful to fish up to base of Headgate Dam.

North Fork from mouth upstream to USFS boundary: Selective gear rules.

North Fork from USFS boundary upstream and all other tributaries: Closed waters.

South Fork and tributaries: Closed waters.

B.C. Mill Pond (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Bachelor Creek (Yakima County): Year around season. Trout: Daily limit five, no minimum length.

Badger Lake (Spokane County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Baker Lake (Whatcom County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season, except closed waters in an area two hundred feet in radius around the pump discharge at the south end of the lake. Chumming permitted. Trout: Minimum length six inches and maximum length eighteen inches.

Baker River (Skagit County): Mouth to Highway 20 Bridge: September 1 through October 31 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure.~~)) Antisnagging rule. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches, except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of the trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches. Salmon: Open only July 1 through July 31 except closed 12:01 a.m. July 5 through 2:00 p.m. July 6 and 12:01 a.m. July 10 through 2:00 p.m. July 11. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure.~~)) Antisnagging rule. Daily limit 2 sockeye salmon.

Highway 20 Bridge to Baker River fish barrier dam: Closed waters.

Banks Lake (Grant County): Chumming allowed. Perch: Daily limit twenty-five. ((~~Small mouth bass: Small mouth bass do not count as part of bass daily limit. Small mouth bass 12 to 17 inches in length may be retained. No minimum size. Daily limit 10 small mouth bass not more than one of which may be greater than 14 inches in length.~~)) Crappie: Daily limit 10, minimum size 9 inches in length.

Barnaby Slough (Skagit County): Closed waters.

Battle Ground Lake (Clark County): Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout 20 inches or greater in length may be retained.

Bay Lake (Pierce County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Bayley Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through July 4 season. Fly fishing only. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. Trout: Daily limit one, minimum length fourteen inches. Additional season, July 5 through October 31. Fly fishing only. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. All species: Release all fish. Inlet stream: Closed waters.

Bear Creek (Yakima County), tributary to South Fork Tieton River: From the mouth to the falls (approximately 3/4 mile): Closed waters.

Bear Lake (Spokane County): Juveniles, holders of disability licenses, and licensed adults accompanied by a juvenile only.

Bear River (Pacific County): June 1 through March 31 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 16 through November 30. Single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30 downstream from the Lime Quarry Road. All species: Release all fish except salmon and except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained each day. ((~~Upstream~~)) From the Lime Quarry Road to the Longview Fiber Bridge: Selective gear rules June 1 through March 31. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained each day. Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30 from mouth to Lime Quarry Road. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult fish and of these two fish no more than one may be a wild adult coho. Release adult Chinook, and chum. Upstream of Longview Fiber Bridge: Closed waters.

Beaver Creek (tributary to Elochoman River) (Wahkiakum County): Closed waters.

Beaver Lake (Clallam County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Maximum size 12 inches in length.

Beaver Lake (Columbia County): March 1 through October 31 season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited.

Beda Lake (Grant County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one fish.

Beehive (Lake) Reservoir (Chelan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. July 5 through October 31, selective gear rules, and all species: Release all fish.

Bennington Lake (Mill Creek Reservoir) (Walla Walla County): Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Benson Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Berry Creek (tributary to Nisqually River) (Lewis County): Selective gear rules.

Big Bear Creek (tributary of Sammamish River) (Snohomish/King counties): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Big Beaver Creek (Whatcom County):

From closed water markers on Ross Lake upstream one-quarter mile: Closed waters.

From one-quarter mile markers upstream, including tributary streams, and beaver ponds that are tributary to Big Beaver Creek: July 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. All

species: Release all fish.

Big Beef Creek (Kitsap County): June 1 through August 31 season. Closed waters August 1 through August 31: Waters within 100 feet of the Seabeck Highway NW Bridge. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Big Four Lake (Columbia County): March 1 through October 31 season. Fly fishing only. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: Daily limit two.

Big Lake (Skagit County): Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Big Meadow Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Big Quilcene River (Jefferson County):

From mouth to upper boundary of Falls View Campground: June 1 through ((~~last day in February~~)) October 31 season. ((~~Closed waters: August 16 through October 31~~)) From mouth to Rodgers Street selective gear rules June 1 through August 15 and closed waters August 16 through October 31. Rodgers Street to the Highway 101 Bridge: Selective gear rules June 1 through August 15, one single point barbless hook August 16 through October 31, ((~~and selective gear rules November 1 through last day in February~~)) and night closure August 16 through ((~~December~~)) October 31. From electric weir to upper boundary of Falls View Campground: Selective gear rules June 1 through ((~~last day in February~~)) October 31. All game fish: Release all fish from mouth to campground. Salmon: Open only August 16 through October 31 from Rodgers Street to the Highway 101 Bridge. Daily limit 4 coho salmon. Only coho salmon hooked inside the mouth may be retained.

From Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the electric weir at the Quilcene National Fish Hatchery: Closed waters.

Big River (Clallam County): June 1 through last day in February season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Big Tiffany Lake (Okanogan County): Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Release all cutthroat.

Big Twin Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Bird Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Daily limit five.

((~~Black Lake (Lower Wheeler Reservoir) (Chelan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. July 5 through October 31, selective gear rules, and all species: Release all fish.~~))

Black Lake (Okanogan County): Selective gear rules.

Black Lake (Pacific County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Black Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Black Lake (Thurston County): Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Black River (Thurston County), from mouth to Black Lake and including all tributaries west of Interstate Highway 5, including Waddell Creek, Mima Creek, Dempsey Creek, Beaver Creek, Salmon Creek and Blooms Ditch: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Blockhouse Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Daily limit five.

Bloodgood Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Daily limit five.

Blue Creek (Lewis County), from mouth to Spencer Road: Closed waters except December 1 through December 31 season from mouth to posted sign at rearing pond outlet. Closed waters: Upstream from cable crossing to posted signs at fence. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure.~~)) Antisnagging rule. Only anglers who permanently use a wheelchair((~~-bound anglers~~)) may fish from posted signs above rearing pond to posted signs approximately 40 feet downstream at fence including the rearing pond outlet. Trout: Daily limit five. Minimum size 12 inches no more than two fish over 20 inches. Release wild cutthroat, wild steelhead and hatchery steelhead with clipped right ventral fin.

Blue Lake (Columbia County): March 1 through October 31 season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Blue Lake (Cowlitz County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Blue Lake (Grant County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Blue Lake (near Sinlahekin) (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Blue Lake (near Wannacut Lake) (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Bobcat Creek and Ponds (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Bogachiel River (Clallam County), from mouth to Olympic National Park boundary: June 1 through April 30 season. December 1 through April 30, selective gear rules from Highway 101 to Olympic National Park boundary. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. November 1 through last day in February, daily limit three steelhead downstream from Highway 101 Bridge. December 1 through April 30, mouth to Highway 101, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only July 1 through November 30 from mouth to Highway 101 Bridge. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be

adult salmon July 1 through August 31 and of which no more than 3 may be adult salmon September 1 through November 30. July 1 through August 31 release wild adult coho and wild adult Chinook. September 1 through October 31 the daily limit may contain no more than 2 adult Chinook, release wild coho, and selective gear rules. November 1 through November 30 the daily limit may contain no more than 2 adult Chinook or 2 adult wild coho or a combination of adult Chinook and adult wild coho.

Bonaparte Lake (Okanogan County): Trout: No more than one over twenty inches in length may be retained.

Bosworth Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Boulder Creek and tributaries (Okanogan County): Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten, no minimum size.

Boundary Creek (Clallam County): Closed waters.

Bowman Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Daily limit five.

Box Canyon Creek (Kittitas County), from mouth to waterfall approximately 2 miles upstream (including the portion flowing through the dry lakebed): Closed waters. From waterfall approximately 2 miles upstream of mouth to USFS Road #4930 Bridge: Selective gear rules.

Boxley Creek (North Bend) (King County), from its mouth to the falls located at approximately river mile 0.9: Closed waters.

Boyle Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. The inlet and outlet streams to Boyle Lake are closed waters.

Bradley Lake (Pierce County): Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply. May 15 through the last day of Free Fishing Weekend (as defined in WAC 220-56-160): Juveniles only.

Bridges Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. The inlet and outlet streams to Bridges Lake are closed waters.

Brookies Lake (Grant County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one fish.

Browns Creek (Pend Oreille County): Fly fishing only.

Browns Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fly fishing only. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. Trout: No more than one fish greater than 11 inches in length may be retained.

Buck Lake (Kitsap County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Buckskin Creek and tributaries (Yakima County), from mouth to the west boundary of Suntides Golf Course: Closed waters.

Bumping Lake (Reservoir) (Yakima County): Chumming permitted. Trout: Kokanee not counted in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily limit sixteen.

Bumping River (Yakima County):
From mouth to Bumping Reservoir: Lawful to fish to base of Bumping Dam. Selective gear rules June 1 through October 31. Whitefish: Additional December 1 through March 31 season. Whitefish gear rules apply.

Burbank Slough (Walla Walla County): Fishing from any floating device prohibited.

Burke Lake (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Burley Creek (Kitsap County): June 1 through ((~~last day in February~~)) October 31 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Butter Creek (Lewis County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length ten inches.

Buttermilk Creek, mouth to confluence of East and West Forks (Okanogan County): Closed waters.

Cady Lake (Mason County): Fly fishing only. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited. All species: Release all fish.

Cain Lake (Whatcom County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Calawah River (Clallam County), from mouth to forks: June 1 through April 30 season. December 1 through April 30, selective gear rules from Highway 101 to forks. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. November 1 through last day in February, daily limit three steelhead from mouth to Highway 101 Bridge. December 1 through April 30, mouth to Highway 101, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only July 1 through November 30 from mouth to Highway 101 Bridge. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon July 1 through August 31 and of which no more than 3 may be adult salmon September 1 through November 30. July 1 through August 31 release wild adult coho and wild adult Chinook. September 1 through October 31 the daily limit may contain no more than 2 adult Chinook, release wild coho, and selective gear rules. November 1 through November 30 the daily limit may contain no more than 2 adult Chinook or 2 adult wild coho or a combination of adult Chinook and adult wild coho.

Calawah River, South Fork (Clallam County) from mouth to Olympic National Park boundary: June 1 through last day in February season. December 1 through last day in February, selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Caldwell Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited. Trout: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches.

Caliche Lakes, Lower, Upper and West (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Calispell Creek (Calispell River) (Pend Oreille County):
From mouth to Calispell Lake: Year around season.
From Calispell Lake upstream to source: Selective gear rules.

Calispell Creek and tributaries: Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Once the daily limit of trout other than eastern brook trout has been achieved, the entire daily limit for trout other than eastern brook trout and eastern brook trout has been taken.

Calligan Lake (King County): June 1 through October 31 season. All tributary streams, and the upper third of the outlet are closed waters.

Camas Slough: Waters of the Columbia River downstream from the mouth of the Washougal River, north of Lady Island, and downstream of the Highway 14 Bridge at the upstream end of Lady Island. Season: Open when the adjacent mainstem Columbia or Washougal rivers are open to fishing for salmon. Daily limit same as most liberal regulation of either area.

Campbell Creek (Mason County): Closed waters.

Campbell Lake (Okanogan County): April 1 through August 31: Selective gear rules and all species: Release all fish.

Campbell Lake (Skagit County): Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Canyon Creek (Clark County): Trout: Daily limit five.

Canyon River (Mason County and Grays Harbor County): Closed waters.

Canyon Creek (S.F. Stillaguamish River) (Snohomish County), mouth to forks: June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Canyon Creek (Whatcom County): Closed waters: Mouth to Canyon Creek Road Bridge.

Capitol Lake (Thurston County), from its outlet to a point four hundred feet below the lowest Tumwater Falls (Deschutes River) fish ladder: Closed waters: Percival Cove, west of a set of markers on the western shoreline of the south basin of Capitol Lake. June 1 through March 31 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Trout: June 1 through July 31 daily limit five, minimum length eight inches. August 1 through March 31 daily limit two, minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only July 1 through November 30. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release coho.

Carbon River (Pierce County), from its mouth to Voight Creek: ((~~July~~)) September 1 through last day in February season.

((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction, night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule and single point barbless hooks August 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Voight Creek to Highway 162 Bridge: July 1 through August 15 and December 1 through last day in February season: Trout: Minimum length 14 inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30 mouth to Voight Creek. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 4 may be adult salmon and of these 4 fish no more than 2 may be adult hatchery Chinook. Release chum and wild adult Chinook salmon.

Carlisle Lake (Lewis County): Last Saturday in April through last day in February season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Carl's Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Carney Lake (Pierce County): Last Saturday in April through June 30 and September 1 through November 30 seasons. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Carson Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Cascade Lake (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Cascade Lake (San Juan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Cascade River (Skagit County):

From the mouth to the Rockport-Cascade Road Bridge: October 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule September 16 through November 30. Trout: Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout, minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of the trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches. Salmon: Open June 1 through July 8. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure.~~)) Antisnagging rule. Daily limit 2 hatchery Chinook. Open September 16 through November 30. Daily limit 4 coho salmon.

From the Rockport-Cascade Road Bridge upstream: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Trout: Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout, minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of the trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches.~~)) Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Cases Pond (Pacific County): Last Saturday in April through November 30 season. Juveniles only. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Cassidy Lake (Snohomish County): Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Castle Lake (Cowlitz County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one, minimum length sixteen inches.

Cattail Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Cavanaugh Lake (Skagit County): Chumming permitted.

Cedar Creek (tributary of N.F. Lewis) (Clark County), from mouth to 100 feet upstream of the falls: From the Grist Mill Bridge to 100 feet upstream of the falls: Closed waters. June 1 through March 15 season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Cedar Creek (Jefferson County): June 1 through last day in February season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Cedar Creek (Okanogan County), from mouth to Cedar Falls: Closed waters.

Cedar Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille County): Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Once the daily limit of trout other than eastern brook trout has been achieved, the entire daily limit for trout other than eastern brook trout and eastern brook trout has been taken.

Cedar Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Cedar River (King County), from mouth to Landsburg Road: June 1 through August 31 season. Selective gear rules ((~~and night closure~~)). ((~~All species~~)) Trout: Release all ((~~fish~~)) trout. Landsburg Road to Cedar Falls: Closed waters.

Cedar River (Pacific County): Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

Chain Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Release kokanee.

Chambers Creek (Pierce County): July 1 through November 15 season. ((~~Night closure and nonbuoyant lure restriction.~~)) Antisnagging rule.

Chambers Creek Estuary (downstream from markers 400 feet below the Boise-Cascade Dam to the Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge) (Pierce County): July 1 through November 15 season. ((~~Night closure and nonbuoyant lure restriction.~~)) Antisnagging rule. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only July 1 through November 15. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho.

Chambers Lake (within Ft. Lewis Military Reservation) (Pierce County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Release all trout.

Chaplain Lake (Snohomish County): Closed waters.

Chapman Lake (Spokane County): Last Saturday in April through

October 31 season. Chumming permitted. Trout: Kokanee not counted in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily limit ten.

Chehalis River (Grays Harbor County), from Highway 101 Bridge in Aberdeen to high bridge on Weyerhaeuser 1000 line (approximately 400 yards downstream from Roger Creek): June 1 through April 15 season. Single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only April 16 through July 31 from mouth to high bridge, October 1 through January 31 from mouth to Porter Bridge, and October 16 through last day in February from Porter Bridge to high bridge. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. October 1 through October 31, the daily limit may contain no more than one adult Chinook, release chum. November 1 through November 30, release adult Chinook, and chum. December 1 through January 31, mouth to Porter Bridge, the daily limit may contain no more than one wild adult coho, and release adult Chinook, and chum. December 1 through last day in February, Porter Bridge to High Bridge, release adult Chinook, wild adult coho, and chum. Sturgeon: Open year-round and no night closure from mouth to high bridge on Weyerhaeuser 1000 line.

From the High Bridge on Weyerhaeuser 1000 line upstream, including all forks and tributaries: June 1 through April 15 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Chehalis River, South Fork (Lewis County), from mouth to Highway Bridge at Boistfort School: June 1 through April 15 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Chehalis River Potholes (adjacent to the Chehalis River south of Highway 12 in Grays Harbor County, this does not include sloughs or beaver ponds): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Chelan Hatchery Creek (Chelan County): Closed waters.

Chelan Lake (Chelan County): Closed waters: Within 400 feet of all tributaries south of a line from Purple Point at Stehekin and Painted Rocks. Trout except kokanee and lake trout: Daily limit 5. Release wild cutthroat. Lake trout not counted in daily trout limit. Lake trout no minimum size, no daily limit. Kokanee not counted in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily limit 10, no minimum length. North of a line between Purple Point at Stehekin and Painted Rocks: April 1 through July 31: All species: Release all fish. Salmon: Open only May 1 through May 31 south of a line from Purple Point to Painted Rocks: Daily limit 1, minimum length 15 inches.

Chelan Lake Tributaries (Chelan County), from mouths upstream one mile except Stehekin River: August 1 through September 30 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Release wild cutthroat.

Chelan River (Chelan County): From the railroad bridge to the Chelan P.U.D. safety barrier below the power house: May 15 through August 31 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction.~~)) Antisnagging rule. Trout: Release all trout.

Chewuch River (Chewack River) (Okanogan County), from mouth to Eight Mile Creek: June 1 through August 15 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Upstream from Eight Mile Creek to Pasayten Wilderness boundary: Closed waters June 1 through October 31.

From mouth to Pasayten Wilderness boundary: Additional December 1 through March 31 season. Whitefish gear rules apply.

Chikamin Creek (Chelan County): Selective gear rules.

Chimacum Creek (Jefferson County):

From mouth to Ness's Corner Road: June 1 through August 31 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From Ness's Corner Road to headwaters: Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Chiwaukum Creek (Chelan County): Mouth to Fool Hen Creek: Closed waters.

Chiwawa River (Chelan County): Mouth to Buck Creek: Closed waters.

Chopaka Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fly fishing only. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. Trout: Daily limit one.

Cispus River (Lewis County), from mouth to North Fork: Trout: Release all cutthroat. Additional season November 1 through May 31((~~,~~)). Trout: Release all ((~~game fish other than steelhead~~)) trout except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open year around. Daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 fish may be adult salmon. Salmon minimum size 8 inches. Release wild coho at all times and release wild Chinook January 1 through July 31.

Cispus River, North Fork (Lewis County): Selective gear rules. Trout: No more than one over twelve inches in length. Release cutthroat.

Clallam River (Clallam County): June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Clara Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Clear Creek (Chelan County): Closed waters.

Clear Lake (Chelan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. From July 5 through October 31, selective gear rules and all species: Release all fish.

Clear Lake (Pierce County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Chumming permitted. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Clear Lake (Spokane County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Clear Lake (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through

October 31 season.

Clearwater River (Jefferson County):

From mouth to Snahapish River: June 1 through April 15 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. December 1 through April 15, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon.

From Snahapish River upstream: Trout, minimum length fourteen inches.

Clearwater River (Pierce County): July 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Cle Elum Lake (Reservoir) (Kittitas County): Trout except kokanee: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches. Kokanee not counted in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily limit sixteen, no minimum size. Lake trout (Mackinaw) not included in trout daily limit. Lake trout daily limit 5, no minimum size.

Cle Elum River (Kittitas County), from mouth to Cle Elum Dam: Lawful to fish to base of Cle Elum Dam. Year-round season. Selective gear rules, except December 1 through March 31 bait and one single point barbed hook three-sixteenths or smaller point to shank may be used. Trout: Release all trout. Above Cle Elum Lake to outlet of Hyas Lake except Tucquala Lake: Selective gear rules.

Cliff Lake (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Cloquallum Creek (Grays Harbor County):

From mouth to second bridge on Cloquallum Road: June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From mouth to Highway 8 Bridge: Additional March 1 through March 31 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Clough Creek (North Bend) (King County): Closed waters.

Coal Creek (Cowlitz County), from mouth to four hundred feet below falls: June 1 through August 31 and November 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Coal Creek (tributary of Lake Washington) (King County): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Coal Creek (near Snoqualmie) (King County), from mouth to Highway I-90: Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles only. Trout: No minimum length.

Coffee Pot Lake (Lincoln County): March 1 through September 30 season. Selective gear rules except internal combustion motors allowed. Trout: Daily limit one, minimum length eighteen inches. Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Coldwater Lake (Cowlitz County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one, minimum length sixteen inches.

Coldwater Lake inlet and outlet streams (Cowlitz County): Closed waters.

Collins Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Columbia Basin Hatchery Creek (Grant County): Hatchery outflow to confluence with mainstem Hatchery Creek: April 1 through September 30 season. Juveniles and holders of reduced fee disability licenses only. Trout: Daily limit three fish. Mainstem Hatchery Creek: April 1 through September 30 season. Juveniles and holders of reduced fee disability licenses only.

Columbia Park Pond (Benton County): Juveniles and holders of reduced fee disability licenses only. All species: Daily limit of five fish combined.

Columbia River, including impoundments and all connecting sloughs, except Wells Ponds: Year-round season unless otherwise provided. General species provisions (unless otherwise provided for in this section): Bass: Below Priest Rapids Dam: Daily limit five fish, bass 12 to 17 inches in length may be retained. Daily limit 5. Up to but not more than three of the daily limit may be over 15 inches. Trout: Daily limit two fish, minimum length 12 inches, except release all Dolly Varden/Bull Trout. ((~~Walleye: Daily limit five fish of which not more than one may be over 24 inches, minimum length 18 inches.~~)) Whitefish: Daily limit 15 fish. All other game fish: No daily limit, except release all grass carp.

In the Columbia River between Washington and Oregon, the license of either state is valid. Anglers must comply with the fishing regulations of the state in which they are fishing. This provision does not allow an angler licensed in Oregon to fish on the Washington shore, or in the sloughs or tributaries in Washington except Camas Slough, where the license of either state is valid when fishing from a floating device.

Anglers fishing the Columbia River are restricted to one daily limit, as defined by the laws of the state in which they are fishing, even if they are licensed by both states.

From a true north-south line through Buoy 10 to a line between Rocky Point in Washington to Tongue Point in Oregon: Trout: Release wild cutthroat. Release all trout April 1 through July 31. Walleye: No minimum size. Daily limit ten, of which no more than five may be greater than eighteen inches in length and one greater than twenty-four inches in length. Fishing from the north jetty is allowed during salmon season openings. Salmon: Open only August 1 through March 31. August 1 through September 30, daily limit 2 salmon. Release Chinook, chum, sockeye, wild coho, Chinook less than 24 inches in length, and coho less than 16 inches in length, except one Chinook may be retained August 22 through September 3. October 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon and not more than one of which may be an adult Chinook salmon. Release chum, sockeye, and wild coho. January 1 through March 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release chum, sockeye, wild coho and

wild Chinook. Fishing from the north jetty for salmon open during both Area 1 and Buoy 10 fishery openings with barbed hooks allowed and the daily limit is the more liberal if both areas are open. Sturgeon: Release sturgeon May 1 through May 12 and July 5 through December 31. Minimum size when open to retain sturgeon is 42 inches January 1 through April 30 and 45 inches May 13 through July 4. Bottomfish: Daily limits, seasons, size restrictions and gear restrictions are the same as those in the adjacent portion of Marine Area 1.

From the Rocky Point - Tongue Point line to the I-5 Bridge: Trout: Release wild cutthroat. Release all trout April 1 through May 15. Walleye: No minimum size. Daily limit ten, of which no more than five may be greater than eighteen inches in length and one greater than twenty-four inches in length. Salmon: Open only May 16 through March 31. May 16 through June 15 daily limit 6 hatchery jack Chinook. June 16 through June 30, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye. July 1 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye and adult Chinook. August 1 through March 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release chum, sockeye, and wild coho. August 1 through December 31 the daily limit may contain not more than 1 adult Chinook, except release Chinook September 5 through September 30 downstream of boundary marker on lower end of Bachelor Island/Warrior Rock Lighthouse. Release wild Chinook January 1 through March 31. Sturgeon: (1) Release sturgeon May 1 through May 12 and July 5 through December 31 downstream from the Wauna powerlines. Minimum size when open to retain sturgeon is 42 inches January 1 through April 30 and 45 inches May 13 through July 4; (2) I-5 Bridge downstream to Wauna powerlines, lawful to retain sturgeon only on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from January 1 through July 31, and October 1 through December 31. Release sturgeon on other days and during other time periods.

From the I-5 Bridge to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco: Closed waters: (1) From the upstream line of Bonneville Dam to boundary markers located six hundred feet below the fish ladder, and closed to fishing from a floating device or fishing by any method except hand-casted gear from shore from Bonneville Dam downstream to a line from the Hamilton Island boat ramp to an Oregon boundary marker on Robins Island. (2) Waters from the upstream side of the Interstate Bridge at The Dalles to upper line of The Dalles Dam except that bank fishing is permitted up to the downstream navigation lock wall on the Washington shore. (3) From John Day Dam downstream about three thousand feet except that bank fishing is permitted up to four hundred feet below the fishway entrance on the Washington shore. (4) From McNary Dam downstream to a line across the river from the red and white marker on the Oregon shore on a line that intersects the downstream end of the wing wall of the boat lock near the Washington shore. August 1 through October 15: ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule from Bonneville Dam to The Dalles Dam. Trout: Release wild cutthroat from I-5 Bridge to Bonneville Dam

and release all cutthroat in the waters of Drano Lake. Release all trout April 1 through June 15. Walleye: No minimum size. Daily limit ten, of which no more than five may be greater than eighteen inches in length and one greater than twenty-four inches in length. Snake River Confluence Protection Area: From the first powerline crossing the Columbia upstream of Sacajawea State Park to the railroad bridge between Burbank and Kennewick: All species: Daily limits, seasons, size restrictions and gear restrictions are the same as those in the adjacent portion of the Snake River. Sturgeon: (1) Sturgeon fishing is closed from Bonneville Dam to a line from a boundary marker on the Washington shore approximately 4,000 feet below the fish ladder to the downstream end of Cascade Island to an Oregon angling boundary on Bradford Island (the Cascade Island - Bradford Island line). (2) It is unlawful to fish for sturgeon from May 1 through July 31 from Cascade Island - Bradford Island line downstream to a line from navigation marker 85 on the Washington shore at a right angle to the thread of the river to the Oregon shore, from 400 feet below McNary Dam to the Highway 82 Bridge and from John Day Dam downstream to a line crossing the Columbia at a right angle to the thread of the river from the west end of the grain silo at Rufus, Oregon. (3) Cascade Island - Bradford Island line downstream to I-5 Bridge, lawful to retain sturgeon only on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from January 1 through July 31 and October 1 through December 31, except for May 1 - July 31 closure to the navigation marker 85 line and the closure to the Highway 82 Bridge. Release sturgeon on other days and during other time periods. (4) Release sturgeon August 1 through December 31 from the upstream line of Bonneville Dam and 400 feet below McNary Dam. (5) From the Hamilton Island boat launch (USACE boat restricted zone boundary) to Bonneville Dam, anglers must stop fishing for sturgeon once a daily limit has been retained. Salmon: From I-5 Bridge to Bonneville Dam: Open only June 16 through December 31 except closed November 1 through December 31 from Beacon Rock to Bonneville Dam. June 16 through June 30, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye. July 1 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release adult Chinook, and sockeye. August 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon and of the adult fish, only 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release wild coho, sockeye, and chum. From Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam: Open only June 16 through December 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which only 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye. August 1 through December 31, release chum. August 1 through December 31, release wild coho from Bonneville Dam to Hood River Bridge. From McNary Dam to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco: Open only June 16 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye.

From the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco to the old Hanford townsite (wooden towers) powerline crossing, in Sec. 30, T13N, R28E except Ringold Hatchery waters: Closed waters: Ringold Springs Creek (Hatchery Creek). Trout: Release all trout except hatchery

steelhead having both adipose and ventral fin clips October 1 through October 31. Release all trout except hatchery steelhead November 1 through March 31. Salmon: Open only June 16 through July 31 and August 16 through December 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye June 16 through July 31. Walleye: Daily limit 10 fish. No minimum size, no more than 5 fish over 18 inches in length. No more than 1 fish over 24 inches in length. Ringold Springs Rearing Facility waters (from WDFW markers 1/4 mile downstream from the Ringold wasteway outlet to WDFW markers 1/2 mile upstream from Spring Creek): Open only April 1 through April 15, except salmon, to fishing from the bank on the hatchery side of the river. Trout: Release all fish except hatchery steelhead. Salmon: Open only May 1 through May 31 to fishing from the bank on the hatchery side of the river. Daily limit two hatchery salmon. ((~~Night closure and nonbuoyant lure restriction.~~)) Antisnagging rule.

From the old Hanford townsite (wooden towers) powerline crossing in Sec. 30, T13N, R28E, to Vernita Bridge, (Highway 24): All species: February 1 through October 22 season. Trout: Release all trout. Walleye: Daily limit 10 fish. No minimum size, no more than 5 fish over 18 inches in length. No more than 1 fish over 24 inches in length. Salmon: Open only June 16 through July 31 and August 16 through October 22. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 fish may be adult salmon. Release sockeye June 16 through July 31.

From Vernita Bridge (Highway 24) to Priest Rapids Dam: Closed waters: (1) Priest Rapids Dam - waters between the upstream line of Priest Rapids Dam downstream to the boundary markers six hundred fifty feet below the fish ladders. (2) Jackson (Moran Creek or Priest Rapids Hatchery outlet) Creek - all waters of the Priest Rapids Hatchery system to the outlet on the Columbia River, extending to midstream Columbia between boundary markers located one hundred feet upstream and four hundred feet downstream of the mouth. Trout: Release all trout. Walleye: Daily limit 10 fish. No minimum size, no more than 5 fish over 18 inches in length. No more than 1 fish over 24 inches in length. Salmon: Open only June 16 through July 31 and August 16 through October 22. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye June 16 through July 31.

From Priest Rapids Dam to Chief Joseph Dam, including up to base of Washburn Pond outlet structure: Closed waters: (1) Wanapum Dam - waters between the upstream line of Wanapum Dam to the boundary markers seven hundred fifty feet downstream of the east fish ladder and five hundred feet downstream of the west fish ladder. (2) Rock Island Dam to boundary markers four hundred feet downstream of the fish ladders. (3) Rocky Reach Dam - waters between the upstream line of Rocky Reach Dam to boundary markers four hundred feet downstream of the fish ladders. (4) Wells Dam - waters between the upstream line of Wells Dam to boundary markers four hundred feet downstream of the spawning channel discharge (Chelan County) and fish ladder (Douglas County). (5) Chief Joseph Dam - closed to fishing from the Okanogan County shore between the

dam and the Highway 17 Bridge. Closed to fishing from a floating device from the boundary marker to the Corps of Engineers safety zone marker. Trout: Release all trout. All species: Antisnagging rule from Rocky Reach Dam to Turtle Rock. Salmon: Open only July 1 through October 15. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release coho and sockeye. From Wells Dam to Chief Joseph Dam, open only from Highway 173 Bridge at Brewster to Highway 17 Bridge at Bridgeport. Sturgeon: Release all sturgeon.

Above Chief Joseph Dam: See Lake Roosevelt and Rufus Woods Lake.

Colville River (Stevens County):

From mouth to bridge at Town of Valley: Year-round season. Trout: Daily limit five fish, not more than two of which may be brown trout October 1 through November 30. Walleye: Daily limit 8 fish. No minimum size. Not more than one walleye greater than 22 inches may be retained. Sturgeon: Unlawful to fish for or retain sturgeon. ((~~Small mouth bass: Small mouth bass do not count as part of the bass daily limit. Small mouth bass 12 to 17 inches in length may be retained. No minimum size. Daily limit 10 bass of which not more than 1 may be greater than 14 inches in length.~~))

From bridge at Valley upstream and tributaries: Selective gear rules.

Conconully Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Conconully Reservoir (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Conger Pond (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Connelly Creek and tributaries (Lewis County), from four hundred feet below the city of Morton Dam to its source: Closed waters.

Conner Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Cooper River (Kittitas County): Mouth to Cooper Lake: Selective gear rules.

Coot Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Copalis River (Grays Harbor County): June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through January 31 from mouth to Carlisle Bridge. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release adult Chinook.

Cottage Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Cottonwood Creek (Lincoln County): Year-round season.

Cottonwood Creek (Walla Walla County): Closed waters.

Cougar Creek (tributary to Yale Reservoir) (Cowlitz County): June 1 through August 31 season.

Cougar Lake (near Winthrop) (Okanogan County): September 1 through March 31 season.

Coulter Creek (Kitsap/Mason counties): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

County Line Ponds (Skagit County): Closed waters.

Coweeman River (Cowlitz County), from mouth to Mulholland Creek: June 1 through August 31 and November 1 through March 15 season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. From Mulholland Creek upstream: June 1 through August 31 season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Cowiche Creek (Yakima County): Selective gear rules.

Cowlitz Falls Reservoir (Lake Scanewa) (Lewis County): June 1 through last day in February season. The upstream boundary of the reservoir in the Cowlitz arm is the posted PUD sign on Peters Road. The upstream boundary of the reservoir in the Cispus arm is the posted markers at the Lewis County PUD kayak launch, approximately 1.5 miles upstream from the confluence of the Cowlitz and Cispus arms. Trout and salmon: Minimum length eight inches. Trout: Release cutthroat. Release rainbow trout except rainbow trout with a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the site of the clipped fin. Salmon: Daily limit 6 fish, of which not more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho. Release wild Chinook June 1 through July 31.

Cowlitz River (Lewis County):

From mouth to Mayfield Dam: Closed waters: (1) From 400 feet or posted markers below Cowlitz salmon hatchery barrier dam to boundary markers near the Cowlitz salmon hatchery water intake approximately 1,700 feet upstream of the Cowlitz salmon hatchery barrier dam((~~, and~~)). (2) From 400 feet below the Mayfield powerhouse upstream to Mayfield Dam. (3) Within a 100 foot radius of the new Cowlitz Trout Hatchery outfall structure except anglers who permanently use a wheelchair may fish within posted markers when adjacent waters are open. Year-round season except closed to fishing from south bank May 1 through June 15 from Mill Creek to the Cowlitz salmon hatchery barrier dam. Lawful to fish up to four hundred feet or the posted deadline at the Cowlitz salmon hatchery barrier dam. Lawful to fish up to Tacoma Power safety signs at Onion Rock below Mossyrock Dam. Lawful to fish up to Lewis County P.U.D. safety signs below Cowlitz Falls Dam. From the Cowlitz salmon hatchery barrier dam downstream to a line from the mouth of Mill Creek to a boundary marker on the opposite shore, it is unlawful to fish from any floating device. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule April 1 through October 31 from mouth of Mill Creek to the Cowlitz salmon hatchery barrier dam. All game fish: Release all fish except steelhead

April 1 through May 31. Trout: Daily limit five, minimum length twelve inches, no more than two over twenty inches. Release wild cutthroat. Release all steelhead missing right ventral fin. Salmon: Open year-round. January 1 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release all salmon except hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho. August 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult Chinook. Release all salmon except Chinook and hatchery coho. Mill Creek to Blue Creek - release all Chinook October 1 through December 31. Highway 4 Bridge in Kelso downstream, release Chinook September 5 through September 30. Sturgeon: Seasons, days of the week, daily limits, and size limits same as in adjacent waters of mainstem Columbia River.

From posted PUD sign on Peters Road to mouth of Ohanepecosh River and mouth of Muddy Fork: Trout: Release cutthroat. Additional November 1 through May 31 season. Trout: Release all ((~~fish~~)) trout except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open year-round from upstream boundary of Lake Scanewa. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Salmon minimum size 12 inches. Release wild coho. Release wild Chinook January 1 through July 31.

Cowlitz River, Clear and Muddy Forks (Lewis County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Release cutthroat.

Coyote Creek and Ponds (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Crab Creek (Adams/Grant counties):

From Highway 26 to Morgan Lake Road in Section 36: April 1 through September 30 season.

From Morgan Lake Road in Section 36 to O'Sullivan Dam (including Marsh Unit I and II impoundments): Closed waters.

Crab Creek (Lincoln/Grant counties) and tributaries: Year-round season. In those waters from Grant County Road 7 to the fountain buoy and shoreline markers or 150 feet downstream of the Alder Street fill March 1 through May 31 terminal gear restricted to one single hook measuring 3/4 inch or less point to shank. Year-round: Daily limits and size limits same as Moses Lake. From Moses Lake downstream to the confluence of the outlet streams March 1 through May 31 terminal gear restricted to one single-point hook measuring 3/4 inch or less point to shank. Year-round: Daily limits and size limits same as Potholes Reservoir.

Crabapple Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Cranberry Creek (Mason County), mouth to Lake Limerick: Closed waters.

Crawfish Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine prohibited.

Crescent Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April

through October 31 season.

Crescent Lake (Pierce County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Crocker Lake (Jefferson County): Closed waters.

Crystal Lake (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Cup Lake (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Curl Lake (Columbia County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Curley Creek (Kitsap County): June 1 through ((~~last day in February~~)) October 31 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

((~~Cushman Reservoir (Mason County): Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.~~))

Dakota Creek (Whatcom County): Salmon: Open only October 1 through December 31 from mouth to Giles Road Bridge. Daily limit 2 salmon.

Dalton Lake (Franklin County): Trout: No more than two over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Damon Lake (Grays Harbor County): June 1 through October 31 season.

Davis Lake (Ferry County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Davis Lake (Lewis County): Last Saturday in April to last day in February season.

Davis Lake (Okanogan County): April 1 through August 31: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Davis Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Dayton Pond (Columbia County): Juveniles only. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Deadman Lake (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season.

De Coursey Pond (Pierce County): Last Saturday in April through November 30 season. Juveniles only. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Deep Creek (Clallam County): December 1 through last day in February season. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Deep Creek (tributary to Bumping Lake) (Yakima County): Mouth to second bridge crossing on USFS Rd. 1808 (approximately 3.7 miles from junction of USFS Rds. 1800 and 1808): Closed waters.

Deep Lake (Grant County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Deep Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Deep Lake (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Deep River (Wahkiakum County): Year-round season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open year-round only from mouth to town bridge. January 1 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild Chinook and wild coho. August 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 4 may be adult salmon, and of the adult salmon, no more than 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum and wild coho. Sturgeon: Seasons, days of the week, daily limits, and size limits same as in adjacent waters of mainstem Columbia River.

Deer Creek (Mason County): Closed waters.

Deer Creek and Little Deer Creek (tributaries to North Fork Stillaguamish) (Skagit County): Closed waters.

Deer Lake (Columbia County): March 1 through October 31 season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Deer Lake (Island County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Deer (Deer Springs) Lake (Lincoln County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Deer Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Deer Lake (Stevens County): March 1 through October 31 season. Trout: No more than two over thirty inches in length may be retained. ((~~Small mouth bass: Small mouth bass are not included as part of the bass daily limit. No minimum size. Small mouth bass 12 to 17 inches in length may be retained. Daily limit 10 small mouth bass, not more than one of which may be greater than 14 inches in length.~~))

De Roux Creek (Yakima County): Mouth to the USFS Trail #1392 (De Roux Cr. Trail) stream crossing (approximately one river mile): Closed waters. Upstream of USFS Trail #1392 stream crossing: Selective gear rules.

Deschutes River (Thurston County): Closed waters: From 400 feet below lowest Tumwater Falls fish ladder to Old Highway 99 Bridge. From old U.S. Highway 99 Bridge near Tumwater to Henderson Boulevard Bridge near Pioneer Park: June 1 through March 31 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only July 1 through November

30. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release coho.

From Henderson Boulevard Bridge upstream: Year-round season. Selective gear rules. All game fish: Release all fish except hatchery steelhead. Salmon: Open only July 1 through November 30. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release coho.

Devereaux Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Devil's Lake (Jefferson County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Dewatto River (Mason County): Selective gear rules. Game fish: Release all fish. Salmon: Open only September 16 through October 31 mouth to Dewatto-Holly Road Bridge. Daily limit two coho. Release all salmon other than coho.

Diamond Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Dickey River (Clallam County): June 1 through April 30 season in mainstem Dickey outside Olympic National Park and East Fork Dickey upstream to D5200 road and June 1 through March 15 in East Fork Dickey upstream from D5200 road and West Fork Dickey. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. December 1 through April 30, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only July 1 through November 30 from mouth to East Fork Dickey. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon July 1 through August 31 and of which no more than 3 may be adult salmon September 1 through November 30. July 1 through August 31 release wild adult coho and wild adult Chinook. September 1 through October 31 the daily limit may contain no more than 2 adult Chinook, release wild coho, and selective gear rules. November 1 through November 30 the daily limit may contain no more than 2 adult Chinook or 2 adult wild coho or a combination of adult Chinook and adult wild coho.

Dillacort Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Release all trout.

Dog Lake (Yakima County): Trout: Daily limit may contain not more than 1 fish over 14 inches in length.

Dosewallips River (Jefferson County), from mouth to Olympic National Park boundary about three-quarters mile downstream of falls: June 1 through August 31 season mouth to park boundary and November 1 through December 15 season mouth to Highway 101 Bridge. Selective gear rules June 1 through August 31. All species: Release all fish except salmon may be retained November 1 through December 15. Salmon: Open only November 1 through December 15 from mouth to Highway 101 Bridge. Daily limit 2 chum salmon.

Dot Lake (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Downs Lake (Lincoln/Spokane counties): ((~~Last Saturday in April~~)) March 1 through September 30 season. Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Dry Creek (Walla Walla County): Upstream from the middle Waitsburg Road: Closed waters.

Dry Falls Lake (Grant County): April 1 through November 30 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Duck Lake (Grays Harbor County): Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Duckabush River (Jefferson County), from mouth to the Olympic National Park Boundary: June 1 through August 31 season mouth to park boundary and November 1 through December 15 season mouth to Mason County P.U.D. No. 1 overhead electrical distribution line. Selective gear rules June 1 through August 31. All species: Release all fish except salmon may be retained November 1 through December 15. Salmon: Open only November 1 through December 15 from mouth to Mason County P.U.D. No. 1 overhead electrical distribution line. Daily limit 2 chum salmon.

Dungeness River (Clallam County):

From mouth to junction of Gray Wolf and Dungeness rivers: October 16 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 16 through December 31 from mouth to the hatchery intake pipe at river mile 11.3. Daily limit 4 coho salmon.

From junction of Gray Wolf River upstream to Gold Creek - Closed waters.

From junction of Gold Creek upstream to headwaters: Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Dusty Lake (Grant County): March 1 through November 30 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one fish.

Early Winters Creek (Okanogan County): Closed waters.

East Little Walla Walla River (Walla Walla County): Closed waters.

East Twin River (Clallam County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Easton Lake (Kittitas County): Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31 season. Trout: Daily limit five fish of which no more than 2 may be trout other than Eastern brook trout. Minimum length 8 inches.

Ebey Lake (Little Lake) (Snohomish County): Fly fishing only. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. Trout: Daily limit one, minimum length eighteen inches.

Echo Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Eightmile Lake (Chelan County): Trout: Daily limit five, not more than two mackinaw may be retained.

Elbow Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Elk River (Grays Harbor County), from the Highway 105 Bridge

upstream: June 1 through last day in February season. Single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30 downstream of the confluence of the east and middle branches. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 1 through November 30 from Highway 105 Bridge to the confluence of the East and Middle Branches. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release adult Chinook, and chum.

Ell Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Ellen Lake (Ferry County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. All species: Catch and release except up to five rainbow trout may be retained.

Elochoman River (Wahkiakum County): Closed waters: Waters from 100 feet above the upper hatchery rack downstream to the Elochoman Hatchery Bridge located 400 feet below the upper hatchery rack; waters from a point 50 feet above to 100 feet below the outlet pipes from the most downstream Elochoman Hatchery rearing pond and extending 30 feet out from the south bank of the river; waters between the department of fish and wildlife temporary rack downstream to Foster (Risk) Road Bridge while rack is installed in the river; mainstem waters from the confluence of the west fork to source.

From mouth to West Fork: June 1 through March 15 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule September 1 through October 31. Stationary gear restriction September 1 through October 31. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31. September 1 through October 15, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 4 may be adult salmon, and of the adult fish, no more than 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum and wild coho. October 1 through October 15 release Chinook upstream of Highway 4 Bridge. October 16 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release chum and wild coho. Release Chinook upstream of Highway 4 Bridge.

Eloika Lake (Spokane County): Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Elwha River (Clallam County): Closed waters: From south spillway on Aldwell Dam downstream two hundred feet.

From mouth to two hundred feet below the south spillway on the Aldwell Dam: October 1 through last day in February season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 1 through November 15. Daily limit 6 coho salmon of which no more than 4 may be adult coho salmon.

From Lake Aldwell upstream to Olympic National Park boundary, including all tributaries except Indian Creek: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches.

Empire Lake (Ferry County): Last Saturday in April through October

31 season.

Enchantment Park Ponds (Chelan County): Juveniles only.

Entiat River (Chelan County), from mouth to Entiat Falls: December 1 through March 31 season. Whitefish gear rules apply. Above Entiat Falls: Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit 5 trout, not more than one of which may be greater than 12 inches in length. Eastern brook trout not included in trout daily limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Once the daily limit of trout other than eastern brook trout has been achieved, the entire daily limit for trout other than eastern brook trout and eastern brook trout has been taken.

Ephrata Lake (Grant County): Closed waters.

Erie Lake (Skagit County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Failor Lake (Grays Harbor County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Trout: No more than two over 15 inches in length may be retained per day.

Fan Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited.

Fazon Lake (Whatcom County): Fishing from any floating device prohibited from first Friday in October through January 15. Channel catfish: Daily and possession limit two.

Fio Rito Lakes (Kittitas County): Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited.

Fish Lake (Chelan County): Trout: No more than two over fifteen inches in length may be retained.

Fish Lake (Ferry County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Fish Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Fish Lake (Spokane County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited.

Fisher Slough (Snohomish County):

From mouth to Highway 530 Bridge: Year-round season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Upstream from Highway 530 Bridge: Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Fishhook Pond (Walla Walla County): March 1 through October 31 season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Fishtrap Creek (Whatcom County): From Koh Road to Bender Road: June 1 through October 31 season. Juveniles only.

Fishtrap Lake (Lincoln/Spokane counties): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Forde Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Fort Borst Park Pond (Lewis County): Last Saturday in April through last day in February season. Juveniles only.

Fortson Mill Pond # 2 (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles only.

Fourth of July Lake (Adams/Lincoln counties): December 1 through March 31 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited. Trout: No more than two over fourteen inches in length may be retained.

Franz Lake (Skamania County): Closed waters.

Frater Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Frenchman Hills Lake (Grant County): February 1 through September 30 season.

Gadwall Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Garfield Juvenile Pond (Whitman County): Juveniles only.

George Lake (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Geneva Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Germany Creek (Cowlitz County), from mouth to end of Germany Creek Road (approximately five miles): June 1 through August 31 and November 1 through March 15 season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Gibbs Lake (Jefferson County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Release all trout.

Gillette Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Gissberg Pond, North (Snohomish County): Juveniles only.

Gissberg Ponds (Snohomish County): Channel catfish: Daily limit 2, no minimum size.

Goat Creek (Okanogan County): Closed waters.

Gobar Creek (tributary to Kalama River) (Cowlitz County): June 1 through March 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Gold Creek, Gold Creek Pond and Outlet Channel (tributary to Keechelus Lake) (Kittitas County): Closed waters.

Gold Creek (Okanogan County): From mouth to confluence north fork Gold Creek: Closed waters.

Goldsborough Creek (Mason County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen

inches.

Golf Course Pond (Asotin County): Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Goodman Creek (Jefferson County) outside Olympic National Park: June 1 through last day in February season. Trout, minimum length fourteen inches. ((~~December 1 through last day in February, one wild steelhead per day may be retained.~~))

Goodwin Lake (Snohomish County): Chumming permitted.

Goose Creek (Lincoln County), within the city limits of Wilbur: Year around season. Juveniles and holders of disability licenses only.

Goose Lake, Lower (Adams County): Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches. Bluegill: Not more than five over six inches in length.

Gorst Creek (Kitsap County): Closed waters: From lower bridge on the old Belfair Highway upstream to source (including tributaries). From mouth upstream to lower bridge: Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Gosnell Creek and tributaries (tributary to Lake Isabella) (Mason County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Goss Lake (Island County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Grande Ronde River (Asotin County):

From mouth to County Road Bridge about two and one-half miles upstream: Year-round season. Selective gear rules September 1 through May 31. Trout: Minimum length ten inches, maximum length twenty inches. Bass: Fish twelve to seventeen inches in length may be retained. Up to but not more than 3 bass over fifteen inches in length may be retained. Daily limit five. Channel catfish: No daily limit.

From County Road Bridge upstream to Oregon state line and all tributaries: June 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules, June 1 through August 31 and barbless hooks required September 1 through October 31. Additional season November 1 through April 15: Barbless hooks required. All tributaries: Closed waters. All species: Release all fish except whitefish and hatchery steelhead. Trout: Daily limit three hatchery steelhead.

Granite Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille County): Closed waters.

Granite Lakes (near Marblemount) (Skagit County): Grayling: Release all grayling.

Grass Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Gray Wolf River (Clallam County): From junction with Dungeness River to bridge at river mile 1.0 - Closed waters.

From bridge at river mile 1.0 upstream - selective gear rules.

Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Grays River (Wahkiakum County), from mouth to Highway 4 Bridge: September 1 through October 15 and November 15 through March 15 season; and from Highway 4 Bridge to mouth of South Fork: September 1 through October 15 and December 15 through March 15 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction, night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule and stationary gear restriction September 1 through October 15. All game fish: Release all fish except hatchery steelhead. Salmon: Open only September 1 through October 15 from mouth to South Fork. Daily limit 6 hatchery coho of which no more than four may be adult coho. Release all salmon except hatchery coho.

Grays River, East Fork (Wahkiakum County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Grays River, West Fork (Wahkiakum County), downstream from hatchery intake footbridge: June 1 - August 31 season. Trout: Additional December 15 through March 15 season downstream from hatchery intake footbridge. Release all fish other than hatchery steelhead. Salmon: Additional September 1 through October 15 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction, night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule and stationary gear restriction. Daily limit 6 hatchery coho of which not more than 4 may be adult coho. Release all salmon except hatchery coho.

Green Lake (Okanogan County): April 1 through November 30: Selective gear rules, and all species: Release all fish.

Green Lake (Lower) (Okanogan County): April 1 through November 30: Selective gear rules, and all species: Release all fish.

Green River (Cowlitz County): Closed waters: All tributaries.

From mouth to 2800 Bridge: June 1 through November 30 season except closed from 400 feet above to 400 feet below the water intake at the upper end of the hatchery grounds during the period September 1 through November 30 and from 400 feet or posted signs above and below the salmon hatchery rack when the rack is installed in the river. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule September 1 through October 31 from mouth to 400 feet below salmon hatchery rack. ((~~All species: When nonbuoyant lure restriction in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.~~)) Trout: Release all trout except hatchery steelhead. Salmon: Open August 1 through November 30. Daily limit 6 fish of which not more than four may be adult salmon, and of the adult salmon only 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum and wild coho. Release Chinook October 1 through November 30.

From 2800 Bridge to source: Closed waters.

Green (Duwamish) River (King County):

From the First Avenue South Bridge to the northbound Interstate 5 bridge: June 1 through July 31 and September 1 through February 15 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule September 1 through November 30.

Fishing from any floating device prohibited November 1 through February 15. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. July 1 through July 31 and September 1 through November 30, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 3 may be adult salmon and only 1 may be a Chinook.

From the northbound Interstate 5 bridge to SW 43rd Street/South 180th Street Bridge: June 1 through July 31 and September 16 through February 15 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule September 16 through November 30. Fishing from any floating device prohibited November 1 through February 15. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. July 1 through July 31 and September 16 through November 30, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only September 16 through December 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 3 may be adult salmon. Release Chinook.

From the SW 43rd Street/South 180th Street Bridge to South 277th Street Bridge in Auburn: Open only June 1 through July 31 and October 1 through February 15. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule October 1 through November 30. Fishing from any floating device prohibited November 1 through February 15. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. July 1 through July 31 and October 1 through November 30, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only October 1 through December 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which not more than 3 may be adult salmon. Release Chinook.

From the 277th Street Bridge to Auburn-Black Diamond Road Bridge: Open only June 1 through August 15 and October 16 through last day in February. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule October 16 through November 30. Fishing from a floating device prohibited November 1 through last day in February. Trout, minimum length fourteen inches. July 1 through August 15 and October 16 through November 30, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only October 16 through December 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 3 may be adult salmon. Release Chinook.

From the Auburn-Black Diamond Road Bridge to the Tacoma Headworks Dam: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Closed waters: Within 150 feet of the Palmer Pond outlet rack and within 150 feet of the mouth of Keta Creek. Trout: Minimum length 14 inches. July 1 through November 30, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only November 1 through December 31. Daily limit 2 chum.

Greenwater River (King County), from mouth to Greenwater Lakes: July 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length 14 inches.

Grimes Lake (Douglas County): June 1 through August 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Grizzly Lake (Skamania County): Closed waters.

Halfmoon Lake (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Halfmoon Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Hamilton Creek (Skamania County): Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. All tributaries downstream from the Highway 14 Bridge: Closed waters.

Hamma Hamma River (Mason County):

From mouth to four hundred feet below falls: June 1 through August 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Hammersley Inlet Freshwater Tributaries (Mason County), except Mill Creek: Closed waters.

Hampton Lakes, Lower and Upper (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited.

Hancock Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. All tributary streams and the upper third of the outlet are closed waters.

Harvey Creek (tributary to Sullivan Lake) (Pend Oreille County):

From mouth to Bridge 4830 on county road (about one and one-half miles): Closed waters.

From Bridge 4830 upstream: Selective gear rules.

Harvey Creek (tributary to Stillaguamish River) (Snohomish County): Closed waters.

Hatch Lake (Stevens County): December 1 through March 31 season. <u>All species: Catch and release except up to five rainbow trout may be retained.</u>

Hatchery Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Haven Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Hawk Creek and tributaries (Lincoln County): Year-round season.

Hays Creek and Ponds (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Headgate Pond (Asotin County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles, seniors and holders of disability licenses only.

Heart Lake (near Anacortes) (Skagit County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Heins Lake (Kitsap County): Closed waters.

Hemlock Lake (Trout Creek Reservoir) (Skamania County): Closed waters.

Hen Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Heritage Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Herman Lake (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Hicks Lake (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Hog Canyon Creek (Spokane County): Hog Canyon Dam to Scroggie Road: Year-round season.

Hog Canyon Lake (Spokane County): December 1 through March 31 season. Trout: No more than two over fourteen inches in length may be retained.

Hoh River (Jefferson County), outside of Olympic National Park: May 15 through April ((~~15~~)) 30 season. May 15 through May 31, open Wednesday through Sunday downstream from Willoughby Creek only. Willoughby Creek upstream to park boundary closed through May 31. Selective gear rules June 1 through October 15 from Willoughby Creek to Morgan's Crossing Boat Launch, June 1 through November 30 from Morgan's Crossing Boat Launch to the mouth of south fork, and December 1 through April ((~~15~~)) 30 from DNR Oxbow Campground Boat Launch to mouth of south fork. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Catch and release during May, except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained on open days. November 1 through February 15, daily limit three steelhead downstream from the Oxbow Campground Boat Launch. December 1 through April ((~~15~~)) 30, downstream of DNR Oxbow Campground Boat Launch, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only May 16 through November 30 downstream of Willoughby Creek and October 16 through November 30 Willoughby Creek to Morgan's Crossing Boat Launch. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon except May 15 through August 31 downstream of Willoughby Creek open Wednesday through Sunday only of each week and daily limit may contain no more than one adult salmon.

Hoh River South Fork (Jefferson County), outside Olympic National Park: June 1 through April ((~~15~~)) 30 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Hoko River (Clallam County): From mouth to upper Hoko Bridge: Fly fishing only September 1 through October 31. Additional November 1 through March 15 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. December 1 through March 15, one wild steelhead per day may be retained.

From upper Hoko Bridge to Ellis Creek Bridge (river mile 18.5): June 1 through March 31 season. Fly fishing only. All species: Release all fish except that up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

Homestead Lake (Grant County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one fish.

Hoquiam River, including all forks (Grays Harbor County): June 1 through ((~~March 31~~)) last day of February season. Single point

barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. ((~~Selective gear rules and all species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day, from March 1 through March 31.~~)) Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 1 through November 30 from mouth to bridge on Dekay Road on mainstem and East Fork mouth to mouth of Berryman Creek. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon, except release adult Chinook, and chum.

Horseshoe Lake (Clark/Cowlitz counties): Trout: No more than 2 trout 20 inches or greater in length may be retained. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Horseshoe Lake (Jefferson County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit 1.

Horseshoe Lake (Kitsap County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Horseshoe Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Trout except kokanee: Daily limit five. Kokanee not counted in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily limit ten.

Horsethief Lake (Klickitat County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Hourglass Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Howard Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Howell Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Hozomeen Lake (Whatcom County): July 1 through October 31 season.

Huff Lake (Pend Oreille County): Closed waters.

Humptulips River (Grays Harbor County), from mouth to Highway 101 Bridge: June 1 through March 31 season except closed September 1 through October 15 mouth to Highway 101 Bridge. Night closure and single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open October 16 through January 31. Daily limit of 6 salmon, not more than two of which may be adult salmon. October 16 through November 30 the daily limit may contain no more than one adult Chinook and one wild adult coho. Release chum. December 1 through January 31 release adult Chinook, wild adult coho, and chum. From Highway 101 Bridge to forks: June 1 through last day in February season. Night closure and single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. <u>Additional season March 1 through March 31. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.</u>

Humptulips River, East Fork (Grays Harbor County), from mouth to concrete bridge on Forest Service Road between Humptulips Guard

Station and Grisdale: ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 16 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Humptulips River, West Fork (Grays Harbor County), from mouth to Donkey Creek: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 16 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Additional season March 1 through March 31. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Hutchinson Lake (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine prohibited.

I-82 Ponds, 1 through 7 (Yakima County): Fishing from vessels equipped with internal combustion motors prohibited.

Icehouse Lake (Skamania County): Trout: No more than 2 trout 20 inches or greater in length may be retained.

Icicle River (Creek) (Chelan County):

From mouth to four hundred feet below Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery rack: Closed waters. From Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery rack upstream to Leland Creek: Selective gear rules.

Indian Creek (tributary to Elwha River) (Clallam County), from mouth upstream to first Highway 101 crossing: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches.

Indian Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille County): Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Once the daily limit of trout other than eastern brook trout has been achieved, the entire daily limit for trout other than eastern brook trout and eastern brook trout has been taken.

Indian Creek (Yakima County): From mouth to waterfall approximately ((~~5 and three-quarters~~)) six miles upstream (including the portion of the creek that flows through the dry lakebed): Closed waters. Upstream of waterfall: Eastern brook trout do not count as part of trout daily limit. Eastern brook trout: No minimum size and no daily limit.

Indian Heaven Wilderness Lakes (Skamania County): Trout: Daily limit three.

Ingall's Creek (Chelan County): Mouth to Wilderness boundary: Closed waters.

Issaquah Creek (King County): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Jackson Lake (Pierce County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Jameson Lake (Douglas County): Last Saturday in April through July 4 and October 1 through October 31 seasons.

Jasmine Creek (Okanogan County): Year-round season. Juveniles only.

Jefferson Park Pond (Walla Walla County): Juveniles only. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Jennings Park Pond (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles only.

Jewitt Creek (Klickitat County): Juveniles only. Trout: Daily limit five, no minimum length.

Jimmy-Come-Lately Creek (Clallam County): June 1 through August 31 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Joe Creek (Grays Harbor County): Upstream from State Highway 109 Bridge to Ocean Beach Road Bridge: June 1 through November 30 season. Single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release adult Chinook, and chum.

Johns Creek (Mason County): Closed waters.

Johns River (Grays Harbor County): Mouth to Ballon Creek: June 1 through last day in February season. Single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 1 through November 30. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release adult Chinook, and chum.

Ballon Creek upstream, including North and South Forks: June 1 through September 30 and December 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length 14 inches.

Johnson Creek (tributary to Cowlitz River) (Lewis County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length ten inches.

Johnson Creek (Whatcom County), from Northern Pacific Railroad tracks to the Lawson Street footbridge in Sumas: Juveniles only.

Jump-Off Joe Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Kachess Lake (Reservoir) (Kittitas County): Chumming permitted. Trout except kokanee: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches. Kokanee not counted in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily limit sixteen.

Kachess River (Kittitas County): Lawful to fish to base of Kachess Dam. Selective gear rules. From Kachess Lake (Reservoir) upstream to waterfall approximately one-half mile above Mineral Creek: Closed waters.

Kalaloch Creek (Jefferson County), outside Olympic National Park: Closed waters: Those waters within the section posted as the Olympic National Park water supply June 1 through last day in February season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Kalama River (Cowlitz County): Release wild cutthroat.

From mouth upstream to one thousand feet below fishway at upper salmon hatchery: Year-round season except during the period the temporary fish rack is installed. Waters from Modrow Bridge downstream to one thousand five hundred feet below the rack are closed waters when the rack is installed. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction, night closure, and~~)) Antisnagging rule April 1 through October 31 from the mouth to the natural gas pipeline at Mahaffey's Campground and April 1 through August 31 from the pipeline to the posted deadline at the intake to the lower salmon hatchery. Stationary gear restriction September 1 through October 31 from mouth to the ((~~rack. All species: When nonbuoyant lure restriction in effect only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.~~)) natural gas pipeline at Mahaffey's Campground. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited upstream of Modrow Bridge. September 1 through October 31: Fly fishing only from the pipeline crossing to the posted deadline at the intake to the lower salmon hatchery. ((~~Trout~~)) All game fish: Release all ((~~trout~~)) fish year-round except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open year-round. January 1 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild Chinook and wild coho. August 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 4 may be adult salmon, and of the adult salmon only 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum and wild coho. October 1 through December 31 release Chinook upstream from natural gas pipeline crossing.

From one thousand feet below to one thousand feet above the fishway at upper salmon hatchery: Closed waters.

From one thousand feet above the fishway at the upper salmon hatchery to Summers Creek: Year-round season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

From Summers Creek upstream to the 6420 Road at about one mile above the gate at the end of the county road: June 1 through March 31 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. Fly fishing only. All species: Release all fish.

From 6420 Road to Kalama Falls: Closed waters.

Kalispell Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules.

Keechelus Lake (Reservoir) (Kittitas County): Chumming permitted. Trout except kokanee: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches, additionally up to sixteen kokanee may be retained.

Kelsey Creek (tributary of Lake Washington) (King County): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Kennedy Creek (Thurston County), from mouth to four hundred feet below falls: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule October 1 through December 31. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 1 through November 30 from mouth to northbound Highway 101 Bridge. Barbless hooks required.

Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho.

Kennedy Creek Pond (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Kettle River (Stevens County):

June 1 through October 31 season. All species: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length 12 inches. Sturgeon: Unlawful to fish for or retain sturgeon.

Additional season: November 1 through May 31. Whitefish gear rules apply.

Ki Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Kidney Lake (Skamania County): Last Saturday in April through last day in February season.

Kimball Creek (near Snoqualmie) (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles only. Trout: No minimum length.

Kings Lake and tributaries (Pend Oreille County): Closed waters.

Kings Lake Bog (King County): Closed waters.

Kiwanis Pond (Kittitas County): Juveniles and holders of disability licenses only.

Klaus Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Closed waters: The inlet and outlet to first Weyerhaeuser spur.

Klickitat River (Klickitat County):

From mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: April 1 through January 31 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule May 1 through May 31. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through January 31 except night fishing allowed. Game fish: Closed December 1 through January 31. Release game fish other than steelhead April 1 through May 31. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches. Steelhead and salmon: April 1 through May 31 Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays only, daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead or 1 salmon. Release wild Chinook. Salmon: June 1 through January 31 daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild Chinook June 1 through July 31.

From Fisher Hill Bridge to four hundred feet above # 5 fishway: Closed waters.

From four hundred feet above # 5 fishway to the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary: June 1 through November 30 season, except waters from boundary markers above Klickitat salmon hatchery to boundary markers below hatchery are closed waters. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches. Salmon: Open only June 1 through November 30 from 400 feet above No. 5 Fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon Hatchery. June 1 through July 31: Daily limit 6 salmon. Release adult salmon and release wild Chinook. August 1

through November 30: Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release Chinook November 1 through November 30. Additional December 1 through March 31 season. Whitefish gear rules apply.

From the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary upstream to source, including all tributaries: Closed waters.

Klineline Ponds (Clark County): Trout: No more than 2 trout 20 inches in length or greater may be retained.

Koeneman Lake (Fern Lake) (Kitsap County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Kress Lake (Cowlitz County): Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout 20 inches in length or greater may be retained. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Lacamas Creek (Clark County): Lawful to fish upstream to the base of Lacamas Lake Dam.

Lacamas Creek, tributary of Cowlitz River (Lewis County): June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Lake Creek (Okanogan County): Mouth to Black Lake: Closed waters. Black Lake to Three Prong Creek: ((~~Selective gear rules.~~)) Closed waters.

Langlois Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Latah (Hangman) Creek (Spokane County): Year-round season.

Leader Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Le Clerc Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille County): Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Once the daily limit of trout other than eastern brook trout has been achieved, the entire daily limit for trout other than eastern brook trout and eastern brook trout has been taken.

Ledbetter Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Ledking Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Leech Lake (White Pass area) (Yakima County): Fly fishing only. Fishing prohibited from floating devices equipped with motors. Trout: No more than one over 14 inches in length.

Lemna Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Lenice Lake (Grant County): March 1 through November 30 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Lena Lake, Lower (Jefferson County): Closed waters: Inlet stream from mouth upstream to footbridge (about one hundred feet).

Lenore Lake (Grant County): Closed waters: Area within two hundred yard radius of trash rack leading to the irrigation pumping station (south end of lake) and area approximately one hundred yards beyond the mouth of inlet stream to State Highway 17. March 1 through May 31 season: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish. Additional season June 1 through November 30: Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Leo Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Lewis River (Clark County), from mouth to forks: Year-round season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open year-round. January 1 through July 31, daily limit six fish of which not more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye, wild Chinook, and wild coho. August 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 4 may be adult salmon, and of the adult salmon only 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum, sockeye, and wild coho. September 5 through September 30 release Chinook. Sturgeon: Seasons, days of the week, daily limits, and size limits same as in adjacent waters of mainstem Columbia River.

Lewis River, East Fork (Clark/Skamania counties): Closed waters: From the posted markers at the lower end of Big Eddy to one hundred feet above Lucia Falls; from four hundred feet below to four hundred feet above Molton Falls; from four hundred feet below Horseshoe Falls upstream including all tributaries above Horseshoe Falls.

Mouth to 400 feet below Horseshoe Falls: June 1 through March 15 season. Trout: Release all trout except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Mouth to top boat ramp at Lewisville Park: Additional April 16 through May 31 season. Selective gear rules. Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Lewis River, North Fork (Clark/Skamania counties):

From mouth to Colvin Creek: Year-round season except those waters shoreward of the cable buoy and corkline at the mouth of the Lewis River Salmon Hatchery fish ladder are closed waters. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule April 1 through November 30 from Johnson Creek to Colvin Creek. ((~~When nonbuoyant lure restriction is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.~~)) Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open year-round. January 1 through July 31, daily limit six fish of which not more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye, wild Chinook and wild coho. August 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 4 may be adult salmon, and of the adult salmon only 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum, sockeye, and wild coho. September 5 through September 30 release Chinook downstream of the I-5 bridge. Sturgeon: Seasons, days of

the week, daily limits, and size limits same as in waters of mainstem Columbia River adjacent to mouth of Lewis River.

From mouth of Colvin Creek to overhead powerlines at Merwin Dam: May 1 through September 30 and December 16 through April 30 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule April 1 through September 30. ((~~When nonbuoyant lure restriction is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.~~)) Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open only January 1 through September 30 and December 16 through December 30. January 1 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye, wild Chinook and wild coho. August 1 through September 30 and December 16 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 4 may be adult salmon, and of the adult salmon only 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum and wild coho. Release sockeye August 1 through September 30. Sturgeon: Seasons, days of the week, daily limits, and size limits same as in waters of mainstem Columbia River adjacent to mouth of Lewis River.

From overhead powerlines at Merwin Dam to Merwin Dam: Closed waters.

From the cable crossing 1,300 feet below Yale Dam to Yale Dam: Closed waters.

Within Lewis River Power Canal: From the fishing pier to the access road at Swift Dam: Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fishing from a floating device prohibited. Trout: No minimum size, daily limit 5.

From Eagle Cliff Bridge to lower falls including all tributaries: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Liberty Lake (Spokane County): ((~~Last Saturday in April~~)) March 1 through September 30 season.

Lilliwaup River (Mason County): Mouth to 200 feet below falls: June 1 through August 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Lilly Lake (Chelan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. July 5 through October 31, selective gear rules, and all species: Release all fish.

Limerick Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Lincoln Pond (Clallam County): Juveniles only.

Lions Park Pond (Walla Walla County): Juveniles only. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Little Ash Lake (Skamania County): Trout: No more than 2 trout 20 inches in length or greater may be retained.

Little Bear Creek (tributary of Sammamish River) (Snohomish/King counties): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Little Hoko River (Clallam County): Selective gear rules. All

species: Release all fish.

Little Klickitat River (Klickitat County), within Goldendale city limits: Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles only. Trout: Daily limit five, no minimum length.

Little Lost Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Little Naches River (Yakima County): Selective gear rules.

Little Nisqually River (Lewis County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length ten inches.

Little Pend Oreille River (Stevens County) from the Little Pend Oreille wildlife refuge boundary about 1 mile downstream from the refuge headquarters office to Crystal Falls: Selective gear rules, and all species: Release all fish except up to five Eastern brook trout may be retained.

Little Quilcene River (Jefferson County), from mouth to the Little Quilcene River Bridge on Penny Creek Road, June 1 through ((~~last day in February~~)) October 31 season. All species: Selective gear rules and release all fish. Closed waters: Mouth to Highway 101 Bridge September 1 through October 31. ((~~Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.~~))

Little Spokane River (Spokane County):

From mouth to SR 291 Bridge: Year-round season.

From SR 291 Bridge upstream to the West Branch: Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Additional December 1 through March 31 season. Whitefish gear rules apply.

Upstream from bridge at Frideger Road: Closed waters: From the inlet to Chain Lake upstream one-quarter mile to the railroad crossing culvert. Trout: Release kokanee taken upstream from bridge.

Little Twin Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April ((~~1~~)) through ((~~November 30:~~)) October 31 season. Selective gear rules ((~~and all species: Release all fish~~)). Trout: Daily limit one.

Little Twin Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31.

Little Wenatchee River (Chelan County): From Lake Wenatchee to the falls below U.S. Forest Service Road 6700 Bridge at Riverside Campground: Closed waters.

Little White Salmon River (Skamania County): Closed waters: From the orange fishing boundary markers at Drano Lake upstream to the intake near the Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery north boundary. Trout: Daily limit five. Drano Lake (waters downstream of markers on point of land downstream and across from Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery): May 1 through March 31 season, except for hatchery steelhead and Chinook season in April, and except closed Wednesdays beginning the second Wednesday in April through May 31 and from 6 p.m. Tuesday through 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 1 through October 31. ((~~Night closure and nonbuoyant lure~~

~~restriction~~)) Antisnagging rule May 1 through June 30. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through December 31 except night fishing allowed. March 16 through June 30 daily limit of two fish, of which one or both may be hatchery steelhead or one or both may be Chinook salmon. Release wild Chinook. Trout and salmon: May 1 through June 30 release all fish except hatchery steelhead and Chinook salmon. Trout: July 1 through March 15 release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open only August 1 through December 31. Daily limit six fish of which no more than two may be adult salmon. Release wild coho.

Lone Lake (Island County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one, minimum length 18 inches.

Long Lake (Ferry County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fly fishing only. Unlawful to fish from floating devices equipped with motors.

Long Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

((~~Long Lake (Spokane River Reservoir) (Spokane County): Bass: Release all bass May 1 through June 30.~~))

Long Lake (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Long's Pond (Thurston County): Juveniles only.

Loomis Lake (Pacific County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Loomis Pond (Grays Harbor County): Closed waters.

Loon Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Trout except kokanee: Daily limit five, except no more than two over twenty inches in length may be retained. Kokanee not counted in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily limit ten.

Lost Lake (Kittitas County): Trout: Not more than 1 fish over 14 inches in length.

Lost Lake (Okanogan County): Unlawful to fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine.

Lost River (Okanogan County):

From mouth to mouth of Monument Creek: Closed waters.

From mouth of Monument Creek to outlet of Cougar Lake: Selective gear rules. Trout: Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit. Dolly Varden/Bull Trout daily limit two, minimum length fourteen inches.

Love Lake (Clark County): Closed waters.

Lucky Duck Pond (Stevens County): Juveniles only.

Ludlow Lake (Jefferson County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Lyle Lake (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Lyre River (Clallam County):

From mouth to falls near river mile 3: June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From falls to source: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Mad River (Chelan County), from mouth upstream to Jimmy Creek: Closed waters.

Maggie Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through November 30 season. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Margaret Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Marshal Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Martha Lake (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Martha Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Mashel River (Pierce County): July 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. ((~~Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.~~)) All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Mattoon Lake (Kittitas County): Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine prohibited.

May Creek (tributary of Lake Washington) (King County): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Mayfield Lake (Reservoir) (Lewis County): Mayfield Dam to 400 feet below Mossyrock Dam: Closed waters: Tacoma Power safety signs at Onion Rock Bridge to Mossyrock Dam. Trout and salmon: Minimum length eight inches. Trout: Release cutthroat. Release rainbow trout except rainbow trout with a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the site of the clipped fin. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho.

McAllister Creek (Thurston County): ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only July 1 through November 30 from mouth to Olympia - Steilacoom Road Bridge. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon.

McCabe Pond (Kittitas County): Fishing from any floating device prohibited. All species: Five fish daily limit for all species combined.

McDonald Creek (Clallam County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

McDowell Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fly fishing only. Fishing from a floating

device equipped with a motor prohibited. All species: Release all fish.

McIntosh Lake (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

McLane Creek (Thurston County), from a line 50 feet north of and parallel to the Mud Bay Road Bridge to a line 100 feet upstream and parallel to the south bridge on Highway 101: June 1 through November 30 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Game fish: Release game fish November 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches upstream from the south bridge. Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho.

From a line 100 feet upstream and parallel to the south bridge on Highway 101 upstream: ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restrictions and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through October 31. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

McLane Creek Ponds (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

McManaman Lake (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season.

McMurray Lake (Skagit County): Last Saturday in April through October 31. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Medical Lake (Spokane County): ((~~Last Saturday in April~~)) March 1 through ((~~September 30~~)) October 31 season. Selective gear rules except fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. Trout: Daily limit two, minimum length fourteen inches.

Medical Lake, West (Spokane County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Melaney Creek (Mason County): Closed waters.

Melbourne Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Mercer Creek (Kittitas County), that portion within Ellensburg city limits: Juveniles only. Trout: Daily limit five, no minimum length.

Mercer Slough (tributary of Lake Washington) (King County): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Merrill Lake (Cowlitz County): Fly fishing only. Unlawful to fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine. Trout: Daily limit two, maximum length twelve inches.

Merritt Lake (Chelan County): Trout: Daily limit sixteen.

Merry Lake (Grant County): March 1 through November 30 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Merwin Lake (Reservoir) (Clark/Cowlitz County): Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Methow River (Okanogan County):

Mouth to County Road 1535 (Burma Road) Bridge: Closed waters June 1 through October 31. County Road 1535 (Burma Road) Bridge to Foghorn Dam: June 1 through September 30 season: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish. Foghorn Dam to Weeman Bridge: June 1 through August 15 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish. Upstream from Weeman Bridge to the falls above Brush Creek: Closed waters June 1 through October 31. Additional season Gold Creek to falls above Brush Creek: December 1 through March 31. Whitefish gear rules apply.

Methow River tributaries not otherwise provided for: Selective gear rules. Trout: Maximum length twenty inches.

Middle Nemah Pond (Pacific County): June 1 through October 31 season.

Mill Creek (Chelan County): Closed waters.

Mill Creek (Cowlitz County): June 1 through August 31 and November 1 through March 15 seasons. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Mill Creek (Lewis County): Additional season December 1 through December 31, mouth to hatchery road crossing culvert. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure.~~)) Antisnagging rule. All species: Release all fish except that up to two hatchery steelhead with intact ventral fins may be retained per day.

Mill Creek (Mason County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Mill Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille County): Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Once the daily limit of trout other than eastern brook trout has been achieved, the entire daily limit for trout other than eastern brook trout and eastern brook trout has been taken.

Mill Creek (Walla Walla County):

From mouth to Gose St. Bridge: June 1 through ((~~April 15~~)) March 31 season. All species: Barbless hooks required and release all fish except hatchery steelhead September 1 through ((~~April 15~~)) March 31. Trout: Daily limit three hatchery steelhead.

From Gose St. Bridge to Roosevelt St. Bridge, within city limits of Walla Walla: Closed waters.

From Roosevelt St. Bridge upstream, including all tributaries: All tributaries: Closed waters. Selective gear rules. Trout: Maximum length twenty inches.

Mill Creek Pond (Grays Harbor County): Juveniles only.

Mill Pond (Auburn) (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles and holders of a senior license only.

Mill Pond (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through

October 31 season.

Mineral Creek (tributary to upper Kachess River) (Kittitas County), from mouth to Wilderness Boundary: Closed waters.

Mineral Creek (tributary to Nisqually River), and Mineral Creek, North Fork (Lewis County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches.

Mineral Lake (Lewis County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Minter Creek (Pierce/Kitsap counties): Closed waters: Area from department intake dam downstream to mouth June 1 through October 31. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only November 1 through December 31 from mouth to 50 feet downstream of the hatchery rack. Daily limit 4 chum.

Mirror Lake (Grant County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Mission Lake (Kitsap County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Moclips River (Grays Harbor County), from mouth to the Quinault Indian Reservation: June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Molson Lake (Okanogan County): Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine prohibited.

Monte Christo Lake (Snohomish County): June 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules.

Mooses Pond (Pacific County): June 1 through October 31 season.

Moran Slough (including inlet and outlet streams) (Grant County): Closed waters.

Morgan Lake (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Morse Creek (Clallam County), from mouth to Port Angeles Dam: December 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Moses Lake (Grant County): Crappie: Daily limit ten, only crappie more than nine inches in length may be retained. Bluegill: Daily limit five, only bluegill more than eight inches in length may be retained. ((~~Small mouth bass: Small mouth bass are not included as part of the bass daily limit. No minimum size. Small mouth bass 12 to 17 inches in length may be retained. Daily limit 10 small mouth bass, not more than one of which may be greater than 14 inches in length.~~)) Walleye: Daily limit 8 walleye. Minimum length twelve inches. No more than one walleye over 22 inches in length may be retained. Yellow perch: Daily limit 25 yellow perch.

Mosquito Creek (Jefferson County), outside Olympic National Park: June 1 through last day in February season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Mountain Lake (San Juan County): Trout: Daily limit may not contain more than one trout over 18 inches in length.

Muck Creek and tributaries (within Ft. Lewis Military Reservation) (Pierce County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Release all trout.

Mud Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Mud Lake (Yakima County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Mudget Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Munn Lake (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Additional season March 1 through the last Friday in April. All species: Selective gear rules and release all fish.

Muskegon Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit two.

Murray Creek (Pierce County): Closed waters.

Myron Lake (Yakima County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Mystic Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Naches River (Yakima/Kittitas counties):

From the mouth to Little Naches River: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches, maximum length twenty inches. Release trout June 1 through October 31 from confluence with Tieton River to mouth of Rattle Snake Creek. Additional December 1 through March 31 season. Whitefish gear rules apply.

Naneum Creek (Kittitas County): Selective gear rules.

Naneum Pond (Kittitas County): Juveniles only.

Napeequa River (Chelan County): Mouth to Twin Lakes Creek: Closed waters.

Naselle River (Pacific/Wahkiakum counties), from Highway 101 Bridge upstream including all forks: Closed waters: Area from four hundred feet below falls in Sec. 6, T10N, R8W (Wahkiakum County) to falls. Waters from the North Valley Road Bridge (Big Hill Bridge) to Highway 4 closed August 16 through October 15.

Mainstem: June 1 through April 15 season, except sturgeon. Single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30 upstream from Highway 4 Bridge to Crown Main Line (Salme) Bridge. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 16 through November 30 downstream from North Fork. Stationary gear restrictions above mouth of South Fork August 16 through November 30. Selective gear rules March 1 through April 15 above mouth of South Fork. All game fish: Release all fish except

up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only August 1 through January 31 from Highway 101 Bridge to Highway 4 Bridge and October 16 through January 31 from the Highway 4 Bridge to the Crown Main Line Bridge. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 3 may be adult salmon and of these 3 adult fish no more than 1 may be a wild adult coho and not more than 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum.

Sturgeon: Open year-round from mouth to Highway 4 Bridge.

From mouth of North Fork to source: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

South Fork, from mouth to Bean Creek: June 1 through last day in February season, except sturgeon. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 16 through November 30. Game fish: Release game fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Sturgeon: Open year-round.

Nason Creek (Chelan County): From the mouth upstream to Smith Brook: Closed waters.

From Smith Brook to Stevens Creek: Selective gear rules.

Negro Creek (Lincoln County): Year-round season from mouth at Sprague Lake to the fish barrier dam at Fishtrap Lake.

Negro Creek (Whitman County): Last Saturday in April through July 15 season.

Nemah River, North, Middle, and South: June 1 through March 31 season, except closed August 1 through September 30 on North Nemah from Highway 101 Bridge upstream to Nemah Hatchery. Single point barbless hooks required on North Nemah upstream to the lower bridge on dead end lower Nemah Road October 1 through November 30, on Middle Nemah upstream to the Department of Natural Resources Bridge on Middle Nemah A-line Road August 16 through November 30, and on South Nemah upstream to confluence with Middle Nemah August 16 through November 30. Selective gear rules on Middle Nemah above DNR Bridge and South Nemah above confluence with Middle Nemah. Night closure August 16 through November 30 on South Nemah to the confluence with Middle Nemah and Middle Nemah and October 1 through November 30 on North Nemah. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) Antisnagging rule on North Nemah upstream from bridge on dead end lower Nemah Road and the Middle Nemah from the DNR Bridge on A-line Road upstream August 16 through November 30. On the North Nemah from the mouth to the lower bridge on dead end lower Nemah Road, stationary gear restriction during the period August 16 through November 30. All game fish: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only August 1 through January 31 on Middle Nemah from mouth to DNR Bridge and South Nemah from mouth to confluence with Middle Nemah and October 1 through January 31 on North Nemah from mouth to the lower bridge on dead end Lower Nemah Road. Middle and South Nemah: Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon and of the two adult fish no more than one may be a wild adult coho.

Release chum. North Nemah: Daily limit 6 salmon of which not more than 3 may be adult salmon and of the adult fish no more than one may be a wild adult coho and no more than two may be adult Chinook. Release chum.

Newhalem Ponds (Whatcom County): Closed waters.

Newaukum River, main river and South Fork upstream to Highway 508 Bridge near Kearny Creek (Lewis County): June 1 through March 31 season. Night closure and single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30 from mouth to Leonard Road. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches mouth to Highway 508 Bridge near Kearny Creek. Salmon: Open only October 16 through last day in February from mouth to Leonard Road. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release adult Chinook, and chum. December 1 through last day in February release wild adult coho.

Newaukum River, Middle Fork, mouth to Taucher Road Bridge (Lewis County): June 1 to March 31 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Newaukum River, North Fork (Lewis County):

From mouth to four hundred feet below Chehalis city water intake: June 1 through March 31 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From 400 feet below Chehalis city water intake upstream: Closed waters.

Niawiakum River (Pacific County): From Highway 101 Bridge to the South Bend/Palix Road Bridge: Night closure and single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. All game fish: Release all fish. Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30 from Highway 101 Bridge to South Bend/Palix Road Bridge. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon and of the adult fish not more than one may be a wild adult coho. Release adult Chinook, and chum.

Nile Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Nisqually River (Pierce County), from mouth to Military Tank Crossing Bridge: July 1 through January 31 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. All species: Release all species except salmon December 1 through January 31. Salmon: Open only July 1 through January 31 from mouth to Military Tank Crossing Bridge. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild adult Chinook.

From Military Tank Crossing Bridge to four hundred feet below LaGrande Falls: July 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. ((~~Nonbouyant lure restriction and night closure August 1 through October 31. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.~~)) All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Selective gear rules.

Nooksack River (Whatcom County), from mouth to forks, Middle Fork to Dam and North Fork to Nooksack Falls: June 1 through last day in February season except closed June 1 through September 30 in mainstem from yellow marker at the FFA High School barn at Deming to confluence of the North and South Forks. Fishing from floating devices equipped with motors prohibited on the North and Middle Forks November 1 through last day in February. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30 on mainstem and North Fork to Maple Creek. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31 in mainstem from Lummi Indian Reservation boundary to yellow marker at the FFA High School barn in Deming. Open only October 16 through December 31 in mainstem from the FFA barn to the confluence of the North and South Forks, and October 1 through October 31 on the North Fork from confluence to Maple Creek. Daily limit 2 salmon, except release pink and wild coho, release wild Chinook from mouth to FFA barn, and release Chinook from FFA barn to forks and in North Fork.

Nooksack River, South Fork (Skagit/Whatcom counties): From mouth to Skookum Creek: June 1 through last day in February season except closed July 1 through October 15 from Saxon Road Bridge to mouth of Skookum Creek. Selective gear rules. Night closure August 1 through October 31. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 16 through December 31. Daily limit 2 salmon, except release Chinook, pink, and wild coho.

From Skookum Creek upstream: Closed waters.

No Name Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

North Creek (Okanogan County): From mouth to falls at river mile 0.8: ((~~Selective gear rules.~~)) Closed waters.

North Creek (tributary of Sammamish River) (Snohomish/King counties): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

North Elton Ponds (Yakima County): December 1 through March 31 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine prohibited. Trout: Daily limit two.

North Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

North Potholes Reserve Ponds (Grant County): February 1 through the day before opening of waterfowl season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited, except float tubes permitted.

North River (Grays Harbor/Pacific counties), from Highway 105 Bridge upstream to Falls River: June 1 through last day in February season, except sturgeon. Night closure August 16 through November 30. Single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30 upstream to Salmon Creek. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) Antisnagging rule from Salmon Creek to Falls River August 16 through November 30. All game fish: Release all fish except that up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30 from Highway 105 Bridge to Salmon Creek. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon and of the adult fish not more than one may be a wild adult coho. Release adult Chinook, and chum. Sturgeon: Open year-round from Highway 105 Bridge to Salmon Creek.

Upstream from Falls River: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

Northern State Hospital Pond (Skagit County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles only.

Northwestern Reservoir (Klickitat/Skamania counties): Last Saturday in April through last day in February season.

Nunnally Lake (Grant County): March 1 through November 30 season. Closed waters: Outlet stream of Nunnally Lake. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one.

Oakland Bay freshwater tributaries (Mason County), except Goldsborough Creek (including Shelton Creek, Canyon Creek, Uncle John Creek, Campbell Creek, Melaney Creek, Deer Creek, John's Creek, and Cranberry Creek to Lake Limerick): Closed waters.

Ohanapecosh Creek (tributary to Cowlitz River) (Lewis/Pierce counties): Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches.

Ohop Lake (Pierce County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Okanogan River (Okanogan County):

From the mouth to the highway bridge at Malott: Year-round season. Trout: Release all trout. Upstream from the highway bridge at Malott: June 1 through August 31 season. Trout: Release all trout. Salmon: Open only July 1 through October 15 from mouth to Highway 97 Bridge immediately upstream of mouth. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release coho and sockeye. <u>All species: Antisnagging rule July 1 through October 15.</u>

Closed waters: From Zosel Dam downstream to first Highway 97 Bridge.

Old Fishing Hole Pond (Kent) (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles only.

Old Mill Stream (Chelan County): Closed waters.

Olequa Creek (Lewis County): June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Osborne Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Outlet Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Daily limit five.

Owens Pond (Pacific County): June 1 through October 31 season.

Packwood Lake (Lewis County): Closed waters: All inlet streams and outlet from log boom to dam. Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit five, minimum length ten inches.

Padden Lake (Whatcom County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited.

Palix River, including all forks (Pacific County): June 1 through March 31 season, except sturgeon. Single point barbless hooks and night closure August 16 through November 30 upstream to the confluence of the South and Middle Forks. All game fish: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Above the confluence of the South and Middle Forks: Selective gear rules. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 16 through November 30. All game fish: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30 from the Highway 101 Bridge to the confluence of the South and Middle Forks. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon and of the adult salmon not more than one may be a wild adult coho. Release adult Chinook, and chum. Sturgeon: Open year-round from the Highway 101 Bridge to the confluence of the South and Middle Forks.

Palouse River and tributaries, except Rock Creek (Whitman County): Year-round season. Mainstem from mouth to base of Palouse Falls. Trout: Daily limit 6 fish, minimum length 10 inches, no more than 3 trout over 20 inches may be retained, except release all trout April 1 through June 15 and release steelhead June 16 through August 31. Barbless hooks required when fishing for steelhead. Bass: Fish 12 to 15 inches in length may be retained, but not more than 3 bass over 15 inches in length may be retained. Daily limit 5. Walleye: Daily limit 10 fish, no minimum size. No more than 5 walleye over 18 inches in length may be retained, and no more than 1 walleye over 24 inches in length may be retained. Channel catfish: No daily limit.

Palouse River mainstem above Palouse Falls and tributaries except Rock Creek: Year-round season.

Pampa Pond (Whitman County): March 1 through September 30 season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: No more than two over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Panhandle Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Panther Creek (Chelan County): Closed waters.

Panther Creek (tributary to Wind River) (Skamania County): Closed waters.

Panther Lake (Kitsap/Mason counties): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Para-Juvenile Lake (Adams/Grant counties): April 1 through September 30 season. Juveniles only.

Park Lake (Grant County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Parker Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Pass Lake (Skagit County): Fly fishing only. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. All species: Release all fish.

Pataha Creek (Garfield County):
Within the city limits of Pomeroy: Juveniles only.
From city limits of Pomeroy upstream: Selective gear rules.

((~~Patterson Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.~~))

Pattison Lake (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Peabody Creek (Clallam County): Juveniles only.

Pearrygin Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Pend Oreille River (Pend Oreille County): Year-round season. All sloughs within the boundaries of the Kalispell Reservation except Calispell Slough: Closed waters.

Perch Lake (Grant County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Percival Creek (Thurston County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Peshastin Creek (Chelan County): Mouth to Ruby Creek: Closed waters.

Petit Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited.

Phalon Lake (Stevens County): Closed waters.

Pheasant Lake (Jefferson County): Last Saturday in April to October 31 season.

Phelps Creek (Chelan County): From mouth to falls at river mile 1: Selective gear rules.

Philippa Creek (tributary to N.F. Snoqualmie River) (King County): Closed waters.

Phillips Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Phillips Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Pilchuck Creek (Snohomish County), mouth to Highway 9 Bridge: June 1 through November 30 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Additional December 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Pilchuck River (Snohomish County)

From its mouth to five hundred feet downstream from the Snohomish City diversion dam: December 1 through last day in February season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From 500 feet below diversion dam upstream: Closed waters.

Pillar Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Pine Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Pine Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Ping Pond (Grant County): Third Saturday in April through Labor Day season. Juveniles and holders of reduced fee disability licenses only. Game fish: Daily limit of five fish in the aggregate. No minimum or maximum size for any species.

Pioneer Ponds (tributary to Stillaguamish River) (Snohomish County): Closed waters.

Pipers (Carkeek) Creek (King County), from its mouth to its source, including tributaries: Closed waters.

Pit Lake (Douglas County): Juveniles only.

Pleasant Lake (Clallam County): Trout: Kokanee minimum length eight inches, maximum length twenty inches.

Plummer Lake (Lewis County): Last Saturday in April through last day in February season.

Poacher Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Portage Creek (tributary to Stillaguamish River) (Snohomish County): Closed waters.

Potholes Reservoir (Grant County): Crappie: Minimum length nine inches. Crappie and bluegill: Combined daily limit twenty-five fish. Perch: Daily limit twenty-five fish. ((~~Small mouth bass: Small mouth bass are not included as part of the bass daily limit. No minimum size. Small mouth bass 12 to 17 inches in length may be retained. Daily limit 10 small mouth bass, not more than 1 of which may be greater than 14 inches in length.~~)) Walleye: Minimum size 12 inches in length. Daily limit 8 walleye, not more than 1 of which may be greater than 22 inches in length.

Potter's Pond (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Pratt River (tributary to Middle Fork Snoqualmie) (King County): Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Prices Lake (Mason County): ((~~Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.~~)) Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Promised Land Pond (Grays Harbor County): June 1 through October 31 season.

Purdy Creek (Mason County): June 1 through July 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Puyallup River (Pierce County):

From mouth to the Electron power plant outlet: July 1 through last day in February season. Single point barbless hooks, ((~~nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30 from the mouth to the Carbon River. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31 from mouth to Carbon River. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon, plus 2 additional adult pink salmon. Release wild adult Chinook.

From Electron power plant outlet upstream: July 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Pysht River (Clallam County): June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. December 1 through last day in February, one wild steelhead per day may be retained.

Pysht River South Fork (Clallam County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Quail Lake (Adams County): Fly fishing only. Fishing from any floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. All species: Release all fish.

Quarry Pond (Walla Walla County): Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Quigg Lake (Grays Harbor County): June 1 through April 15 season. Trout: Daily limit 2. Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 1 through January 31. Daily limit 6 hatchery coho salmon of which no more than 4 may be adult hatchery coho.

Quillayute River (Clallam County): Open year-round outside of Olympic National Park only. May 1 through May 31 release all game fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. November 1 through last day in February, daily limit three steelhead. December 1 through April 30, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only February 1 through November 30. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon February 1 through August 31 and 3 may be adult salmon September 1 through November 30. September 1 through October 31 the daily limit may contain no more than 2 adult Chinook, release wild coho, and selective gear rules. November 1 through November 30 the 3 adult salmon may contain no more than 2 adult Chinook or 2 adult wild coho or 1 adult Chinook

and 1 adult wild coho. February 1 through August 31 release wild adult coho and wild adult Chinook.

Quinault River, Upper (Jefferson County), from mouth at upper end of Quinault Lake to the National Park boundary: June 1 through April 15 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. December 1 through April 15, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only July 1 through October 31. Daily limit 6 fish except release adult salmon.

Quincy Lake (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Radar Ponds (Pacific County): Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Raging River (King County), from its mouth to the Highway 18 Bridge: June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Railroad Pond (Franklin County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit two.

Rainbow Lake (Columbia County): March 1 through October 31 season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Rapjohn Lake (Pierce County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Rat Lake (Okanogan County): April 1 through November 30: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Rattlesnake Creek (Yakima County): Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Rattlesnake Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules.

Ravensdale Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches.

Reflection Pond (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Renner Lake (Ferry County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Riffe Lake (Reservoir) (Lewis County): Mossyrock Dam to 400 feet below Cowlitz Falls Dam. Closed waters: Lewis County PUD safety signs approximately 800 feet below Cowlitz Falls Dam to Dam. Lawful to fish up to the base of Swofford Pond Dam. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Rigley Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches.

Riley Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Rimrock Lake (Reservoir) (Yakima County): Chumming permitted. Trout except kokanee: Daily limit five. Kokanee not counted in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily limit sixteen.

Ringold Springs Creek (Hatchery Creek) (Franklin County): Closed waters.

Robbins Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Rock Creek (Adams/Whitman counties): Mouth to Endicott Road year-round season.

Endicott Road to bridge on George Knott Road at Revere: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Upstream from bridge on George Knott Road: Year-round season.

Rock Creek (Chelan County): Selective gear rules.

Rock Creek (Cedar River tributary below Landsburg Dam) (King County): Closed waters.

Rock Creek (Klickitat County): Mouth to the Army Corps of Engineers Park: Year-round season. Daily limits, size restrictions and gear restrictions are the same as those in the adjacent portion of the Columbia River.

Rock Creek (Skamania County): Mouth to falls: June 1 through March 15 season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Above falls, additional November 1 through March 15 season.

Rocky Ford Creek and Ponds (Grant County): Fly fishing only. Fishing from bank only (no wading). All species: Release all fish.

Rocky Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. June 1 through October 31 selective gear rules and all species: Release all fish.

Roesiger Lake (Snohomish County): Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Roosevelt Lake (Ferry/Lincoln/Stevens counties): All species: Closed waters: (1) March 1 through May 31 from the Coulee Dam National Recreation Area boundary downstream of Onion Creek to the Canadian border; (2) January 1 through May 31 in San Poil arm upstream from outlet of French Johns Lake((~~,~~)); and (3) April 1 through May 31 in Kettle arm upstream to Barstow Bridge. Trout except kokanee: Daily limit five. No more than two over twenty inches in length. Kokanee daily limit two. Walleye: No minimum size. Daily limit 8 fish not more than one of which may be longer than 22 inches. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply. Sturgeon: Unlawful to fish for or retain sturgeon from Roosevelt Lake and tributaries. Carp: Unlawful to fish for carp with bow and arrow. ((~~Small mouth bass: Small mouth bass do not count as part of the bass daily limit. Fish between 12 and 17 inches in length may be retained. No minimum size. Daily limit 10 bass, no more than one~~

~~bass over 14 inches in length may be retained.~~))

Rose Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Ross Lake (Reservoir) (Whatcom County): July 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules, except fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor allowed. Trout: Daily limit three, possession limit six, minimum length thirteen inches.

Ross Lake tributary streams (Whatcom County), except Big Beaver Creek and Ruby Creek: Closed waters: From closed water markers near mouth upstream for one mile. Above closed water marker in tributaries not listed as closed: July 1 through October 31 season.

Round Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Rowland Lakes (Klickitat County): Last Saturday in April through last day in February season.

Royal Lake (Adams County): Closed waters.

Royal Slough (including Marsh Unit IV impoundments) (Adams County): Closed waters.

Ruby Creek (tributary to Ross Lake) (Whatcom County): Closed waters.

Ruby Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille County): Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Once the daily limit of trout other than eastern brook trout has been achieved, the entire daily limit for trout other than eastern brook trout and eastern brook trout has been taken.

Rufus Woods Lake (Douglas County): Chumming allowed. Trout: Daily limit two. Kokanee not included in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily limit 2. Sturgeon: Unlawful to fish for or retain sturgeon from Rufus Woods Lake and tributaries.

Sacheen Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Saddle Mountain Lake (Grant County): Closed waters.

Sago Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Salmon Creek (Clark County), from mouth to 72nd Avenue N.E.: June 1 through March 15 season. Trout: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Salmon Creek, including all forks (Jefferson County): Closed waters.

Salmon Creek, mainstem (Okanogan County): Closed waters.

Salmon Creek, North Fork and West Fork from mouth to South Fork (Okanogan County): Selective gear rules.

Salmon Creek (tributary of Naselle River) (Pacific County): June 1 through last day in February season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

Salmon River (Jefferson County) outside of Olympic National Park and Quinault Indian Reservation: June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Hatchery steelhead in this river are steelhead with a dorsal fin height of less than 2-1/8 inches or with an adipose or ventral fin clip. Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 3 may be adult salmon and of the adult salmon not more than 2 may be adult Chinook salmon.

Salt Creek (Clallam County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From mouth to bridge on Highway 112: Additional November 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Samish Lake (Whatcom County): Trout: Cutthroat trout daily limit two, minimum length fourteen inches.

Samish River (Whatcom County):

From its mouth to the Hickson Bridge: June 1 through March 15 season. From Highway 99 Bridge to department salmon rack: Closed waters. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through December 31.

Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only July 1 through December 31 from mouth to Thomas Road Bridge and October 1 through December 31 from Thomas Road Bridge to I-5 Bridge. Daily limit two salmon.

Sammamish Lake (King County): Trout: Release all kokanee. Kokanee/sockeye under fifteen inches are kokanee while those fifteen inches and over are sockeye salmon. December 1 through June 30: Release all steelhead and rainbow trout over twenty inches in length. Salmon: Closed to salmon fishing within 100 yards of the mouth of Issaquah Creek. Open only August 16 through November 30. Daily limit two salmon. Release sockeye.

Sammamish River (Slough) (King County), from the 68th Avenue N.E. Bridge to Lake Sammamish: January 1 through August 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Release all trout.

Sandyshore Lake (Jefferson County): Last Saturday in April to October 31 season.

San Poil River (Ferry County): Unlawful to fish for or retain sturgeon.

Sarge Hubbard Park Pond (Yakima County): Juveniles and holders of disability licenses only.

Satsop Lakes (Grays Harbor County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Satsop River((~~,~~)) (Grays Harbor County): Trout: Minimum length 14 inches in mainstem and all forks. Mainstem and East Fork, single point barbless hooks and night closure August 16 through November 30 except only August 16 through October 31 on East Fork upstream from bridge at Schafer State Park. Middle and West forks downstream from Cougar Smith Road ((~~nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) antisnagging rule August 16 through November 30. Middle and West Forks upstream from Cougar Smith Road ((~~night closure and nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) antisnagging rule August 16 through October 31.

From mouth to bridge at Schafer Park: June 1 through March 31 season. Salmon: Open only October 1 through January 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release adult Chinook, and chum.

Middle Fork (Turnow Branch), from mouth to Cougar Smith Road: June 1 through last day in February season.

West Fork, from mouth to Cougar Smith Road: June 1 through last day in February season.

Sauk River (Skagit/Snohomish counties):

From mouth to the mouth of the White Chuck River: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches.~~)) Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

From the mouth of the White Chuck River to headwaters, including North Fork and South Fork upstream to Elliot Creek: Selective gear rules. ((~~Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches.~~)) All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

South Fork upstream from Elliot Creek: June 1 through August 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

From mouth to the Darrington Bridge: Additional March 1 through April 30 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Sawyer, Lake (King County): Chumming permitted. Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Schaefer Lake (Chelan County): Trout: Daily limit sixteen.

Sekiu River (Clallam County): All open periods: Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From mouth to forks: Additional November 1 through last day in February season.

Serene Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Shady Lake (King County): June 1 through October 31 season. Trout: No more than one over fourteen inches in length.

Shannon, Lake (Skagit County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Chumming permitted. Trout: Minimum length six inches and maximum length eighteen inches.

Shellneck Creek (Yakima County): Closed waters.

Shelton Creek (Mason County): Closed waters.

Sherman Creek (Ferry County):
From the mouth at Lake Roosevelt upstream to four hundred feet above the water diversion dam for the hatchery: Closed waters, except December 1 through August 31 season from the mouth upstream to the hatchery boat dock.

Sherry Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Sherwood Creek (Mason County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Sherwood Creek Mill Pond (Mason County): June 1 through October 31 season. Trout: Minimum length 14 inches, daily limit 2 fish.

Shiner Lake (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited.

Shoe Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Shoveler Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Shye Lake (Grays Harbor County): June 1 through October 31 season.

Sidley Lake (Okanogan County): Trout: Daily limit two.

Siebert Creek (Clallam County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Silent Lake (Jefferson County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine prohibited.

Silvas Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Release all trout.

Silver Creek (tributary to Cowlitz River) (Lewis County), mouth to USFS Road 4778: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches.

Silver Lake (Cowlitz County): Crappie: Daily limit ten crappie. Minimum size nine inches in length.

Silver Lake (Pierce County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Silver Lake (Spokane County): Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Silver Lake, North (Spokane County): March 1 through September 30

and November 1 through December 31 season. Selective gear rules. March 1 through September 30: Trout: Daily limit 2 fish, minimum length 14 inches, except release fish with clipped adipose fin. November 1 through December 31: All species: Release all fish.

Silver Lake (Whatcom County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

((~~Silvernail~~)) Silver Nail Lake (Okanogan County): Juveniles only.

Similkameen River (Okanogan County):

From mouth to Enloe Dam: December 1 through March 31 season. Whitefish gear rules apply.

From Enloe Dam to Canadian border: Additional December 1 through March 31 season. Whitefish gear rules apply.

Sinlahekin Creek (Okanogan County), from Palmer Lake to Cecile Creek bridge: June 1 through August 31 season. Selective gear rules. Additional December 1 through March 31 season. Whitefish gear rules apply.

Sixteen Lake (Skagit County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Skagit River (Skagit/Whatcom counties):

From mouth to the Memorial Highway Bridge (Highway 536 at Mt. Vernon): Year-round season. Selective gear rules March 1 through May 31 except lawful to fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor. Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31. Daily limit 2 salmon except release Chinook and pink.

From Memorial Highway Bridge (Highway 536 at Mt. Vernon) upstream to Gilligan Creek: June 1 through March 15 season. ((~~Night closure and nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) Antisnagging rule July 1 through November 30. Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31. Daily limit 2 salmon except release Chinook and pink.

From Gilligan Creek to Cascade River: June 1 through March 15 season except closed June 1 through June 30 and August 1 through August 31 between a line 200 feet above the east bank of the Baker River to a line 200 feet below the west bank of the Baker River. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule July 1 through November 30. Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of the trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches. Salmon: Open only September 16 through December 31 Gilligan Creek to the Dalles Bridge at Concrete. Daily limit 2 salmon except release Chinook and pink.

From the Dalles Bridge at Concrete to the Highway 530 Bridge at Rockport - Salmon open July 1 through July 31 except closed 12:01 a.m. July 5 until 2:00 p.m. July 6 and 12:01 a.m. July 10

until 2:00 p.m. July 11, and, except closed from 200 feet above the mouth of the Baker River to the Cascade River. Daily limit two sockeye salmon. Release all salmon except sockeye salmon. Salmon open September 16 through December 31. Daily limit 2 salmon except release Chinook and pink. Additional season: March 16 through April 30. Selective gear rules except lawful to fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor. Unlawful to fish from a floating device while under power. All species: Release all fish.

From the Highway 530 Bridge at Rockport to the Cascade River - Salmon open June 1 through July 8. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule June 1 through November 30. Daily limit two salmon. Release all salmon except hatchery Chinook. Salmon open September 16 through December 31. Daily limit 2 salmon. Release Chinook and pink. Additional season: March 16 through April 30. Selective gear rules except lawful to fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor. Unlawful to fish from a floating device while under power. All species: Release all fish.

From Cascade River to Gorge Powerhouse: June 1 through March 15 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure July 1 through November 30. Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of the trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches.~~)) Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

From the Gorge Powerhouse to Gorge Dam: Closed waters.

Skamokawa Creek (Wahkiakum County), mouth to forks just below Oatfield and Middle Valley Road: November 1 through March 15 season. All species: Release all fish other than steelhead. Trout: Minimum length twenty inches.

Skate Creek (tributary to Cowlitz River) (Lewis County): Trout: Daily limit five, no more than one over twelve inches in length. Release cutthroat. Release rainbow trout except rainbow trout having a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the site of the clipped fin.

Skokomish River (Mason County), mouth to forks: ((~~Night closure, nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) Antisnagging rule and ((~~single point~~)) barbless hooks required August 1 through November 30 mouth to Highway 101. June 1 through July 31 and October 31 through December 15 season from mouth to Highway 101 Bridge. June 1 through October 31 season from Highway 101 Bridge to forks. All game fish: Release all fish. Selective gear rules from Highway 101 Bridge to forks. Salmon: Open only August 1 through December 15 mouth to Highway 101 Bridge. Terminal gear restricted to no closer than 25 feet of a tribal gill net. Daily limit 1 salmon August 1 through September 30. Release chum salmon. Daily limit 6 salmon October 1 through December 15, except daily limit may contain no more than 4 adult fish and release Chinook. October 1 through October 15 release chum salmon.

Skokomish River, North Fork (Mason County):

From mouth to lower dam: June 1 through October 31 season. All species: Release all fish. Selective gear rules.

Above Lake Cushman, mouth to Olympic National Park boundary: June 1 through August 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Release all fish.

Skokomish River, South Fork (Mason County):

From mouth to mouth of Church Creek: June 1 through October 31 season. All species: Release all fish. Selective gear rules.

From mouth of Church Creek to mouth of Rule Creek: Closed waters.

From mouth of Rule Creek to headwaters: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches.

Skookum Creek (Mason County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Skookum Lakes, North and South (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Skookumchuck Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Release all trout.

Skookumchuck Reservoir (Thurston County): June 1 through October 31 season. Trout: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches.

Skookumchuck River (Thurston County):

From mouth to four hundred feet below the outlet of the PP&L/WDFW steelhead rearing pond located at the base of the Skookumchuck Dam: June 1 through April 30 season. Single point barbless hooks and night closure August 16 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 16 through last day in February. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon, except December 1 through the last day in February release wild adult coho. Release adult Chinook, and chum.

From Skookumchuck Reservoir upstream and all tributaries: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches.

Skykomish River (Snohomish County):

From mouth to mouth of Wallace River: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30 mouth to Lewis Street Bridge in Monroe and June 1 through November 30 from Lewis Street Bridge in Monroe to Wallace River. Fishing from any floating device prohibited November 1 through last day in February from the boat ramp below Lewis Street Bridge at Monroe downstream two thousand five hundred feet. Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches. Salmon: Open June 1 through July 31 Lewis Street Bridge in Monroe to Wallace River. Daily limit 2 hatchery Chinook. In years ending in even numbers, open September 1 through December 31 mouth to Wallace River. Daily limit 2 salmon. Release Chinook and pink. In years ending in odd numbers, open August 16 through December 31 mouth to Lewis Street Bridge in Monroe and open

September 1 through December 31 Lewis Street Bridge to Wallace River. Daily limit 2 salmon plus 2 additional pink. Release Chinook.

From the mouth of the Wallace River to the forks: June 1 through last day in February season, except closed June 1 to 8:00 a.m. August 1 in those waters one thousand five hundred feet upstream and one thousand feet downstream of the outlet at Skykomish Rearing Ponds. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Fishing from any floating device prohibited in the area one thousand five hundred feet upstream and one thousand feet downstream of the outlet at Skykomish Rearing Ponds August 1 through last day in February. Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31. In years ending in even numbers, daily limit 2 salmon. Release Chinook and pink. In years ending in odd numbers, daily limit 2 salmon plus 2 additional pink. Release Chinook.

Skykomish River, North Fork (Snohomish County):

From mouth to one thousand feet downstream from Bear Creek Falls: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From one thousand feet below Bear Creek Falls to Deer Falls: Closed waters.

Skykomish River, South Fork (King/Snohomish counties):

From mouth to six hundred feet downstream from the Sunset Falls Fishway: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From a point six hundred feet downstream of the Sunset Falls Fishway to the Sunset Falls Fishway: Closed waters.

From Sunset Falls to source: June 1 through November 30 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Whitefish: Additional December 1 through last day in February season. Release all fish other than whitefish.

Slate Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille County): Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Once the daily limit of trout other than eastern brook trout has been achieved, the entire daily limit for trout other than eastern brook trout and eastern brook trout has been taken.

Smith Creek (near North River) (Pacific County): June 1 through last day in February season, except sturgeon. Single point barbless hooks, and night closure August 16 through November 30 upstream to the Highway 101 Bridge. All game fish: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30 from mouth to

Highway 101 Bridge. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon and of the adult salmon not more than one may be an adult wild coho. Release adult Chinook. Sturgeon: Open year-round from mouth to Highway 101 Bridge.

Snake River: Year-round season. Closed to the taking of all trout April 1 through June 15. Trout: Daily limit six, minimum length ten inches, no more than three over twenty inches. Release all steelhead June 16 through August 31. Barbless hooks required when fishing for steelhead. Sturgeon: Unlawful to retain sturgeon in mainstem and tributaries upstream from Lower Granite Dam. Bass: Fish twelve to seventeen inches in length may be retained. Up to but not more than 3 bass over fifteen inches in length may be retained. Daily limit 5. Walleye: Daily limit 10 fish. No minimum size. No more than 5 fish over 18 inches in length. No more than 1 fish over 24 inches in length. Channel catfish: No daily limit.

Closed waters: Within four hundred feet of the base of any dam and within a four hundred foot radius around the fish ladder entrance at Lyons Ferry Hatchery, within a two hundred foot radius upstream of the fish ladder exit above Lower Granite Dam, and within an area one thousand two hundred feet downstream from the base of the west lock gate at Little Goose Dam on the south bank of the Snake River and one hundred feet out into the river from said river bank.

Snipe Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Snohomish River (Snohomish County), including all channels, sloughs, and interconnected waterways, but excluding all tributaries: June 1 through last day in February season, except sturgeon. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches. Salmon: In years ending in even numbers, open only September 1 through December 31. Daily limit 2 salmon. Release Chinook and pink. In years ending in odd numbers: Open only August 16 through December 31. Daily limit 2 salmon plus 2 additional pink. Release Chinook. Sturgeon: Open year-round from mouth to Highway 2 Bridge.

Snoqualmie River (King County):

From mouth to the falls: June 1 through last day in February season, except waters within the Puget Power tunnel at the falls and within fifty feet of any point on Puget Power's lower Plant # 2 building (north bank) are closed waters. June 1 through November 30 selective gear rules, except fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor allowed. Fishing from any floating device prohibited November 1 through last day in February from the mouth of Tokul Creek downstream to the boat ramp at Plumb access, about one-quarter mile. Night closure September 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31. Daily limit 2

fish. Release Chinook and pink.

From Snoqualmie Falls upstream, including the North and South Forks: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length ten inches. Additional November 1 through May 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Snoqualmie Middle Fork from mouth to source including all tributaries except Pratt and Taylor rivers: Year-round season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Snow Creek (Jefferson County), including all tributaries: Closed waters.

Snyder Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Release all trout.

Sol Duc River (Clallam County): Open year-round. May 1 through May 31 release all game fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Selective gear rules from the concrete pump station at the Sol Duc Hatchery to the Highway 101 Bridge downstream of Snider Creek November 1 through April 30, and from the Highway 101 Bridge downstream of Snider Creek to Olympic National Park June 1 through October 31. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. November 1 through last day in February, daily limit three steelhead from mouth to concrete pump station at Sol Duc Hatchery. December 1 through April 30, from mouth to the concrete pump station at the Sol Duc Hatchery, one wild steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only February 1 through November 30 from mouth to concrete pump station. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon February 1 through August 31 and of which no more than 3 may be adult salmon September 1 through November 30. February 1 through August 31 release wild adult coho and wild adult Chinook. September 1 through October 31 the daily limit may contain no more than 2 adult Chinook, release wild coho, and selective gear rules. November 1 through November 30 the daily limit may contain no more than 2 adult Chinook or 2 adult wild coho or 1 adult Chinook and 1 adult wild coho.

Sooes River (Suez River) (Clallam County): June 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Soos Creek (King County), from mouth to bridge near hatchery residence: June 1 through August 31 season except salmon. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 16 through November 30 to fishing by juveniles only. Night closure October 16 through November 30. Terminal gear restricted to one single point hook. Daily limit two coho salmon.

Bridge near hatchery residence to Salmon hatchery rack: June 1 through August 31 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

South Bend Mill Pond (Pacific County): Juveniles only.

South Prairie Creek (Pierce County), mouth to Page Creek: Closed waters.

Spada Lake (Reservoir) (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Maximum

length twelve inches.

Spada Lake (Reservoir) tributaries (Snohomish County): Closed waters.

Spanaway Lake and Spanaway Lake outlet downstream to the dam (approximately 800 feet) (Pierce County): Year-round season.

Spearfish Lake (Klickitat County): Last Saturday in April through last day in February season.

Spectacle Lake (Okanogan County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Spirit Lake (Skamania County): Closed waters.

Spokane River (Spokane County):

From SR 25 Bridge upstream to the upstream boundary at Plese Flats Day Use Area (Riverside State Park), except Long Lake, formed by Long Lake Dam (see also Long Lake): Year-round season except walleye. Trout: Daily limit five, no more than two over twenty inches in length. Walleye: Daily limit eight, no minimum length, no more than one over twenty-two inches in length. April 1 through May 31 release all walleye. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply. Sturgeon: Unlawful to fish for or retain sturgeon. ((~~Small mouth bass: Small mouth bass do not count as part of the bass daily limit. Small mouth bass 12 to 17 inches in length may be retained. No minimum size. Daily limit 10 bass, no more than one bass greater than 14 inches in length may be retained.~~))

From the upstream boundary at Plese Flats Day Use Area (Riverside State Park) upstream to the Monroe Street Dam: ((~~Year-round~~)) June 1 through March 15 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit one. Release wild trout. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply. Sturgeon: Unlawful to fish for or retain sturgeon.

From Monroe Street Dam upstream to Upriver Dam: Year-round season. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

From Upriver Dam upstream to the Idaho/Washington state line: June 1 through March 15 season. Selective gear rules, except fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor permitted. All species: Release all fish.

Sprague Lake (Adams/Lincoln counties):

Waters south of the lakeside edge of the reeds and waters of Cow Creek south to Danekas Road: July 1 through September 15 season. Trout: No more than two over twenty inches in length may be retained. Crappie and bluegill: Combined daily limit ((~~ten,~~)) twenty-five fish. Crappie: Minimum length nine inches. ((~~Walleye: Minimum size 12 inches in length. Daily limit 8 walleye, not more than 1 of which may be greater than 22 inches in length.~~))

Spring Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Daily limit five.

Spring Hill Reservoir (Black Lake, Lower Wheeler Reservoir) (Chelan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. July 5 through October 31, selective gear rules, and all species:

Release all fish.

Spring Lake (Columbia County): March 1 through October 31 season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Spring Lakes (Grant County): March 1 through July 31 season.

Squalicum Lake (Whatcom County): Fly fishing only. Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor prohibited. Trout: Daily limit two.

Stan Coffin Lake (Grant County): Bass: Release all bass.

Starvation Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through May 31 season. Additional June 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Steel Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Stehekin River (Chelan County), from the mouth to Agnes Creek: July 1 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fifteen inches. Release cutthroat. Additional March 1 through June 30 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Stetattle Creek (Whatcom County), from its mouth to mouth of Bucket Creek (one and one-half miles upstream): Closed waters.

Stevens Creek (Grays Harbor County), mouth to Highway 101 Bridge: June 1 through September 30 and December 1 through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Stevens, Lake (Snohomish County): Chumming permitted. Kokanee: Kokanee not included in trout daily limit. Kokanee daily limit ten fish.

Steves Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Stickney Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Stillaguamish River (Snohomish County):

From mouth to Marine Drive, including all sloughs: Year-round season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31. In years ending in even numbers, daily limit 2 salmon. Release Chinook and pink salmon. In years ending in odd numbers, daily limit 2 salmon plus 2 additional pink. Release Chinook.

From Marine Drive to the forks, except from the barrier dam (downstream of I-5) downstream two hundred feet which is closed waters: June 1 through last day in February season. Night closure August 1 through November 30. Selective gear rules June 1 through November 30 except fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor allowed. Game fish: June 1 through

November 30 release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches December 1 through last day in February. Salmon: Open only September 1 through December 31. In years ending in even numbers, daily limit 2 salmon. Release Chinook and pink salmon. In years ending in odd numbers, daily limit 2 salmon plus 2 additional pink. Release Chinook.

Stillaguamish River, North Fork (Snohomish County), from mouth to Swede Heaven Bridge: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Fishing from any floating device prohibited upstream of the Highway 530 Bridge at mile post 28.8 (Cicero Bridge). Fishing from any floating device equipped with a motor prohibited downstream from the Highway 530 Bridge. June 1 through November 30: All species: Release all fish except hatchery steelhead. June 1 through November 30 fly fishing only. December 1 through last day in February: Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Stillaguamish River, South Fork (Snohomish County):

From mouth to four hundred feet downstream of the outlet to fishway at Granite Falls: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From four hundred feet below the outlet of the end of the fishway to Mt. Loop Highway bridge above Granite Falls: Closed waters.

From Mt. Loop Highway Bridge above Granite Falls to source: June 1 through November 30 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through November 30.

Storm Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Stratford/Brook Lake (Grant County): February 1 through September 30 season.

Stump Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine prohibited.

Suiattle River (Skagit County): Trout: Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches.

Sullivan Creek (Pend Oreille County), from Mill Pond upstream and tributaries: Selective gear rules. Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Once the daily limit of trout other than eastern brook trout has been achieved, the entire daily limit for trout other than eastern brook trout and eastern brook trout has been taken.

Sullivan Lake (Pend Oreille County): Trout: Daily limit 2 trout, except kokanee not counted in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily

limit ten.

Sultan River (Snohomish County), from its mouth to a point four hundred feet downstream from the diversion dam at river mile 9.7: June 1 through last day in February season. Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches.

Sultan River, North and South Forks (Snohomish County): Closed waters.

Summit Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Summit Lake (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Sunday Creek (tributary to N.F. Snoqualmie River) (King County): Closed waters.

Sutherland Lake (Clallam County): Chumming permitted.

Swale Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Release all trout.

Swamp Creek (tributary to Sammamish River) (Snohomish/King counties): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Swan Lake (Ferry County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Swan's Mill Pond (Stossel Creek) (King County): June 1 through October 31 season.

Swauk Creek (Kittitas County): Selective gear rules.

Swift Reservoir (Skamania County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. From posted markers below Eagle Cliff Bridge to Bridge: Selective gear rules except fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor allowed. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Swofford Pond (Lewis County): Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited.

Sylvia Lake (Grays Harbor County): Trout: No more than two over 15 inches in length may be retained per day.

Tacoma Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille County): Trout: Eastern brook trout not counted in daily trout limit. Eastern brook trout daily limit ten. Once the daily limit of trout other than eastern brook trout has been achieved, the entire daily limit for trout other than eastern brook trout and eastern brook trout has been taken.

Tahuya River (Mason County): Selective gear rules and release all fish except salmon. Salmon: Open only September 16 through October 31 mouth to marker one mile above North Shore Road Bridge. Daily limit 2 coho salmon.

Taneum Creek (Kittitas County): Selective gear rules.

Tanwax Lake (Pierce County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Crappie: Daily limit ten, minimum length nine inches.

Tapps Lake (Reservoir) and Tapps Lake (Reservoir) intake canal (Pierce County), to within four hundred feet of the screen at Dingle Basin: Year-round season.

Tarboo Lake (Jefferson County): Last Saturday in April through November 30 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine prohibited. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Tate Creek (tributary to N.F. Snoqualmie River) (King County): Closed waters.

Taylor River (tributary to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie) (King County): Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Teal Lakes (North and South) (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Teal Lake (Jefferson County): ((~~Last Saturday in April to August 31 season.~~)) Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine prohibited. ((~~Additional September 1 through March 30 season.~~)) Selective gear rules. ((~~All species: Release all fish.~~)) Trout daily limit one fish.

Teanaway River((~~, including North Fork~~)) (Kittitas County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Release all trout.

Teanaway River, North Fork (Kittitas County): Mouth to Beverly Creek including all tributaries: Selective gear rules. Trout: Release all trout. Beverly Creek to impassable waterfall at the end of USFS Road 9737 (about 8 river miles): Closed waters.

Tenas Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Tennant Lake (Whatcom County): Fishing from any floating device prohibited from first Friday in October through January 15.

Terrell, Lake (Whatcom County): Fishing from any floating device prohibited the first Saturday after Labor Day through the following Friday and from October 1 through January 31 except fishing from floating dock permitted.

Thomas Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Thornton Creek (tributary to Lake Washington) (King County): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Thread Lake (Adams County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Tibbetts Creek (tributary to Lake Sammamish) (King County): June 1 through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Tieton River (Yakima County): Lawful to fish to base of Tieton (Rimrock) Dam. Selective gear rules June 1 through October 31.

Additional December 1 through March 31 season: Whitefish gear rules apply.

Tieton River, North Fork (Yakima County), upstream from Rimrock Lake: Closed waters: ((~~Spillway channel.~~)) From Rimrock Lake to Clear Lake Dam including that portion of the river that flows through the dry lakebed. June 1 through August 15 season.

Tieton River, South Fork (Yakima County): From ((~~mouth~~)) the bridge on USFS Road 1200 to bridge on USFS Rd. 1070 (approximately 12.5 miles): Closed waters.

Tiger Lake (Kitsap/Mason counties): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Tilton River (Lewis County), from mouth to West Fork: June 1 through March 31 season. Trout: Daily limit five, no more than one over twelve inches in length. Release cutthroat. Release rainbow trout except rainbow trout having a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the site of the clipped fin. Salmon: Open only June 1 through December 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult fish. Release wild coho.

Tilton River, East, North, South and West Forks (Lewis County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches.

Toad Lake (Whatcom County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Tokul Creek (King County):

From mouth to the Fish Hatchery Road Bridge: December 1 through last day in February season, closed 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction.~~)) Antisnagging rule except night fishing allowed. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From Fish Hatchery Road Bridge to posted cable boundary marker located approximately four hundred feet downstream of the hatchery intake: January 15 through last day in February season, closed 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction.~~)) Antisnagging rule except night fishing allowed. Trout: Minimum length 14 inches.

From the posted cable boundary marker located approximately four hundred feet downstream of the hatchery intake to the railroad trestle: Closed waters.

Tolt River (King County):

From mouth to the USGS trolley cable near the confluence of the North and South Forks: June 1 through last day in February season. June 1 through November 30, selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

From the USGS trolley cable to the falls in Sec. 21, Twp 26N., R 8 E. on the North Fork, and to the dam on the South Fork: Closed waters.

From falls upstream on North Fork: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

From dam upstream on South Fork: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length ten inches.

Touchet River (Columbia/Walla Walla counties):

Bass: Bass 12 to 17 inches in length may be retained. Up to but not more than 3 greater than 15 inches may be retained as part of the daily limit. Daily limit 5.

From confluence of north and south forks upstream, including Robinson and Wolf Forks: Selective gear rules. Bass: Statewide rules apply. Trout: Release all steelhead. Tributaries other than North Fork, South Fork, Robinson Fork, and Wolf Fork: Closed waters.

North Fork: Upstream of Spangler Creek June 1 through August 31 season.

South Fork: Upstream from Griffin Creek June 1 through August 31 season.

Wolf Fork: Upstream from Coates Creek June 1 through August 31 season.

From mouth to confluence of north and south forks: Additional season: November 1 through ((~~April 15~~)) March 31. Barbless hooks required. All species: Release all fish except hatchery steelhead and brown trout. Trout: Daily limit three fish.

Toutle River (Cowlitz County):

From mouth to forks, and North Fork from the mouth to the posted deadline below the fish collection facility: June 1 through November 30 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule September 1 through October 15 on North Fork from confluence with South Fork to mouth of Green River. All game fish: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only August 1 through November 30. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 4 may be adult salmon and of the adult salmon only 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum and wild coho. Release all Chinook October 1 through November 30 in North Fork upstream from Kidd Valley Bridge.

From the posted deadline below the fish collection facility upstream to the headwaters, including all tributaries, but excepting Castle and Coldwater Lakes: Closed waters.

Toutle River, South Fork (Cowlitz County), mouth to source: Closed waters: All tributaries. June 1 through November 30 season. All species: Release all fish except hatchery steelhead. Trout: Minimum length twenty inches. Mouth to 4100 Road Bridge: Additional December 1 through March 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except hatchery steelhead.

Trapper Lake (Chelan County): Trout: Daily limit two.

Trout Creek (tributary to Wind River) (Skamania County): Closed waters.

Trout Lake (Ferry County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Trout Lake (tributary to Big White Salmon River) (Klickitat County): June 1 through October 31 season.

Tucannon River (Columbia/Walla Walla counties): Closed waters:

All tributaries.

From the mouth upstream to Turner Road Bridge: Additional November 1 through ((~~April 15~~)) March 31 season. Barbless hooks required. All species: Release all fish except hatchery steelhead and whitefish. Trout: Daily limit three hatchery steelhead.

From the Turner Road Bridge upstream to the Tucannon Hatchery Bridge: Selective gear rules June 1 through October 31. Additional season November 1 through ((~~April 15~~)) March 31. Barbless hooks required. All species: Release all fish except hatchery steelhead and whitefish. Trout: Daily limit three hatchery steelhead.

From the Tucannon Hatchery Bridge upstream to 500 feet above the Rainbow Lake intake: Closed waters.

From 500 feet above the Rainbow Lake intake to the Cow Camp Bridge: Selective gear rules. Release steelhead.

From Cow Camp Bridge upstream: Closed waters.

Tucquala Lake (Kittitas County): June 1 through October 31 season.

Tunnel Lake (Skamania County): Trout: No more than 2 trout 20 inches in length or greater may be retained.

Twin Lake (Jefferson County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Twin Lakes (Chelan County) and tributaries and outlet stream to junction with the Napeequa River: Closed waters.

Twisp River (Okanogan County), from mouth to War Creek: June 1 through August 15 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish. War Creek to South Fork Twisp River: Closed waters.

Tye River (King County): Foss River to Alpine Falls June 1 through October 31 season: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Whitefish: Additional November 1 through last day in February season. Release all fish other than whitefish. From Alpine falls upstream: Trout: Minimum size ten inches.

U Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Umtanum Creek (Kittitas County): Selective gear rules.

Uncle John Creek (Mason County): Closed waters.

Union Creek (Yakima County): From mouth upstream to falls (approximately 1/4 mile): Closed waters.

Union River (Mason County): Mouth to North Shore Road Bridge. All species: Release all fish except sturgeon.

From North Shore Road Bridge to lower bridge on Old Belfair Highway: June 1 through August 15 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except sturgeon.

From lower bridge on Old Belfair Highway upstream to watershed boundary: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except sturgeon.

From watershed boundary to source, including all tributaries:

Closed waters.

Upper Wheeler Reservoir (Chelan County): Closed waters.

Valley Creek (Clallam County): Juveniles only.

Vance Creek (Mason County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Vance Creek/Elma Ponds (Grays Harbor County): Pond One: Last Saturday in April through November 30 season. Juveniles, holders of a senior license and holders of a department disability license only. Trout: No more than two over 15 inches in length may be retained per day. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply. Pond Two: Last Saturday in April through November 30 season. Trout: No more than two over 15 inches in length may be retained per day. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Vancouver Lake and all other waters west of Burlington-Northern Railroad from Columbia River drawbridge near Vancouver downstream to Lewis River (Clark County): Closed waters: April 1 through May 30 the Vancouver Lake flushing channel is closed and it is closed to fishing from the lake shoreline within 400 feet east and west of the channel exit. Chumming permitted. Trout: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches. Sturgeon: Seasons, days of the week, daily limits, and size limits same as in adjacent waters of mainstem Columbia River.

Vanes Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Van Winkle Creek (Grays Harbor County): Mouth to 400 feet below outlet of Lake Aberdeen Hatchery: Game fish: Minimum length 14 inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through January 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which not more than 2 may be adult fish. Release chum, adult Chinook and wild adult coho.

Vic Meyers (Rainbow) Lake (Grant County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Vogler Lake (Skagit County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Fly fishing only. All species: Release all fish.

Voight Creek (Pierce County): From mouth to Highway 162 Bridge: Closed waters.

Wagners Lake (Snohomish County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Wahkiacus Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Release all trout.

Waitts Lake (Stevens County): Last Saturday in April through last day in February season.

Walker Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Wallace River (Snohomish County):

From its mouth to 200 feet upstream of the water intake of the

salmon hatchery: June 1 through last day in February season. Closed waters: From 363rd Avenue S.E./Reece Road to a point two hundred feet upstream of the water intake of the salmon hatchery during the period June 1 through August 31. Fishing from any floating device prohibited November 1 through last day in February. Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches. Salmon: Open only September 1 through November 30. Daily limit 2 coho.

From 200 feet upstream of the water intake of the salmon hatchery to mouth of Olney Creek: November 1 through last day in February season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout except Dolly Varden/Bull Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches.

Walla Walla River (Walla Walla County):

From mouth to the Touchet River: Year-round season. Trout: Barbless hooks required when fishing for steelhead. Trout: Release trout April 1 through May 31. Daily limit three hatchery steelhead. Bass: No minimum or maximum size. No more than three fish over fifteen inches in length may be retained. Daily limit 5. Channel catfish: No daily limit.

From the Touchet River upstream to state line: Trout: All tributaries except Mill Creek, maximum length twenty inches. ((~~Bass:~~)) No minimum or maximum size. No more than three fish over fifteen inches in length may be retained. Daily limit 5. Channel catfish: No daily limit. Additional season November 1 through ((~~April 15~~)) March 31. All species: Barbless hooks required and release all fish except hatchery steelhead. Trout: Daily limit three hatchery steelhead.

Walupt Lake (Lewis County): Closed waters: All inlet streams. Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules except fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor allowed. Trout: Minimum length ten inches.

Wannacut Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Wapato Lake (Chelan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. From August 1 through October 31: Selective gear rules except fishing from a device equipped with an internal combustion motor permitted. Trout: Release all trout.

Wapato Lake (Pierce County): Juveniles only.

Ward Lake (Ferry County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Ward Lake (Thurston County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Warden Lake and Warden Lake, South (Grant County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Washburn Island Pond (Okanogan County): April 1 through September 30 season. Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor prohibited.

Washburn Lake (Okanogan County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Trout: Daily limit two.

Washington, Lake, including that portion of the Sammamish River from the 68th Avenue N.E. Bridge downstream (King County): Fishing from floating device prohibited one hundred yards either side of the floating bridges. Chumming permitted. Trout: December 1 through last day in February, daily limit 5, no minimum length. Release steelhead and rainbow trout over twenty inches in length. March 1 through June 30, daily limit 5, minimum length twelve inches. Release steelhead and rainbow trout over twenty inches in length. Kokanee/sockeye under fifteen inches are kokanee while those fifteen inches and over are sockeye salmon. Salmon: Open only September 16 through October 31 north of Highway 520 Bridge and east of Montlake Bridge. Daily limit two coho salmon.

Washington, Lake, Ship Canal (King County) (waters east of a north-south line 400 feet west of the fish ladder at the Chittenden Locks and west of a north-south line at the eastern ends of the concrete abutments east of the Montlake Bridge): West of Fremont Bridge: Fishing from floating device prohibited. East of Fremont Bridge: Chumming permitted.

From west boundary to a north-south line 400 feet east of the eastern end of the northern wing wall of Chittenden Locks: Closed waters.

From 400 feet east of the eastern end of the northern wing wall of Chittenden Locks to the east boundary: Open year-round. Trout: December 1 through last day in February daily limit five, no minimum length. Release steelhead and rainbow trout over twenty inches in length. March 1 through June 30, daily limit five, minimum length twelve inches. Release steelhead and rainbow trout over twenty inches in length. July 1 through November 30, daily limit five, no minimum length. Kokanee/sockeye less than fifteen inches in length are kokanee and fifteen inches and over in length are sockeye salmon.

Washougal River (Clark County): Night closure year-round.

From mouth to bridge at Salmon Falls: June 1 through March 15 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) Antisnagging rule and stationary gear restriction July 1 through October 31. ((~~When nonbuoyant lure restriction is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.~~)) Trout: Release all trout except up to 2 hatchery steelhead per day may be retained. Salmon: Open only August 1 through March 15. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release chum and wild coho. Upstream of Little Washougal River, release Chinook October 1 through November 30.

From mouth to Mt. Norway Bridge: Additional April 16 through May 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Release all trout except up to 2 hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

From bridge at Salmon Falls to its source, including tributaries: Closed waters.

Washougal River, West (North) Fork (Clark/Skamania counties):

From mouth to the water intake at the department hatchery: Closed waters.

From intake at department hatchery to source: June 1 through March 15 season. Trout: Release all trout except up to 2 hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

Watson Lake (Columbia County): March 1 through October 31 season. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

Waughop Lake (Pierce County): Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Wenas Lake (Yakima County): Trout: Daily limit five, of which not more than two may be brown trout.

Wenaha River tributaries within Washington: June 1 through August 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Release all steelhead.

Wenatchee Lake (Chelan County): Selective gear rules except fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor allowed. Trout except kokanee: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches. Release kokanee. Kokanee/sockeye under sixteen inches will be considered kokanee while those sixteen inches and over will be considered sockeye salmon.

Wenatchee River, including Lake Jolanda (Chelan County):

December 1 through March 31 season, from mouth to Highway 2 Bridge at Leavenworth only. Whitefish gear rules apply.

Wentworth Lake (Clallam County): Unlawful to fish from a floating device equipped with a motor.

West Evans Pond (Asotin County): Trout: No more than 2 trout over 13 inches in length may be retained.

West Twin River (Clallam County): June 1 through October 31 season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Whatcom Creek (Whatcom County):

From mouth to stone bridge at Whatcom Falls Park: June 1 through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through December 31. Closed waters: Woburn Street Bridge upstream to the stone bridge. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only August 1 through December 31 from mouth to markers below Dupont Street. Daily limit 6 fish of which not more than 2 may be adult salmon.

From stone bridge at Whatcom Falls Park upstream to Lake Whatcom: Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles only. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 1 through October 31. Trout: No minimum length.

Whatcom, Lake (Whatcom County): Last Saturday in April through

October 31 season, except those waters between the Electric Avenue Bridge and the outlet dam are closed waters: Trout: Release cutthroat trout.

Whatcom, Lake, tributaries (Whatcom County): Closed waters.

Wheeler Creek (Klickitat County): Trout: Release all trout.

White River (Chelan County), from mouth upstream to White River Falls: Closed waters.

White (Stuck) River (Pierce County):

From mouth to R Street Bridge in Auburn: October 1 through last day in February season: ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) October 1 through October 31 all species: Fly fishing only and release all fish. November 1 through ((~~November 30~~)) last day in February. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Antisnagging rule November 1 through November 30.

From R Street Bridge to Highway 410 Bridge at Buckley: October 1 through October 31 season. Closed waters: Puget Power canal, including the screen bypass channel, above the screen at Dingle Basin. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure.~~)) Antisnagging rule. Trout: 14 inch minimum size.

From the Weyerhaeuser 6000 Road Bridge (Bridge Camp) to its source: July 1 through October 31 season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule October 1 through October 31. Selective gear rules July 1 through October 31. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Whitefish: Additional November 1 through January 31 season. Whitefish gear rules apply.

Whitechuck River (Snohomish County): Trout: Legal to retain Dolly Varden/Bull Trout as part of trout daily limit, minimum length twenty inches.

White Salmon River (Klickitat/Skamania counties):

From mouth to powerhouse: Open year-round. Bank fishing only downstream from the Highway 14 Bridge. August 1 through December 31: ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction.~~)) Antisnagging rule except night fishing allowed. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon and steelhead: Open April 1 through June 30, daily limit two fish, one or both of which may be salmon or hatchery steelhead. Release all fish except salmon or hatchery steelhead. Release wild coho and wild Chinook. Salmon: Open July 1 through March 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho. October 1 through December 31 release Chinook upstream from posted markers upstream of Highway 14 Bridge.

From powerhouse to within four hundred feet of Northwestern Dam: November 16 to April 30 season except salmon and steelhead. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Release trout April 1 through April 30. Salmon: Open November 16 through March 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho. November 16 through December 31 release Chinook. Salmon and steelhead: Open April 1 through June 30, daily limit two fish, one or both of which may be salmon or hatchery steelhead. Release all fish except salmon or hatchery

steelhead. Release wild coho and wild Chinook.

From gas pipeline crossing above Northwestern Lake to Gilmer Creek: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches.

Wide Hollow Creek (Yakima County): Trout: Daily limit five, no minimum length.

Widgeon Lake (Grant County): April 1 through September 30 season.

Wildberry Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Wildcat Lake (Kitsap County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Wilderness Lake (King County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Willame Lake (Lewis County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. Trout: Daily limit two, minimum length fifteen inches.

Willapa River (Pacific County): Mouth to Highway 6 Bridge: June 1 through March 31 season. All game fish: Release all game fish except that up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. All species: August 16 through November 30 night closure and single point barbless hooks required. August 16 through November 30 above the WDFW access at the mouth of Ward/Wilson Creek stationary gear restriction. ((~~Fishing from a floating device prohibited November 1 through March 31 from the bridge on Willapa Road to Fork Creek.~~)) Highway 6 Bridge to Fork Creek: June 1 through July 15 and October 16 through March 31 season. Night closure, single point barbless hooks, and stationary gear restriction October 16 through November 30. ((~~November 1 through March 31 fishing from any floating device prohibited from the bridge on Willapa Road to Fork Creek.~~))

All game fish: Release all fish except that up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained. Salmon: Open only August 1 through January 31 from mouth to Highway 6 Bridge approximately 2 miles below mouth of Trap Creek and open October 16 through January 31 from Highway 6 Bridge to Fork Creek. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 3 may be adult salmon and of the adult salmon not more than one may be a wild adult coho and not more than two may be adult Chinook. Release chum.

Sturgeon: Open year round from mouth to Highway 6 Bridge.

Upstream from Fork Creek: Selective gear rules. August 16 through October 31, ((~~nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) antisnagging rule. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

South Fork: June 1 through last day in February season. Selective gear rules June 1 through October 31. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~)) Antisnagging rule August 16 through November 30. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained.

Williams Creek (Pacific County): June 1 through last day in February season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

Williams Lake (Spokane County): Last Saturday in April through September 30 season.

Williams Lake (Stevens County): December 1 through March 31 season. All species: Catch and release except up to five rainbow trout may be retained.

Wilson Creek (two branches within Ellensburg city limits) (Kittitas County): Open year-round. Juveniles only. Trout: Daily limit five, no minimum length.

Winchester Wasteway (Grant County): Within Winchester Game Reserve: February 1 through September 30 season.

Wind River (Skamania County):

Mouth to four hundred feet below Shipherd Falls: July 1 through March 15 season, except salmon and steelhead. May 1 through June 30: ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure.~~)) Antisnagging rule. August 1 through October 31: ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction. When nonbuoyant lure restriction is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.~~)) Antisnagging rule. Salmon and steelhead: Open March 16 through June 30 daily limit 2 fish, one or both of which may be a salmon or hatchery steelhead. Release all fish except salmon and hatchery steelhead. Release wild coho and wild Chinook. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open August 1 through October 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho. Release Chinook from Burlington-Northern Railroad Bridge upstream.

From four hundred feet below to one hundred feet above Shipherd Falls fish ladder: Closed waters.

From one hundred feet above Shipherd Falls to source, including all tributaries: May 1 through June 30 season. Closed waters: From 400 feet below to 100 feet above the Coffer Dam and from a boundary marker approximately 800 yards downstream from Carson National Fish Hatchery upstream, including all tributaries. ((~~Night closure and nonbuoyant lure restriction. When nonbuoyant lure restriction is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.~~)) Antisnagging rule. Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 2 fish, one or both of which may be a salmon or hatchery steelhead. Release all fish except salmon and hatchery steelhead. Additional season September 16 through November 30. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Winston Creek (tributary to Cowlitz River) (Lewis County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length ten inches.

Wishkah River (Grays Harbor County), including all forks: Closed waters: From dam at Wishkah Rearing Ponds (formerly Mayr Bros.) downstream to ((~~400~~)) 200 feet below outlet channel((~~, except open during salmon season to within 200 feet of dam~~)). Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. ((~~Release wild cutthroat.~~)) Mouth to West

Fork: June 1 through March 31 season. Single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. Selective gear and all species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day, March 1 through March 31. Salmon: Open only October 1 through December 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release adult Chinook, and chum.

From the West Fork to four hundred feet below outlet: June 1 through March 31 season. Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day March 1 through March 31. Salmon: Open only October 1 through December 31 to 200 feet below the weir at the Long Live the Kings/Mayr Brothers facility. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release adult Chinook, and chum.

Wolf Creek, mouth to mouth of south fork (Okanogan County): Closed waters.

Wood Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Woodland Creek (Thurston County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Wooten Lake (Mason County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Wye Lake (Kitsap County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Wynoochee River (Grays Harbor County): Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Mouth to 7400 line bridge above mouth of Schafer Creek: June 1 through March 31 season. Single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. Salmon: Open only October 1 through January 31. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon, except daily limit may contain no more than 1 wild adult coho December 1 through January 31. Release adult Chinook, and chum.

7400 line bridge upstream: Additional December 1 through March 31 season. Selective gear rules. Fishing from a floating device prohibited. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

Wynoochee Reservoir (Grays Harbor County): June 1 through October 31 season. Trout: Daily limit two, minimum length twelve inches. Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

Yakima River (Yakima County): Release all steelhead in mainstem and tributaries. Channel catfish: No daily limit.

From mouth to 400 feet below Prosser Dam: March 1 through October 22 season. Closed waters: From the WDFW white markers 200 feet downstream of the USBR Chandler Powerhouse/Pumping Station spillway chute to the powerline crossing immediately upstream of the powerhouse September 1 through October 22. Chumming permitted. Trout: Release all trout. Salmon: Open only September 1 through October 22. Daily limit 6 fish of which not more than 2 may be

adult salmon. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure.~~)) All species: Antisnagging rule September 1 through October 22.

From Prosser Dam to Highway 223 Bridge: May 1 through October 31 season. Trout: Release all trout.

From mouth to Highway 223 Bridge: Bass: Bass 12 to 17 inches in length may be retained. No daily limit for bass, but not more than 3 bass greater than 15 inches in length may be retained.

From Highway 223 Bridge to 400 feet below Sunnyside Dam: Salmon: Open only September 1 through October 22. Daily limit 6 fish of which not more than 2 may be adult salmon. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure.~~)) All species: Antisnagging rule September 1 through October 22.

From mouth to thirty-five hundred feet below Roza Dam: Year-round season. Closed waters: From Yakima Avenue-Terrace Heights Bridge upstream 400 feet. March 1 through November 30, closed from thirty-five hundred feet below Roza Dam to Roza Dam. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches and maximum length twenty inches. Release all trout April 1 through May 31. Thirty-five hundred feet below Roza Dam to four hundred feet below Roza Dam: December 1 through last day in February season. Whitefish gear rules apply.

From Roza Dam to four hundred feet below Easton Dam and from Lake Easton to the base of Keechelus Dam: Year-round season. Fishing from floating devices equipped with motors allowed only from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation restricted area signs at Roza Dam upstream to the boat launch ramp on the Roza Access Area (approximately one-half mile). Selective gear rules except bait and one single point barbed hook three-sixteenths or smaller point to shank may be used December 1 through last day in February. Trout: From Roza Dam to 400 feet below Easton Dam: Release all trout. Lake Easton to the base of Keechelus Dam. Release all trout except eastern brook trout. Eastern brook trout: No daily limit and no minimum size.

Yakima Sportsmen's Park Ponds (Yakima County): Juveniles only.

Yale Reservoir (Cowlitz County): Trout: Kokanee not counted in daily trout limit. Kokanee daily limit sixteen.

Yellowhawk Creek (Walla Walla County): Closed waters.

Yellowjacket Creek (tributary to Cispus River) (Lewis County): Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches.

Yokum Lake (Pend Oreille County): Last Saturday in April through October 31 season.

Timeline for 2008-09 Sport Rule Adoption Process (Major Cycle)

April 1	Mailing describing process, guidelines
June 1	All proposals due
June 8	Proposals distributed for internal review
June 29	Responses to proposals due
July 10-11	Fish Program meeting (including Enforcement and IRM)
July 18	Meet with Advisory Groups (one large meeting with all groups invited)
Aug 2	Meet with Fish and Wildlife Commission Fish Committee
August 6 week	Meet with Fish Program Administration for Approval
Aug 13 week	Meet with Director's Office for Agency Approval
Sept 3 week	Approved proposals sent to public for comment – package on web site
September 18	Region 1 Public Meeting to discuss proposals: 7-8pm – Stevens County Conservation District Office – 232 Williams Lake Rd. Colville
October 12-13	Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting (Olympia) - brief Commission on proposals
November 2-3	Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting (Chelan) - public hearing - public testimony on proposals – end of period when testimony is accepted on proposals
Nov 13 week	Meet with Advisory Groups (one large meeting with all groups invited)
Nov 26 week	Fish Program meeting (including Enforcement and IRM) for final decisions on proposals
Dec 3 week	Meet with Fish Program Administration & Director’s Office; adjust rule filing to reflect decisions
January 2008	Meet with Fish and Wildlife Commission Fish Committee
February 2008	Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting - adoption of rules
May 1 2008	Pamphlet available - rules take effect

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Statewide Rules

#*1.* New Anti-Snagging Rule

Proposal: This proposal would create a new rule to use in place of the current "non-buoyant lure rule". The new rule would apply to all lures, whether or not they float in fresh water, and would require anglers to use only one single-pointed hook. Only fish hooked inside the mouth could be retained. A night closure would be in effect (closed from one hour after official sunset to one hour before official sunrise).

Explanation: The non-buoyant lure rule is applied in areas where snagging is prevalent, especially during fall salmon returns. The rule is complex and confusing, requiring different standards for lures based on whether they float or sink in fresh water. This rule would be much clearer and should also address snagging issues. An exception to the night closure would be required for Drano Lake, White Salmon River and Klickitat River, and possibly other areas.

#2. Definition of Bass

Proposal: This proposal would limit the definition of bass in our rules to largemouth and smallmouth bass.

Explanation: Currently, the term "bass" in the rules and sportfishing pamphlet is not defined. A definition is needed to include largemouth bass and smallmouth bass and exclude rock bass and striped bass. The latter two species would not be managed under rules for bass but would continue to be managed without size or daily limits. It will then be clear that the term "bass" in the exception rules for sections of the Columbia River, Snake River, Palouse River, Touchet River, Walla Walla River, Yakima River, and Stan Coffin Lake (Grant Co.), refers only to smallmouth and largemouth bass.

#3. Separate Statewide Rules for Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass

Proposal: Replace current general Statewide Bass Rule with a specific statewide rule for smallmouth bass and a specific statewide rule for largemouth bass.

Statewide Largemouth Bass Rule - No minimum size. Only bass less than 12" may be retained, except 1 over 17" may be retained. Daily limit 5. Bass may be caught, retained and released alive from a livewell until a daily limit is in possession.

Statewide Smallmouth Bass Rule – No min. size. Only 1 over 14" may be retained. Daily limit 10. Bass may be caught, retained and released alive from a livewell until a daily limit is in possession.

These rules would be applied statewide with the following exceptions: Columbia River from Priest Rapids Dam downstream to mouth, Palouse River from the mouth upstream to the base of Palouse Falls, Snake River, Grande Ronde River, Touchet River from mouth upstream to the confluence of North and South Forks, Walla Walla River from

mouth upstream to Touchet River and to Oregon State boundary and all tributaries, except Mill Creek, Yakima River from mouth upstream to Hwy 223 Bridge, Stan Coffin Lake (Grant Co.).

Explanation: The current statewide bass rule that addresses both largemouth and smallmouth bass is only effective in management of largemouth bass. It provides too much harvest protection for smallmouth bass. The growth and recruitment of these two bass species are too different to be managed effectively under the same Statewide Bass Rule. Under the current Statewide Bass Rule, largemouth bass populations without smallmouth present are usually stable. However, when both species are present, the largemouth bass populations exhibit a decline due to the competitive advantage smallmouth have with an earlier spawning time and nearly total protection from harvest in the current 12' to 17" slot limit. The focus of increasing smallmouth bass harvest needs to be directed at fish less than 14 inches to avoid even greater increases in abundance of this smaller size group of smallmouth bass.

#4. Allow Anglers to Purchase a Second Catch Record Card for Hatchery Steelhead

Proposal: Currently there is an annual limit of 30 steelhead; no more than one of these may be a wild fish. This proposal would do away with the annual limit of 30 steelhead by allowing anglers to purchase a second catch record card for hatchery steelhead, <u>while retaining the limit of one wild fish per angler per license year</u>. Anglers who wish to retain their annual limit of one wild fish would need to keep their first catch record card to record the wild fish, as subsequent cards would only be valid for hatchery fish.

Explanation: The yearly one-fish limit for wild steelhead is meant to address conservation concerns for wild fish. Hatchery fish do not need an annual limit for conservation reasons. Hatchery fish are stocked to provide harvest and WDFW's intent is to maximize their use. If a situation arises where broodstock needs are in jeopardy, emergency regulations are used on a case-by-case basis to close fisheries. Allowing anglers to purchase a second catch record card for hatchery fish will help to reduce surpluses at hatcheries and allow anglers to harvest more hatchery fish.

#5. Fishing Tournaments – 3 Proposed Changes

Proposal 1: Only allow tournaments on wild steelhead in places and at times where wild steelhead retention is allowed.

Explanation: Especially after the recent ESA listing on Puget Sound steelhead, we do not encourage tournaments targeting wild steelhead in areas that do not have healthy populations.

Proposal 2: During fishing contests where anglers target tiger muskies, no retention is allowed. Tiger muskies may be caught, measured for length, and photographed but all fish must be immediately released alive.

Explanation 2: This proposal will provide protection for tiger muskies from possible fishing contest harvest impacts.

Proposal 3: This proposal changes the requirements for aquatic invasive species decontamination for boats involved in tournaments. All boats would now have to meet the following requirements:
Prior to launching into any Washington State body of water:
(a) All contest participants are required to sign an aquatic invasive species decontamination statement stating whether or not their boats and/or boat trailers have been in physical contact with any waters outside of Washington State for the thirty days immediately preceding the contest. If the boat and/or trailer has been in contact with such waters the participant must complete an aquatic invasive species decontamination report indicating that the following actions have been taken:

(i) A physical inspection has been made of the hull, motor, trailer, livewell and bilge by the contest director or designee, according to criteria established by the department; and

(ii) Any aquatic invasive species, if found, have been disposed of in a garbage container; and

(iii) The hull, motor, trailer, livewell, and bilge have been decontaminated according to criteria established by the department.

(b) The aquatic invasive species decontamination statement and decontamination report shall be submitted to the department as part of the fishing contest report.
Explanation 3: This proposal updates the current fishing contest rule to reflect new legislation about boat inspections for aquatic invasive species. The current rule only identifies zebra mussels. New procedures for decontaminating vessels are evolving. This proposal would eliminate the explicit "how to" steps in the current rule, allowing the agency will be able to update the criteria rapidly and post it on the agency website.

#6. Tiger Muskie Rules

Proposal: This proposal would set the minimum size for tiger muskie at 48" with a daily limit of one fish.

Explanation: Tiger muskies are sterile hybrids that don't reproduce. They exist in low density in the handful of lakes where stocking is maintained (currently, 7 lakes). Tiger muskies are a popular sportfish even though they are not a popular food item, so it makes sense to leave them in the water for another angler to catch.

Conserving the current population is especially necessary at this time because WDFW does not have its own source of eggs, and the supply is insecure. For example, no restocking of tiger muskies will occur in 2008, and further interruptions of annual restockings are possible. Angler harvest without replacement stocking would quickly wipe out this fishery.

Other states that raised their minimum size on muskies have experienced a long-term positive effect on the quality of their muskie fisheries in terms of both numbers and size of fish. Raising the minimum size is a proven management technique for muskie fisheries.

#7. Fork Length Measurement for Sturgeon

Proposal: Currently, the slot limit for sturgeon harvest is based on a measurement of the total length of the fish (including the tail). This proposal would allow managers to use fork length rather than total length when they set the retention size for sturgeon. Fork length would be defined as the distance from the tip of the nose to the fork in the tail. Because of the need to coordinate this rule with Oregon on concurrent waters, we are proposing that this rule would take effect January 1, 2009.

Explanation: Sturgeon have a cyclic tail with the top lobe being longer than the bottom. Measuring total length requires that the tail is lying in a "normal position". It is often difficult for the angler to keep the fish in a "normal position" long enough to measure the top of the tail. This is particularly a problem with fish that are near the upper and lower ends of the slot limit. The result is an increase in handling time (waiting until the fish quits flopping around the boat). Many anglers even hold the fish vertically by the tail and measure from the floor of the boat to the top of the tail. All of this increases the handling stress and impacts survival of released fish. This can be a significant problem since large numbers of sturgeon are caught and released. In addition, there are instances of people cutting off the top lobe of the tail and releasing the fish, presumably to make an oversized fish legal if caught again.

Converting to fork length will reduce handling time since the angler will not have to get the top of the tail in a "normal position". It is much easier to measure fork length, so fish not within the slot limit can be released more quickly. It will also take away the incentive to cut off the top of the tail. Fork length is less ambiguous, making enforcement more clear-cut and the rule easier for anglers to comply with.

Our sturgeon technical staff has the information to correlate total length for sturgeon to fork length, so the actual size of sturgeon anglers may retain will not change. Implementing this rule will be contingent on adoption by ODFW because of the joint boundary waters on the Columbia River. We will work with ODFW staff this fall on the potential for implementing this rule as part of our joint sturgeon management plan.

Region 1

#8. Spokane River Redband Trout Protection

Proposal: This proposal would change season from year-round to June 1 through March 15 on the Spokane River from upstream boundary of Plese Flats day use area to Monroe Street Dam.

Explanation: The closure of this stretch of river from mid-March through the end of May will provide some protection for spawning wild redband rainbow trout. This is a highly urbanized section of the river and with continuous human population growth in the coming years these fish need additional protection during their spawning period.

#9. Grande Ronde River Bass and Catfish Limits

Proposal: Change the bass limit on the Grande Ronde River from the statewide standard to 5 fish (smallmouth and largemouth combined), no minimum size, no more than 3 over 15" in length. Change the channel catfish limit from 5 per day to no daily limit.
Explanation: This will make the rules consistent with those in the adjoining Snake River.

#10. Walla Walla River Catfish Daily Limit

Proposal: Change the channel catfish limit from 5 per day to no daily limit.
Explanation: This will make the rules consistent with those in the adjoining Columbia River.

#11. Close Yellowhawk and Cottonwood Creeks, East Little Walla Walla River, and Portions of Dry Creek.

Proposal: This proposal would make several tributaries to the Walla Walla River CLOSED WATERS. Specific closed areas would be: Yellowhawk Creek, Cottonwood Creek, East Little Walla Walla River, and that portion of Dry Creek upstream of the middle Waitsburg Road.

Explanation: This proposal will provide protection to bull trout and protects ESA listed steelhead in spawning and rearing areas of several tributaries to the Walla Walla River. The recommended closed areas are important rearing areas that have very limited water for steelhead, and they are areas where steelhead juveniles concentrate during fishing season. Fish are very vulnerable and stressed in these conditions. These types of regulations are currently in place for the upper Touchet River tributaries, upper Tucannon River, and Asotin Creek tributaries.

#12. Closing Dates for Fisheries on Mill Creek, Touchet, Tucannon, and Walla Walla Rivers

Proposal: This proposal would change the closing date for fisheries on the Walla Walla River from the Touchet River to the Oregon State boundary (including all tributaries except Mill Creek and the Touchet River), the Tucannon River from the mouth to the Tucannon Hatchery Bridge, the Touchet River from the mouth to the confluence of the North and South Forks, and on Mill Creek from the mouth to the Roosevelt Street Bridge from April 15 to March 31.

Explanation: Wild Steelhead in southeast Washington are listed under the ESA. This proposal will protect spawning steelhead from harassment and hooking mortality during the peak of spawning in April. Currently, some rivers in this area close to steelhead fishing on March 31, others on April 15. This proposal would provide a consistent closing date for streams and rivers in southeast Washington.

#13. Wenaha Tributary Selective Gear Rules and Release All Steelhead

Proposal: This proposal would add selective gear rules to Wenaha River tributaries and require the release of all steelhead.

Explanation: This proposed change would protect ESA listed steelhead, bull trout and Chinook in spawning and rearing areas.

#14. Dalton Lake and Pampa Pond Trout Rules

Proposal: This proposal would allow anglers to retain only 2 trout over 13" in their daily limit of 5 trout in Dalton Lake (Franklin Co.) and Pampa Pond (Whitman Co).

Explanation: This proposal will help to distribute the few jumbo trout stocked into this lake to more anglers and make the larger fish available longer in the season. It would also reduce high grading of fish to keep up to 5 fish that are jumbo trout.

#15. Downs Lake Opening Date

Proposal: This proposal would change the opening date of the fishery in Downs Lake (Lincoln/Spokane Co.) from the last Saturday in April to March 1. The closing date would remain September 30. All other rules would remain unchanged.

Explanation: This proposal would allow increased angling opportunity during early spring. Interested panfish and bass anglers have requested an extended season on this water.

#16. Liberty Lake Opening Date

Proposal: This proposal would change the opening date of the fishery in Liberty Lake (Spokane Co.) from the last Saturday in April to March 1. The closing date would remain September 30. All other rules would remain unchanged.

Explanation: This proposal would allow increased angling opportunity during early spring. Interested bass anglers have requested an extended season on this water.

#17. Long Lake Bass Season

Proposal: This proposal would open the bass season in Long Lake (Lake Spokane) to retention year-round. Daily limits for largemouth and smallmouth bass would be separate under the new proposed statewide bass limits (See Proposal #3).

Explanation: The new statewide smallmouth bass regulation will help control a rapidly expanding smallmouth bass population. The current slot limit for largemouth bass provides adequate harvest protection and eliminates the need for the catch and release season. The extended season will give anglers more opportunity to harvest these fish.

#18. Medical Lake Extended Season

Proposal: This proposal would change the season in Medical Lake (Spokane Co.) from the last Saturday in April through September 30 through March 1 through October 31. All other regulations on lake would remain unchanged.

Explanation: This proposal would increase angling opportunity during early spring and fall. This is consistent with the openers on other area selective gear waters (i.e. Coffeepot Lake, North Silver Lake, Amber Lake).

#19. Roosevelt Lake Closed Waters

Proposal: This proposal would create an area of CLOSED WATERS in Roosevelt Lake from the Coulee Dam National Recreation Area boundary downstream of Onion Creek to the Canadian border March 1 through May 31.

Explanation: This proposal is needed for redband rainbow spawning stock conservation. Increased public awareness of redband rainbow spawning runs in the Upper Columbia River involving the spawning tributaries and staging for spawning in Big Sheep Creek Onion Creek and Deep Creek threatens the sustainability of these populations. Guided fishing trips from as far as Ellensburg, Washington are targeting these fish.

#20. Sprague Lake Daily Limits

Proposal: This proposal would change the daily limit for crappie in Sprague Lake from 10 to a combined limit of 25 bluegill and crappie, but retain the 9” minimum size for crappie. The daily limit for trout would be 5 fish, no more than two over 20” in length. Largemouth and smallmouth bass and walleye would all have statewide daily land size limits.

Explanation: Sprague Lake is scheduled for treatment with rotenone this fall. The proposed regulations will be protective of anticipated large panfish populations after treatment of the lake. The special limit now in effect for walleye will no longer be needed.

#21. Williams, Hatch, and Ellen Lake Rules

Proposal: This proposal would make it unlawful to possess any fish species other than rainbow trout while fishing at Williams Lake (Stevens Co.), Hatch Lake (Stevens Co.) and Ellen Lake (Ferry Co.).

Explanation: A chronic situation exists at Williams Lake and other nearby small lakes, with members of the public attempting to change species management on selected lakes. Williams Lake is a winter-season lake planted with rainbow trout fry. The lake was rehabilitated in 2004 to remove goldfish and was rehabilitated before that to remove largemouth bass and carp. The winter trout fishery in 2006-7 was seriously affected by a yellow perch plant in 2005. The same situation exists at Hatch Lake in Stevens Co. with yellow perch, and Ellen Lake in Ferry Co. with largemouth bass and

green sunfish. If it is unlawful to harvest other species, these trout lakes can be rehabilitated and returned to trout fry management with an expectation of supporting a longer lasting trout fishery.

Region 2

#22. Boulder Creek Eastern Brook Trout Bonus Limit

Proposal: This proposal would add a bonus limit of 10 Eastern brook trout with no minimum size in Boulder Creek and tributaries (Okanogan Co) in addition to the daily limit of 5 other trout.

Explanation: Boulder Creek and tributary streams continue to funnel Eastern Brook Trout into the Chewuch River watershed, which is being managed for ESA-listed bull trout recovery – Reducing the brook trout population within the Boulder Creek drainage will help to lessen the competitive impacts between the two species.

#23. Columbia Basin Hatchery Creek Trout Limit

Proposal: This proposal would change the trout daily limit on Columbia Basin Hatchery Creek from the hatchery outflow to the confluence with Rocky Coulee Wasteway from 5 to 3 fish. The creek would continue to be open only to juveniles and persons with disability licenses.

Explanation: This will extend the time trout are available in this very popular fishery.

#24. Columbia River from Rocky Reach Dam to Turtle Rock

Proposal: This proposal would add the new proposed anti-snagging rule to all fisheries (See Proposal #1) in the Columbia River from Rocky Reach Dam upriver to Turtle Rock.

Explanation: Our enforcement officers have requested an anti-snagging rule to assist in stopping anglers from snagging salmon in the Columbia River behind East Bank Hatchery. This is the only place in this river section where snagging is a recurring problem. Rocky Reach Dam and Turtle Rock are both easily recognized landmarks.

#25. Lake Creek Closed Waters above Black Lake

Proposal: This proposal would add a CLOSED WATERS section to Lake Creek (Okanogan Co) from Black Lake to Three Prong Creek.

Explanation: This section of Lake Creek is a major spawning area for migratory bull trout coming out of Black Lake and the Chewuch River. Habitat is fragile and protection is necessary for increased bull trout survival within the watershed.

#26. North Creek Closed Waters

Proposal: This proposal would add a CLOSED WATERS section to North Creek (Okanogan Co) from the mouth to the falls at river mile 0.8.

Explanation: North Creek, below the barrier falls, is an important spawning and rearing area for ESA-listed bull trout within the Methow basin. Habitat is fragile and protection is necessary to preserve bull trout survival.

#27. Okanogan River Anti-Snagging Rule

Proposal: This proposal would add the new anti-snagging rule (see Proposal #1) to the Okanogan River (Okanogan County), from the mouth to Hwy 97 Bridge immediately upstream of mouth, during the salmon season, July 1st – Oct 15th.

Explanation: Snagging is an issue in this particular section of the river during salmon season; the new anti-snagging rule would help to reduce this problem.

#28. Banks Lake Crappie Rules

Proposal: This proposal would make the daily limit for crappie in Banks Lake (Grant Co.) 10, with a minimum size of 9".

Explanation: Black crappie have never been extremely abundant in Banks Lake, and most years the catch is confined to a relatively short period in the spring at a few locations. Creel data and anecdotal angler reports indicate that crappie harvest has increased over the last two years; however, biological surveys show no definitive increase in the population. The catch also appears to be primarily larger, mature fish.

Given the relatively low number of this species in the lake, we should be conservative in our management approach, particularly where the broodstock is concerned. Setting a minimum size to allow the fish to mature and limiting the number of these larger fish retained should recruit more fish to the population and prevent over-harvest of the broodstock while still allowing a reasonable harvest. The 9" minimum size and 10 fish daily limit has become our standard for crappie management under these circumstances statewide.

#29. Black Lake Becomes Spring Hill Reservoir

Proposal: This proposal would change the name of Black Lake (Chelan Co.) also listed as Lower Wheeler Reservoir to Spring Hill Reservoir. The two alternate names will continue to be listed in the pamphlet.

Explanation: Unfortunately this lake is known locally by three separate names. The name that appears on local maps is Spring Hill Reservoir. To avoid confusion for the angling public, the alternate names should also be listed.

#30. Big Tiffany Lake Trout

Proposal: This proposal would add a bonus limit of 10 Eastern brook trout with no minimum size to the daily limit of 5 other trout, and require the release of all cutthroat trout.

Explanation: Big Tiffany Lake provides a major spawning and rearing area for Eastern brook trout, which then feed into the Boulder Creek watershed. An effort is being made

to re-establish westslope cutthroat in Big Tiffany, along with additional efforts to reduce brook trout impacts on ESA-listed bull trout downstream.

#31. Little Twin Lake

Proposal: This proposal would change the season on Little Twin Lake (Okanogan County), to last Saturday in April through Oct 31st, with selective gear rules, and a 1 fish daily limit for trout. The lake is currently open from April 1through November 30, catch-and-release with selective gear rules, and December 1 through March 31 with statewide rules.

Explanation: The present winter season is underutilized, since it is impossible to get to the lake in the winter due to heavy snowfall on the entrance road. Changing to a quality fishery with an opening day status should increase angler effort substantially, and match the regulations on nearby Big Twin Lake.

#32. Patterson Lake Year-Round Season

Proposal: This proposal would change the season in Patterson Lake (Okanogan Co) to year-round.

Explanation: Over the years, there have been many illegal introductions of spiny ray species to the trout population in the lake, including walleye, largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and yellow perch. We are unable to rehabilitate this lake because a major resort takes drinking water from the lake. In order to better utilize the mixed species composition and to try and maintain a decent spring trout fishery, it would be better to have a longer season and remove as many spiny rays as possible.

#33. Silvernail Lake becomes Silver Nail Lake

Proposal: This proposal would change the name of Silvernail Lake (Okanogan Co) to Silver Nail Lake.

Explanation: This is strictly a housekeeping change to conform to Washington Place Names and the USGS Graphic Names Information System.

Region 3

#34. Box Canyon Creek Closed Waters

Proposal: This proposal would specify that the CLOSED WATERS in Box Canyon Creek (Kittitas Co.) from the mouth (Kachess Reservoir), upstream approximately 2 miles to the waterfall (20' high visible from road) includes that portion of the river that flows through the dry lakebed.

Explanation: Due to the annual late summer drawdown of Kachess Lake (Reservoir) for irrigation, large stretches of the upper lakebed become exposed. This also exposes the old creek channel that flows through the dry lakebed. Although it is "Closed Waters" in the creek from Kachess Reservoir upstream to the 20' barrier falls (Peekaboo Falls)

to protect bull trout, under current rules anglers can continue to legally fish in the stretch of creek that flows through the lakebed as this area legally falls under “lake rules”. Due to the importance of protecting spawning & rearing bull trout in Box Canyon Creek the river special rule needs to be revised to apply when the reservoir is drawn down below full pool elevation.

#35. Indian Creek and NF Tieton Closed Waters

Proposal 1: This proposal would specify that the CLOSED WATERS in Indian Creek (Yakima Co.) from Rimrock Reservoir, upstream approximately 6 miles to the impassable waterfall located about 2.5 miles on trail #1105 from the end of Indian Creek Rd. (USFS Rd #1308) includes the portion of the creek that flows through the dry lakebed

Proposal 2: This proposal would specify that the CLOSED WATERS in the North Fork Tieton River (Yakima Co.) from Rimrock Lake to Clear Lake Dam, includes that portion of the river that flows through the dry lakebed of Rimrock Lake.

Explanation – Proposals 1&2: Due to the annual late summer drawdown of Rimrock Lake (Reservoir) for irrigation, large stretches of the upper lakebed become exposed. This also exposes the old creek channel that flows through the dry lakebed. Although Indian Creek is “Closed Waters” from Rimrock Lake upstream to the barrier falls to protect adult and sub-adult bull trout, under current rules anglers can continue to legally fish in the stretch of creek that flows through the lakebed as this area legally falls under “lake rules” regardless of reservoir surface elevation. The same situation occurs in the NF Tieton after the August 15 river closure date. Due to the importance of protecting spawning & rearing bull trout in Indian Creek, the river special rule needs to be revised to apply when the reservoir is drawn down below full pool elevation.

#36. SF Tieton Closed Waters

Proposal: This proposal would change the lower boundary of the CLOSED WATERS in the SF Tieton from the mouth to the bridge on USFS Rd. 1200.
Explanation: When Rimrock Reservoir at high levels, a short section of the South Fork Tieton River above the mouth is inundated. This creates a slack pool area in the lower river canyon above the mouth that some confuse as being part of Rimrock Lake. Some anglers unintentionally fish this “Closed Waters” section from the bank and from boats that drive up from the reservoir under the USFS Rd. 1200 bridge. Since bull trout frequent the area year-round and stage in this backwater pool prior to spawning, WDFW needs to clearly identify the area upstream of the bridge as “Closed Waters”.

#37. Teanaway River and NF Teanaway River Rules

Proposal 1: This proposal would require anglers to release all trout on the Teanaway River (Kittitas Co). Selective gear rules would remain in place.

Proposal 2: This proposal would require anglers to release all trout on the North Fork Teanaway River (Kittitas Co.) from the mouth to Beverly Creek, including all tributaries. Selective gear rules would apply. From Beverly Creek upstream 8 river miles to the impassable waterfall at the end of USFS Rd. 9737 would be CLOSED WATERS.

Explanation – Proposals 1&2: WDFW's Ecological Interactions Team has been monitoring the ecological effects of hatchery spring Chinook supplementation in the NF Teanaway River for 17 years. This work is performed to determine if negative impacts to steelhead have occurred in the areas being supplemented with spring Chinook salmon. The results show that improved environmental conditions in the Teanaway Basin, in general, have allowed rainbow trout abundance to increase substantially in the years since salmon supplementation began and similar increases would have occurred in the NF and mainstem if salmon supplementation had not been initiated.

One action that can be taken relatively quickly that may help mitigate impacts to steelhead is to eliminate rainbow trout harvest in the supplemented areas. Consequently, we are proposing a "release all trout" rule in the mainstem Teanaway R.

The "Closed waters" portion of this proposal is an urgent conservation measure needed to provide protection to spawning and rearing bull trout in the upper NF Teanaway River. The bull trout population in the upper NF Teanaway/DeRoux Creek area is considered to be critical under WDFW's Salmonid Stock Inventory (SASI). As a secondary benefit, a "release all trout" regulation may also help listed bull trout. The bull trout population cannot afford to have <u>any</u> adults harvested in the mainstem migration corridor through mis-identification as eastern brook trout, which are currently legal to harvest.

#38. De Roux Creek Closed Waters

Proposal: This proposal would add a CLOSED WATERS section to De Roux Creek (Kittitas Co) from the mouth to the USFS Trail # 1392 (De Roux Cr. Trail) stream crossing (approximately one river mile).

Explanation: This "CLOSED WATERS" proposal complements a similar proposal for the upper NF Teanaway River (above). Both proposals are important conservation measures needed to protect spawning and rearing bull trout (ESA listed "threatened" species) in the upper NF Teanaway River drainage. The bull trout population in the Teanaway/DeRoux Creek area is considered to be critical under WDFW's Salmonid Stock Inventory (SASI).

#39. Lower Yakima River Rules

Proposal 1: This proposal would close the Yakima River from mouth (Hwy. 240 Bridge) to 400' below Prosser Dam to the retention of trout, and make the season for all other game fish March 1 through Oct. 22.

Proposal 2: This proposal would close the Yakima River from Prosser Dam to the Highway 223 Bridge to the retention of trout, and make the season for all other game fish May 1 through Oct. 31.

Explanation - Proposals 1&2: Significant numbers of resident trout exist only in the upper portion (i.e. Hwy 223 – Granger Bridge at R.M. 82.7 upstream to Roza Dam) of the 128-mile "lower Yakima" reach. When this long reach was divided into shorter segments in 2002, the trout season and additional rules were retained in each segment even though there are no fishable resident trout populations downstream of the SR 223 Bridge. The June 1 through March 31 season and 12" minimum size for trout was intended to protect downstream migrating salmon and steelhead smolts in April and May, while still allowing fishing for other gamefish. From November through February the majority of the Yakima Basin summer steelhead run (100% wild origin) migrates upstream. This ESA-listed "threatened" species is not supplemented with hatchery-reared steelhead and is struggling. Recent returns indicate that, at best, the steelhead are barely maintaining themselves or are declining slowly. A closure of all fishing in this reach during the fall and winter months will provide steelhead with additional protection from direct illegal harvest (poaching) and/or indirect incidental hooking mortality and make enforcement of the basin-wide closure of all steelhead fishing easier and more effective.

Additional Explanation - Proposal 1: The fishery for smallmouth bass and channel catfish begins in March in the vicinity of the Highway 240 Bridge in Richland and extends into the fall. The fall salmon fishery for Coho and fall Chinook closes on October 22 to minimize snagging of adult fall Chinook on the spawning grounds. Hence, the proposed season end date for bass and other game fish is adjusted to coincide with the closure of the salmon fishery.

Additional Explanation - Proposal 2: A large portion of the adult Yakima Basin summer steelhead run is known to over-winter in deep pools in the vicinity of the mouths of Satus Creek and Toppenish Creek. Unfortunately, unethical anglers are taking advantage of the current year-round season for bass and other game fish species (e.g. whitefish) to fish at Satus Bar and target steelhead, although most anglers are practicing catch-and-release. Virtually all the legitimate winter whitefish fishing occurs higher in the watershed, particularly in the Yakima Canyon and upper Yakima River above Roza Dam, and in the Naches River. The proposed May 1 opening will still permit legitimate smallmouth bass fishing (including the annual Prosser Bass Derby) to occur when bass feeding activity (and fall Chinook smolt predation) is picking up, but after most adult steelhead have moved upstream into tributaries to spawn.

#40. Yakima River Closed Waters

Proposal: This proposal will add a CLOSED WATERS area to the Yakima River from the WDFW white markers 200 feet downstream of the USBR Chandler Powerhouse/Pumping Station spillway chute to the power line crossing immediately upstream of the powerhouse.

Explanation: In the fall when the Prosser Dam-to-Chandler Powerhouse bypass reach (11.3 river miles) is relatively low and warm, fall Chinook, Coho, and ESA-listed mid-Columbia steelhead are attracted to the deep holding pool and significant discharge from the powerhouse/pumping station. In 2006, powerhouse mean daily flow during the fall salmon season ranged from 76% to 86% of total river flow. Anglers fish directly in the tailrace, increasing the potential for snagging of salmon and incidental injury/"take" of steelhead. WDFW Enforcement staff has issued numerous citations at this site for snagging despite the non-buoyant lure restriction and night closure. Over 50 miles of the Yakima River is open to fishing during the fall salmon season, yet during the 2006 fishery, 60% of the harvest was taken at the Chandler Powerhouse. Harvest at this one location was also equal to about 60% of the spawning escapement upstream at Prosser Dam. The high incidence of violations (snagging, etc.) prompted the emergency closure of the area described in the rule proposal in October 2006. A permanent rule is needed rather than annual emergency rule closures.

#41. Cle Elum Lake Lake Trout (Mackinaw)

Proposal: This proposal would add a bonus limit for lake trout (mackinaw) in Cle Elum Lake (Kittitas Co). There would be no minimum size or daily limit for lake trout, and they would be in addition to the 5 fish daily limit for other trout species.
Explanation: There is no need to regulate the catch of this non-native char that preys on native species such as bull trout and kokanee. This is identical to the regulation for Lake Trout in Lake Chelan.

Region 4

#42. Cedar River Other Game Fish Fishery

Proposal: This proposal would allow anglers to keep other game fish during the catch-and-release fishery for trout on the Cedar River.

Explanation: Bass and whitefish are available for anglers to harvest during the catch-and-release fishery for trout.

#43. Skagit, Sauk and Cascade Rivers Steelhead and Bull Trout Protection

Proposal 1: This proposal would require selective gear rules and catch-and-release for all game fish except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained on the Skagit River

during the June 1 through March 15 season from the mouth of the Cascade River to Gorge Dam.

Proposal 2: This proposal would require selective gear rules and catch-and-release for all game fish except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained during all open seasons on the Sauk River, including the North Fork and South Fork.

Proposal 3: This proposal would require selective gear rules and catch-and-release for all game fish except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained on the Cascade River during the June 1 through the last day in February season from the Rockport-Cascade Road Bridge upstream.

Explanation – Proposals 1,2,3: These proposals would provide a sanctuary for steelhead and DollyVarden/bull trout in the Sauk, Skagit and upper Cascade Rivers. The DollyVarden/bull trout retention fishery in these areas is currently closed because of stock concerns. WDFW has been monitoring DollyVarden/bull trout populations throughout the Skagit Basin for several years. A 60% decline in spawning activity was observed in 2005 and was attributed to low summer flows. Similarly, a second consecutive year of decline was observed in 2006, probably associated with impacts to 2001, 2002 brood years by the 2003 flood, suggesting multiple year classes were adversely affected. Maximizing spawners to the spawning grounds will increase prospects for recovery of this population. Steelhead stocks in these areas are holding very close to their escapement goals, but with the recent ESA listing of Puget Sound stocks, extra protection to these populations is also wise. The concept of sanctuaries in other areas will be taken up in a border basis as we develop the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan.

#44. Mill Pond Senior Fishery

Proposal: This proposal would allow seniors (70 years and older) to fish along with juveniles at Mill Pond (King Co.).

Explanation: Mill Pond is currently open to juveniles only. We received a request from Auburn Parks and one from a private citizen to allow fishers of other ages (particularly seniors) to fish during all or part of the season at this pond.

Region 5

#45. Columbia River Sturgeon Rules Above and Below Wauna

Proposal: This proposal allows us to adopt rules for the 2008 white sturgeon fishery in the Columbia River from Bonneville Dam downstream to the overhead powerline crossing of the Columbia River from Cathlamet, Washington to Wauna, Oregon approximately 40 miles upstream from the mouth (commonly referred to as the Wauna powerlines), and from powerlines downstream to the mouth. Opening and closing dates

for the retention fishery and the specific days of the week that white sturgeon retention will allowed are contingent upon the annual fall-time resource inventory updates and negotiations with the state of Oregon and will be decided at a Joint State Hearing in December or January, and added to this package for adoption by the Commission.

Explanation: Sturgeon in the lower Columbia River and tributaries downstream from Bonneville Dam are managed under the 3-year sturgeon management agreements between Washington and Oregon. Sturgeon population status, fishing seasons, and regulations are reviewed prior to each year of the 3-year agreement. Columbia River Joint State Hearings are held at the end of each year to set following-year seasons and regulations to keep sturgeon harvest within annual guidelines as defined in the Joint State Agreement on Columbia River Sturgeon Fishery Management. These rules also maintain concurrent regulations between Washington and Oregon.

#46. Cowlitz and Cispus Rivers Whitefish Fisheries

Proposal 1: This proposal would allow anglers to retain game fish other than trout and up to two hatchery steelhead during the November 1 through May 31 on the Cowlitz River from the posted PUD signs on Peters Road to the Mouth of the Ohanepecosh and Muddy Fork from.

Proposal 2: This proposal would allow anglers to retain game fish other than trout and up to two hatchery steelhead during the November 1 through May 31 on the Cispus River from the mouth (posted markers at the Lewis County PUD kayak launch) upstream to the North Fork.

Explanation – Proposals 1&2: This would allow harvest of other game fish, primarily whitefish, while continuing to restrict trout harvest to hatchery steelhead.

#47. Cowlitz River Closed Waters

Proposal: This proposal would create an area of CLOSED WATERS within a 100' radius of the new Cowlitz Trout Hatchery outfall structure except open within posted markers to anglers who permanently use a wheelchair.

Explanation: This proposal provides a permanent rule for the small sanctuary at the mouth of the outfall (currently closed by emergency rule) while also providing an exclusive fishing area for permanently wheelchair bound anglers. Using posted markers as the boundaries of this area provides flexibility as a permanent fishing site is developed and allows us to provide a buffer between non wheel chair bound anglers if necessary.

#48. Kalama River Gear Restrictions

Proposal: This proposal would replace the current non-buoyant lure restriction with the new anti-snagging rule (see Proposal #1) and increase the time and area where it is applied in the section of river from the mouth of the Kalama River upstream to the intake

at the lower fish hatchery. The night closure would be in effect from April 1 through October 31 in the entire section. The new anti-snagging rule would be in effect from April 1 through October 31 from the mouth to the natural gas pipeline, and the fly-fishing-only season would remain from September 1 through October 31 from the natural gas pipeline at Mahaffey's Campground to the deadline at the intake at the lower salmon hatchery. The current stationary gear restriction, however, would only be in place September 1 through October 31 from the mouth upstream to the natural gas pipeline at Mahaffey's Campground.

Explanation: There has been a significant increase in illegal snagging in this area in recent years . The Kalama has low flows during the late spring and summer months. This makes the fish vulnerable to snagging, dip netting, clubbing and set netting during this time period. Legal fishermen have been pushed off the river at night. The landowners across the river from our access observe illegal snagging nightly. Wild steelhead and Chinook are being taken daily and enforcement efforts cannot keep up with the problem. The deadline at the lower hatchery addresses the main problem area and still allows legitimate summer steelhead anglers to fish at night above the area.

#49. Rock Creek

Proposal: This proposal would open Rock Creek (Klickitat Co.) year-round from the mouth to the Army Corps of Engineers Park with the same size limits and daily limits at the adjacent Columbia River**.**

Explanation: This portion of Rock Creek is a backwater area from the John Day pool of the Columbia River and should be managed with the same rules.

Region 6

#50. Bear River Closed Waters

Proposal: This proposal would make the Bear River (Pacific County) CLOSED WATERS above the Longview Fiber Bridge.

Explanation: This proposal offers protection to spawning salmon as well as steelhead and cutthroat, while still allowing 3 miles of fishery downstream.

#51. Burley Creek and Curley Creek Seasons

Proposal: This proposal would close the season on Burley Creek and Curley Creek (both Kitsap Co.) on October 31 instead of the last day of February.

Explanation: This proposal closes the winter season to protect wild ESA-listed steelhead in Burley and Curley Creeks; no hatchery steelhead are released in either creek.

#52. Carbon River Opening Date

Proposal: This proposal would change the opening date of the fishery on the Carbon River (Pierce Co) from July 1 to September 1 from the mouth to Voight Creek.

Explanation: Changing the opening date to September 1 is for conservation of Puyallup River fall Chinook and to limit a disorderly fishery. In July and August anglers use the excuse of targeting summer run steelhead to catch and keep early returning salmon, particularly Chinook. Puyallup River fall Chinook are part of the ESA listed Puget Sound Chinook population. There is very little participation in the trout and game fish fishery on the Carbon River in July and August, because the visibility of the water due to glacial runoff is close to zero. The Carbon River does not have summer steelhead.

#53. Upper Chehalis River Rainbow Protection

Proposal:. This proposal would create a catch-and-release fishery (except up to 2 hatchery steelhead could be retained) June 1 through April 15 on the upper Chehalis River from the High Bridge on Weyerhaeuser 1000 line approximately 400 yards downstream of Rogers Creek (south of Pe Ell) upstream, including all forks and tributaries. Selective gear rules would be required.

Explanation: This proposed rule is intended to provide additional protection for resident rainbow during the general river trout season. Currently these fish are exposed to harvest under the definition of steelhead as fish over 20 inches in length. These fish are typically larger than 15 inches with the majority also under 20 inches. This will offer anglers a quality stream fishery while maintaining the population.

#54. Goodman Creek Wild Steelhead Closure

Proposal: This proposal would require anglers to release wild steelhead in Goodman Creek (Jefferson Co.) This creek is currently open to the harvest of wild steelhead during the winter season.

Explanation: Goodman Creek has a relatively small population of wild steelhead, with an escapement goal of 206. The last three years' escapements, including 2007, have been below the goal, and sloping sharply downward. The cause of the decline is unknown. The trend is consistent with Goodman's close neighbor to the south, Mosquito Cr., but contrary to strong escapements in 2006 to the larger systems of the Hoh River to the south and the Quillayute to the north. Goodman has closed at the end of February for a number of years to offer protection to the wild stock. Catches of wild steelhead are small but significant, given the current low stock abundance.

#55. Hoh River and SF Hoh Season Extension

Proposal: This proposal would extend the season in the Hoh River to April 30.

Explanation: The current regulation allows fishing for trout/steelhead June 1 – April 15. By leaving the river open to the end of April it will be consistent with the Quillayute River thereby diminishing some pressure on the Quillayute system and provide an extra two weeks of opportunity in the Hoh River for wild steelhead retention or catch and release.

#56. Hoquiam River Wild Steelhead Protection

Proposal: This proposal would close the March 1-31 fishery in the Hoquiam River and all forks, including the East Fork.

Explanation: Between 1997 and 2006, wild steelhead escapement goals in the Hoquiam basin have only been met in 2 years. Removing this late fishery will reduce wild steelhead impacts.

#57. Humptulips River Fishery Extension

Proposal: This proposal would extend the season on the Humptulips River from the Highway 101 Bridge to the confluence of the East and West Forks, and in the West Fork from the mouth to Donkey Creek. Both areas would have an additional season from March 1-31 which would be catch-and-release for all game fish except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained, and selective gear rules would be in effect. The mainstem, below Hwy 101 Bridge would continue with statewide rules except a 14" minimum size for trout when open through March 31.

Explanation: Escapements of wild steelhead to the Humptulips River have been over goal for the past six seasons. This will provide extra fishing opportunity for anglers on a healthy run of wild fish and allow the opportunity to remove additional hatchery steelhead from the river.

#58. Nisqually and Mashel Rivers Catch-and-Release Rules

Proposal: This proposal would create a catch-and-release fishery with selective gear rules (except up to two hatchery steelhead per day could be retained) on the Nisqually River between the tank crossing and LaGrande dam, and on the Mashel River.

Explanation: Puget Sound steelhead are listed as threatened under the ESA, and recent studies document that fish that were presumed to be resident rainbow are, in fact, strong contributors to the anadromous population. Allowing catch –and-release fisheries with selective gear rules continues to allow access to the fish while minimizing mortality. This is particularly critical with the proposal to develop a State Park near the confluence of the Nisqually and Mashel rivers. This would substantially increase effort, catch, and release mortality in the prime steelhead spawning and rearing area in the watershed.

#59. Little Quilcene River Season

Proposal : This proposal would close November 1- end of February season on the Little Quilcene River (Jefferson Co.) from mouth to the Little Quilcene River Bridge on Penny Creek Road and change June 1- October 31 season to catch-and-release with selective gear rules.

Explanation : This proposal closes the winter season to protect wild ESA-listed steelhead; no hatchery steelhead are released into the Little Quilcene River. The change to catch-and-release and selective gear rules would protect fish from potential hook-and-release mortality; and, this is consistent with regulations in many other Hood Canal rivers.

#60. Quilcene River

Proposal: This proposal would close the November 1 through the end of February season in the Quilcene River (Jefferson Co.). The lower section (mouth to Rogers Street) would close August 15, and would have selective gear rules. Above Rogers Street the season would close October 31.

Explanation: This proposal closes the winter season to protect wild ESA-listed steelhead; no hatchery steelhead are released into the Quilcene River. Selective gear rules would be consistently applied in all sections of the river to reduce potential hooking mortality.

#61. Lower White (Stuck) River Opening Date

Proposal : This proposal would make the first month of the fishery in the White (Stuck) River from the mouth to the R Street Bridge in Auburn (October 1-31) catch-and-release and fly fishing only. The retention fishery would open November 1 (trout daily limit 2, minimum size 14")

Explanation : The change is needed to protect ESA listed Chinook salmon. Anglers are using the trout and other game fish fishery as an excuse to fish for, catch and keep Chinook. This proposal will allow the fishery to open in October, while still protecting these fish.

#62. Willapa River Boat Fishing

Proposal: This proposal would remove the rule prohibiting fishing from a floating device from November 1 through March 31 on the Willapa River from the bridge on Willapa Road (Camp One Bridge) to Fork Creek.

Explanation: This proposal would provide anglers the opportunity to fish for both hatchery steelhead and late run Coho from a floating device. There are lots of surplus

salmon and steelhead returning to the Forks Creek Hatchery annually and bank access has been lost in many areas on the river.

#63. Wishkah River Closed Waters

Proposal: This proposal would adjust the CLOSED WATERS area on the Wishkah River (Grays Harbor Co.) to be from dam at Wishkah Rearing Ponds (formerly Mayr Brothers.) to 200' downstream of the outlet channel for all fisheries.

Explanation: This proposal would provide a consistent boundary for both salmon and steelhead fisheries (it was formerly 200' for salmon fisheries, 400' for game fish fisheries). This will help eliminate confusion and be much easier to enforce.

#64. Wishkah River Wild Cutthroat

Proposal: This proposal would allow anglers to keep wild cutthroat on the Wishkah River (Grays Harbor Co.) including the East and West Forks, while retaining the 14" minimum size and daily limit of 2 trout.

Explanation: The "release wild cutthroat" rule is no longer needed because there is no longer a hatchery cutthroat program. When the hatchery program was operation, there was concern that more effort would be directed at cutthroat harvest and consequently, wild cutthroat would be overharvested. Since the hatchery program no longer exists, the standard regulation should provide adequate protection to wild cutthroat and make the Wishkah consistent with other Chehalis system rivers.

#65. Alder Lake/Nisqually River Boundary

Proposal: This proposal would define the boundary line between Alder Lake (reservoir) and Nisqually River as the Highway 7 Bridge at Elbe.

Explanation: There is no general definition for the dividing line between a stream and a lake. The Alder Lake season is year-round, while the Nisqually River season is restricted, and bag limits are different. This proposal will make it clear to anglers which rules they should follow.

#66. Bradley Lake Juvenile Fishing

Proposal: This proposal would limit fishing in Bradley Lake (Pierce Co) to juveniles only from May 15 through the end of Free Fishing Weekend.

Explanation: This proposal is intended to eliminate harvest (by adults) of fish stocked specifically for two juveniles-only fishing events that take place every year, while allowing all anglers to fish in the lake during the remainder of the year-round season.

#67. Lake Cushman Landlocked Salmon Rules

Proposal: This proposal would delete the Landlocked Salmon Rules from Lake Cushman, closing it to the harvest of salmon.

Explanation: The lake's bull trout population, listed under ESA, is subject to incidental harvest in the fishery that is currently targeted on Chinook. Bull trout abundance has declined to less than half the abundance seen in the mid-1990's. In addition, available information indicates that the entire Chinook population Lake Cushman spawns in the N.F. Skokomish River within the Olympic National Park. This population has been surveyed by Park Biologists since 1994. The average peak count for Chinook from 1994-2006 is just 6 adults. No Chinook were observed in 2002 or 2003 and only 15 in 2005.

#68. Munn Lake Additional Season

Proposal: This proposal would add an additional season to Munn Lake (Thurston Co). The additional season would be from March 1 through the last Friday in April, and would be catch-and-release with selective gear rules.

Explanation: Hatchery production at Eells Springs reaches carrying capacity in March. This forces hatchery managers to stock some lakes before the traditional "opening day" in late April resulting in high predation and mortality. This proposal will increase angling opportunity for the community and address the production limitations at Eells Spring Hatchery.

#69. Price's Lake Season

Proposal: This proposal would change the season on Price's Lake (Mason Co) from the last Saturday in April through October 13 to open year-round.

Explanation: A "quality water" with limited harvest doesn't fit with the management objectives for an "opening day water." Changing the season to year round should significantly increase recreational opportunity.

#70. Lake Sylvia, Failor Lake, Lake Aberdeen, and Vance Creek Ponds 1&2 Trout Rules

Proposal This proposal would allow anglers to retain only 2 trout over 15" in their daily limit of 5 trout in Lake Sylvia, Failor Lake, Lake Aberdeen, and Vance Creek Ponds 1&2, (all in Grays Harbor Co.).

Explanation: Current regulations were written prior to the initiation of Trophy (triploid) trout programs by the WDFW, as well as the "quality" trout (average size 4-6 pounds with some in 12- 18 pound range) produced and planted into the lake from the Elma Game Club cooperative trout program. There has been a marked increase in the number of fishers "high grading" their catch and attempting to fill their limit of 5 fish with

these much larger fish. Use of both bait and lures has been observed during this "selective" harvesting.

Limiting the retention of these larger fish to only 2 per day reduces hooking mortality, so opportunity for harvest would be extended further into the season for a greater number of anglers.

#71. Teal Lake Selective Gear Rules and Trout Daily Limit

Proposal: This proposal would change the rules on the fishery in Teal Lake (Jefferson Co) to open year-round with selective gear rules and a daily limit of one trout (statewide rules for other species).

Explanation: Teal Lake is a small lake with handicapped access. It receives yearly plants of large trout and would make a good candidate for a quality fishery.

#72. Wentworth Lake Motor Rules

Proposal: This proposal would make it unlawful to fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine in Wentworth Lake (Clallam Co).

Explanation: A local sportsmen's club has requested that we restrict anglers to using only electric motors while fishing on this small lake to cut down on exhaust fumes and gas and oil spills into the water.

Shellfish Rules

#73. Mesh Rules for Shrimp Pots

Proposal: This proposed rule would make universal the requirement to use large mesh pots when fishing for spot shrimp in Puget Sound after June 1st, and completely remove the minimum carapace size requirement for spot shrimp. This would affect Marine Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line and Areas 5 through 13, from June 1 through October 15.

Shrimpers who are fishing after June 1st in areas closed to spot shrimp, but open for coonstripe and pink shrimp, will still be able to use small mesh pots for the non-spot shrimp.

In addition this proposed rule will make a few housekeeping changes to clean-up the shrimp pot mesh size definitions. These changes are for clarification only, and do not change the shrimp pot mesh size requirements

Explanation: This rule is already in place during the month of May in Puget Sound when most spot shrimp are caught in the recreational fishery, and it is already in the State/Tribal Shrimp Management Plans for all shrimp fisheries. The purpose of the rule

is to reduce mortality on juvenile spot shrimp by requiring large mesh when fishing for spot shrimp, which minimizes the sorting of small spot shrimp at the boat.

#74. Crayfish Pots

Proposal: This proposal would allow individual anglers to use 5 crayfish pots each in fresh water rather than the current limit of 2 pots.

Explanation: The low crayfish catchability in many waters precludes catching a meal with only two traps. Maintaining the 10 lb. per person daily limit, minimum size, and prohibition on keeping gravid females would continue to provide appropriate conservation and protection from over-harvest.

#75. Padilla Bay Crab Fishing

Proposal: This proposal would remove the rule that states that it is unlawful to fish for or possess crab taken for personal use from the waters of Fidalgo Bay within 25 yards of the Burlington Northern Railroad trestle connecting March Point and Anacortes.

Explanation: The Burlington Northern Railroad trestle is now part of a public park and no longer private property. Additionally, the safety concerns associated with simultaneous crabbing activity and train operation no longer exist.

#76. Clam and Oyster Beach Health Closures

Proposal: This proposal would permanently close sport clam and oyster seasons year-round on 71 public beaches in WDFW Regions 4 and 6 (see list below) that are polluted and therefore pose a human health risk to harvesters, according to Washington Department of Health (DOH).

Explanation: WDFW Enforcement Division is charged with enforcing agency rules pertaining to sport harvest of clams and oysters on public tidelands. Enforcement Division is also charged with enforcing the Sanitary Control of Shellfish (RCW 69.30), which prohibits the harvest of commercial quantities of clams and oysters (50 pounds or more) from polluted beaches. There are currently no enforceable provisions in the clam and oyster WACs against the harvest of “sport limits” of clams and oysters from these 71 polluted beaches. Likewise, there is no provision in RCW 79.30 against the harvest of sub-commercial quantities of clams and oysters from these polluted beaches. Finally, Washington Dept. of Health’s WAC 246-28-020 contains no penalties for sport harvest on “closed” public beaches; the WAC amounts to a “health advisory.” Commercial clam and oyster harvest is known to occur under the guise of recreational harvest on some of these beaches, and there is currently no legal way to prevent these tainted shellfish from being transported from the beach. Selling this “sport harvest” is already a violation of state law, but surveillance to a point of sale is often difficult or impossible to accomplish. So the tainted clams and oysters typically find their way into the commercial marketplace.

Given this situation, the best way to prevent polluted shellfish from entering the commercial marketplace is to prohibit its harvest and removal from public beaches in the first place. This proposed rule change accomplishes that by including polluted public beaches in the list of public tidelands closed to sport harvest. It would be illegal to harvest or remove any amount of clams or oysters from these polluted public beaches, even under the guise of “personal consumption.”

The economic well-being and stability of the state’s commercial aquaculture industry depends on a public perception that clams and oysters sold in the marketplace are safe to eat. This rule change strengthens our agency’s ability to prevent the introduction of tainted shellfish into the commercial marketplace. For the same reason, this rule change enhances and improves the commercial shellfish aquaculture industry. This rule change also enhances recreational fishing by eliminating the current confusion among sport harvesters about the meaning of “closed” and “open:” Beaches “closed” by Department of Health for pollution would also be closed by WDFW clam and oyster season regulations.

LIST OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC BEACHES TO BE CLOSED YEAR ROUND

Alki Park
Alki Point
Bangor
Bay View State Park
Brown's Point Lighthouse
Brownsville
Chuckanut Bay
Coupeville
Dash Point State Park
Dash Point State Park
Dave Mackie County Park
Des Moines City Park
Discovery Park
DNR-142
DNR-144 (Sleeper)
DNR-18
DNR-79
DNR-85
Dockton County Park
East San De Fuca
Fort Ward State Park
Freeland County Park
Golden Gardens
Graveyard Spit
Harrington Beach
Howarth Park
Jarrell Cove State Park
Lincoln Park
Lions Park (Bremerton)
Little Clam Bay
Lower Roto Vista Park
Manchester State Park
Meadowdale County Park
Mee-Kwa-Mooks Park
Middle Ground (Sequim Bay)
Monroe Landing
Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge
North Beach County Park
North Fort Lewis
North Point Hudson
Northeast Cultus Bay
Oak Harbor Beach Park
Oak Harbor City Park
Old Man House State Park
Olympia Shoal
Pleasant Harbor State Park
Port Angeles Coast Guard
Port Angeles Harbor
Port Gardner
Post Point
Priest Point County Park
Reid Harbor – South Beach
Retsil
Richmond Beach
Samish Beach
Semiahmoo
Semiahmoo County Park
Silverdale County Park
Sinclair Inlet
Skagit Wildlife Area North Fork Access
Skagit Wildlife Area South Fork Access
Skagit Wildlife Area Jensen Access
South Carkeek Park
South Dougall Point
South Gordon Point
South Mukilteo Park
South Oro Bay
South Point Wilson
Southworth Ferry Dock
Sunrise Beach (Langley Seawall)
Suquamish (Old Man House)
Taylor Bay
Walker County Park
West Pass Access
Woodard Bay

#77. Clam and Oyster Beach Season Changes

Proposal: Proposals for season changes for other clam and oyster beaches are not available at this time because current seasons are still under way and harvest numbers are not complete. These proposals will be available later this winter, and will be placed on the Department's web site at that time.

#78. Saltwater Park Additional Name

Proposal: This proposal would add the new name "Saltwater Park" to the Cushman Park oyster season regulation, for clarification.

Explanation: The Tacoma City Light-owned Park abutting this public tideland has long been known locally as "Cushman Park" and once had a sign posted with that name. The park is now known officially by Tacoma City Light as "Saltwater Park" and a brand-new sign with that name on it has been posted. This proposal would add the new park name to the WAC, while also retaining the older name (in part to avoid confusion with Saltwater State Park near Burien, also listed in the WAC).

2008-2009 Sportfishing Proposals Not Supported by Staff

Proposal Number	Submitter	Proposal Description	Rationale
STATEWIDE ISSUES			
Two poles			
P 007A	Rick Sawyer	Allow 2 rods for an extra fee.	Not for this process, or for any fishery involving listed species. This issue has come up several times and has gone out for public comment. Testimony on the issue has been fairly evenly divided between those who support the concept and those who think that it crosses the line between sport and commercial fishing and/or is ethically wrong. The last time this came up the Commission did not adopt the proposal, saying that is gave out the wrong message to anglers in a climate of ESA listings and declining stocks. We will, however, craft a proposal to ask for legislative authority to charge a fee to allow anglers to use two poles in sustainable fisheries such as put-and-take trout fisheries or warmwater fisheries. The revenue generated would be dedicated to producing more fish for these fisheries.
P 016	Terence Kenning	Allow fishing with 2 rods per angler.	
P 017	Billy Prichard	Columbia R SH and salmon, make it legal to fish with 2 poles.	
P 026	Douglas Olson	Two poles allowed when fishing alone.	
P 027	Dan Alexanian	With a valid license, permission to troll with 2 rods per angler for salmon and trout in areas MA 11-13 etc., Chehalis night fishing River, June- October, trout in lowland lakes April-October.	
P 033	Bruce&Warren Hazen	Allow use of another pole on Columbia R I-5 bridge to Buoy 10 for salmon, sturgeon and SH	
P 042	Nick Naccarrato	Anglers may fish with one or two poles	
P 055	Bill&Barbara Osborn	Allow 2 rods by special permit	
P 063	Don McAfee	Allow ice fishing with 2 rods - required safety equipment 20'rope, 8"max diameter hole	
P 067	W. Lawrence Moe	Allow 2 rods in MA 11&13 summer seasons	
P 075	PSA Save Our Fish Chapter	Allow 2 rods in MA 11&13 summer seasons	
P 103	Henry Boynton	Allow two rods in MA 11	
P 107	Joseph Madrano	Allow two rods in MA 11	
P 150	Frank Urabeck	Allow 2 rods for salmon in MA 11&13.	
P 161	SH Trout Club of WA	Allow 2 rods with up to two hooks for salmon in MA 11&13.	

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Other licensing issues			
P 013	John Williamson	Qualification for disabled license - add persons with a weakened heart due to operations and using blood thinners or a with damaged heart.	Our current definition of a "Person of disability" already includes:(i) A permanently disabled person who is not ambulatory over natural terrain without a prosthesis or assistive device; or (ii) A permanently disabled person who is unable to hold or use any legal fishing or shell fishing device; or (iii) A person who is totally blind or visually impaired. This definition includes, but is not limited to, permanently disabled persons with upper or lower extremity impairments who have lost the use of one or both upper or lower extremities, or who have a significant limitation in the use of upper or lower extremities, or who have a diagnosed disease or disorder which substantially impairs or interferes with mobility of the use of upper extremities. This general approach gives much more flexibility than a list with more specifics.
P 025	Darcy Mitchem	Develop a way to allow children to punch fish/crab on adult's card.	Parents may hold a child's card for them if they are near, but catch accounting needs to be separate.
P 142	Marianne Mitchell	Fishermen must have their license attached to their clothing and visible to the public/enforcement personnel.	Legislative action just dropped with this requirement for shellfish licenses. Enforcement does not agree that this would make their job easier.
Other STWD Issues - Gear rules, seasons, etc			
P 003	Rickey Close	Open rivers, streams, and beaver ponds on Memorial Day weekend.	The June 1 opening for streams is intended to protect smolts. In some areas this has been moved to July 1 for extra protection where runs are doing poorly.
P 005	Joseph Hart	All rivers - C&R year round, SGR and no retention of wild SH or salmon.	Handle on a case by case basis. Not necessary in rivers with healthy, wild stocks. We've already limited wild steelhead retention to one per year in systems with healthy runs. It may also present problems in the future with tribal/sport sharing.
P 006	Denny Church	Lakes receiving triploid rainbow should have a daily limit of 2 trout over 16."	Handle on a case-by-case basis. The list of lakes where triploid trout are planted is not static.

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P 031	Warren Hazen	Don't allow 2 hooks for salmon, trout and SH in inland waters and ocean	Not necessary for conservation. It would mean you couldn't use a tandem hook rig for plug cut herring and would eliminate dropper flies for fly fishing in freshwater
P 032	Warren Hazen	Don't require release of unclipped salmon and steelhead in coastal fisheries June to October	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).
P 050	George Poteet	Handling rules for salmon, SH. Dolly Varden/BT- add single barbless, only hooked inside the mouth to be retained.	Not as a general rule, but used on a case-by-case basis where existing rules are not adequate.
P 065	Phil Hogman	Open stream fishing Memorial Day weekend instead of June 1	The June 1 opening for streams is intended to protect smolts. In some areas this has been moved to July 1 for extra protection where runs are doing poorly.
P 066	Leroy Ledeboer	Create a Designated Trout Lake classification	Removing the dalily limits from warmwater fish would not discourage anglers from planting them in lakes where they wish to fish for them. It is also unlikely that enough fish would be removed to benefit trout fishing. A proposal to prohibit the take of species other than trout on 3 lakes in the Colville area (#21) is being supported to address this issue on an experimental basis. The Department is also supporting a more liberal limit on smallmouth bass statewide (#3).
P 162	Elliot Drucker	CLOSED WATERS is a body of water where angling is prohibited. When an area is closed to fishing for a specific species, an angler may not intentionally attempt to catch that species and must release unharmed all fish of that species caught in that area.	Unclear what change is requested. "Closed waters" designation does close fishing for all species.
P 194	Anonymous	Guide limit of 3 DL	Daily limit should apply for each angler fishing.
P 195	Anonymous	Guide must choose 1 of 6 regions	Not necessary to regulate guiding in this way.
P 200	Johm Farrar	No bait in freshwater	Legislation says only on a case-by-case basis with justification.
Pamphlet Issues			
P 051	Marsha Schaefer	Graceful Crab - list with Dungeness and Rock Crab	This is a pamphlet issue - crabbing is only open during designated seasons, regardless of the species.

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P 064	Loren Gee	Unclipped fish should not be termed "native" in pamphlet unless they really are	These are not rule changes - these issues have to do with the fishing pamphlet rather than actual changes to the rules. They will be forwarded to WDFW staff who create the fishing pamphlet for their consideration.
P 083	Robert Dyer	No new rules - put fine amounts in the pamphlet or web page	
P 176	Elliot Drucker - Wild Fish Conservancy	Omit Dolly Varden/bull trout from definition of game fish in the pamphlet.	
P 177	Elliot Drucker - Wild Fish Conservancy	Add Dolly Varden/bull Trout - CLOSED to summary of general fishing seasons in the pamphlet, and under marine area rules species rules.	
P 178	Elliot Drucker- Wild Fish Conservancy	Pamphlet should read "You may not: Retain wild STEELHEAD, intentionally attempt to catch DOLLY VARDEN/BULL TROUT or retain DOLLY VARDEN/BULL TROUT except where specially authorized in the special rules.	
Wild Salmonid Management Areas			
P 145	Marianne Mitchell	Establish Wild Salmonid Management Areas	Yes to the Skagit and Sauk. See Region 4 Proposals. The possibility of adding other areas will be addressed in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan development process.
P 175	Wild SH Coalition	Establish Wild Salmonid Management Areas	Yes to the Skagit and Sauk. See Region 4 Proposals. The possibility of adding other areas will be addressed in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan development process.
No Wild SH Harvest			
P 011	Scott Hagen	No kill for wild steelhead (C&R only).	The concept of wild steelhead harvest will be addressed in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan.
P 020	Shannon Holiday	Wild steelhead release - no exceptions.	
P 021	Kurt Sherwood	Wild steelhead release - no exceptions.	
P 081	Doug Schaad - Cons Comm WFFC	No wild SH retention for 10 years	

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P 132	Logan Schuyler Dunphy	C&R for wild steelhead statewide	
P 144	Marianne Mitchell	Moratorium on the retention of wild steelhead for at least 10 years.	
P 187	Bill Redman	No wild SH harvest	
P 202	Jeff Johnson	No wild SH harvest	
Annual Limit for Wild SH			
P 084	George McLeod	WSH annual limit raised to 5	The concept of wild steelhead harvest will be addressed in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan
P 087	Phil Tucker	WSH annual limit raised to 5	
P 136	Henry Boynton	Change annual limit for wild SH to 5.	
P 148	Edward Conroy	Change annual wild steelhead limit to 10	
P 156	SH Trout Club of WA	Change annual limit for wild SH to 5.	
P 192	Phillip Falls	Restore annual wild steelhead limit to 5	
P 193	John Evensen	Restore annual wild steelhead limit to 5	
P 222	George Bearwood	Restore annual wild steelhead limit to 5	
P 223	Rick Bearwood	Restore annual wild steelhead limit to 5	
P 220	David Peterson	Allow wild SH harvest statewide within existing seasons, gear rules	
P 221	Thomas Wallace	Allow wild SH harvest statewide within existing seasons, gear rules	
2nd CRC for SH			
P 073	PSA Save Our Fish Chapter	Allow purchase of another CRC after 30 SH are caught Cowlitz and Lewis Co	Yes - but on a statewide basis.
P 106	Henry Boynton	Allow purchase of another CRC after 30 SH are caught Cowlitz and Lewis Co	Yes - but on a statewide basis.

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Rainbow Trout and SH			
P 079	Doug Schaad - Cons Comm WFFC	Rainbow trout min 14" when with steelhead	This is covered in most anadromous waters by our 14" minimum size for sea-run cutthroat protection.
P 143	Marianne Mitchell	Rainbow trout min 14" when with steelhead	This is covered in most anadromous waters by our 14" minimum size for sea-run cutthroat protection.
Tournaments			
P 056	Donald Ellison	No tournaments during wild SH, chinook escapement 1/15-6/1	Mixed stock areas would preclude any tournaments. Tournaments can be conditioned.
P 080	Doug Schaad - Cons Comm WFFC	No fishing contests for wild SH	Modified to allow tournaments on wild steelhead only in areas where wild steelhead harvest is allowed. See Statewide Proposals.
P 092	Jack Berryman	No tournaments involving wild steelhead	
P 141	Marianne Mitchell	No contests on wild SH.	
P 165	Wild SH Coalition	Make it unlawful to conduct contests, tournaments or derbies targeting wild SH	
P 163	Mark Gavin	Contest Rules- amend definition verbiage "regardless of prize value" to "when the prize value exceeds $250."	A small prize value does not guarantee a small tournament. Current rules are intended to identify where and when tournaments are being held. This allows us to minimize conflicts between tournament anglers and the general public by limiting the number of tournaments on specific waters.
General SH			
P 085	William Dillman	Puget Sound SH- close all C&R seasons	Use on a case-by case basis.
P 149	Edward Conroy	No fishing for steelhead or salmon after the daily limit has been retained for one species.	We need to retain the flexibility to manage these species separately based on their run strengths.
P 167	Wild SH Coalition	Require barbless hooks in all steelhead fisheries.	Used on a case-by-case basis when retention fisheries for other species, particularly salmon, are not co-occurring.
P 183	Rich Simms	Require barbless hooks in all steelhead fisheries.	Used on a case-by-case basis when retention fisheries for other species, particularly salmon, are not co-occurring.
P 168	Wild SH Coalition	Wild SH release Dec and Jan in all Western WA rivers.	Will be addressed in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan development process.

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P 185	Rich Simms	Wild SH release Dec and Jan in all Western WA rivers.	Will be addressed in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan development process.
P 169	Wild SH Coalition	SH tags for wild fish harvested, no fishing after tag used.	Will be addressed in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan development process.
P 184	Rich Simms	SH tags for wild fish harvested, no fishing after tag used.	Will be addressed in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan development process.
P 035	Warren Hazen	Pacific and Wahkiakum Co - salmon and SH- no fishing with bait.	Legislation requires us to do this on a case-bum-case basis with justification.
P 036	Bruce Hazen	Pacific and Wahkiakum Co - no bait for wild steelhead.	Legislation requires us to do this on a case-by-case basis with justification.
P 214	Gary Clark	No SH fishing from a boat	This may be done on a case-by case basis, but is not necessary as a blanket rule.
Other Game Fish			
P 008	Henry Gwaltrey	Rufus Woods Lake - illegal to keep spawning female walleye January through June.	Rufus Woods has low walleye spawning success and poor larval survival due to the short water retention and lack of protective bays in the reservoir. The number of spawners is not an issue as recruitment comes from upstream in FDR. The walleye population numbers in Rufus Woods fluctuate naturally and are not in a permanent decline.
P 041	Casey Brooks	Pend Oreille River N Pike<20" during spawn, 1over 20" three total otherwise	Conservation regulations for Northern pike not warranted at this time.
P 043	Chuck&Sandy Gades	Pend Oreille River N Pike<20" during spawn, 1over 20" three total otherwise	Conservation regulations for Northern pike not warranted at this time.
P 044	Donald Wittenberger	Tiger muskie min size 50"	Yes with modification to 48". Few fish survive beyond this size. Proposer wants a larger min size to allow fish to get to trophy size (50" or beyond), but is happy with an increase from the current 36"
P 060	Jim Pearson	Remove size and catch limit restrictions from smallmouth bass in Col, Snake and Yakima R	Actions on contiguous waters require coordination with Oregon and Idaho. Staff will review this issue at a joint meeting this winter.
P 082	Mark Wells	Tiger muskie C&R only statewide-no removal from water	We are proposing a 48" minimum size. See Proposal #6.
P 091	Dennis Hempler	Tiger muskie - C&R only	We are proposing a 48" minimum size. See Proposal #6.

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P 129	Logan Schuyler Dunphy	Skagit, Sauk, Skykomish R - C&R only for Dolly Varden/Bull Trout	Not for Skykomish. See Region 4 Proposals for Skagit and Sauk.
P 174	Wild SH Coalition	Close whitefish fisheries when steelhead fisheries close.	Use on a case-by case basis.
P 188	Vernon Paris	Restore whitefish fisheries in upper Cowlitz and lower Cispus	WDFW supports this rule change proposal and has submitted a rule change to allow whitefish retention in upper Cowlitz and Cispus rivers. See Region 5 Proposals.
Marine Areas			
P 012	Otto Nelson	San Juan Islands - rockfish DL 2, season to coincide with ling cod.	Current daily limit of 1 protects more rockfish. They are often caught as bycatch in salmon fisheries and cannot be returned to the water alive if brought up from depth.
P 022	Roger Hudson	MA 10/11 boundary - change to a line from Harper Dock to S end of Blake Island to Lincoln Park Pool House N of Fauntleroy Ferry Dock.	We now have selective fisheries in MA 10. Moving the boundary would significantly compromise our long-term data sets.
P 024	Eldon Klein	Ling cod - open the area at the Rockpile 9 miles west of LaPush to fishing for ling cod all summer.	Lots of yelloweye canary rockfish bycatch at this site and depth. This area is open during the halibut fishery.
P 052	Marsha Schaefer	MA 12 - close to Albacore tuna and Mackerel	Would not address the problem with enforcement as legitimate fishing for sea-run cutthroat (C&R) is still allowed.
P 077	William Aker	HC-open to bottomfish from Triton Cove boat launch to HC Bridge	This is not the time to open a bottomfish fishery in any portion of Hood Canal. Portions with more oxygen in the water may serve as refuges for these species until problems in other areas can be addressed.
P 088	Curt Kramer	Lingcod MA 7-13 max size 36" for hook&line and spearfishers	Lingcod stocks are rebuilding and have made a substantive amount of progress, especially in north sound where habitat is better. Spear fishers cannot distinguish fish near the margins of the slot limit underwater due to the magnification effect, so they are constrained by a shorter season than hook and line angers.
P 112	Mark Nihart	Lingcod- 6 wk season for spearfishing- same restrictions as hook and line	
P 113	Mark Nihart	Lingcod- size restriction for spearfishing same as hook and line	
P 114	Mark Nihart	Lingcod - 10 fish limit and punchcatd for PS	
P 164	Brian Kraemer	Ling Cod - MA 7-13 - add slot limit to spearfishers (min 26", max 40."	

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P 137	Bob Marson	Apply Edmonds Fishing Pier salmon rules to fishing at Fort Worden.	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).
P 201	Jamie Trask	Rockfish, sea perch, etc. need a size limit	Not necessary for these species at this time. Rockfish impact is minimal because of the shallow depth and daily limit.
P 215	People for Puget Sound	Marine Preserve at Blakely Rock	This is a popular recreational and commercial fishery area.
P 216	People for Puget Sound	Marine Preserve at The Pinnacles (Dabob Bay)	Hood Canal south of the bridge has been closed to bottomfish and forage fish because of problems with low amounts of dissolved oxygen for some time. A preserve in this area could be considered when conditions in the Canal improve.
Shellfish			
P 023	Mike Coverdale	Set razor clam seasons in April, May, June, September and October - amend toxin limit to 25ppm to match Federal Guideline.	We use the DOH guideline of 20 ppm which does match the Federal standards. Input from our public meetings strongly supports the current season-setting regime.
P 045	Chris Paulson	MA 8-2&9 open 4/15-5/31 for Dungeness Crab-wading only	Lots of softshell crabs here at this time. This is a conservation closure.
P 139	Michael Marson	Have a special crab season for wading only in May or June for at least 2 low tide cycles	Lots of softshell crabs here at this time. Seasons are set to target the hardshell period and are open to pots as well as wading.
P 154	Laurence Bucklin	Single crabbers tending pots from hand powered craft must proceed directly to shore and immediately reduce catch and record on CRC before leaving water's edge or retrieving an additional pot.	Crabs that were captured in deep water should not be hauled to shore and released there. Females and undersized crab need to be immediately released.
P 155	Laurence Bucklin	Dungeness crab DL 6, extend seasons to maximum # of days based on reallocation of crab from non-tribal commercials to sport crabbers.	Raising the daily limit would significantly shorten the season. Allocation formula has been set by Commission Policy.

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Region 1			
P 007B	Rick Sawyer	Fall chinook season on the Snake River.	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).
P 086	Chris Hyland	Snake R-open Spring Chinook season 3/1-6/30	
P 208	Verna Foley	Snake R - allow Spring Chinook fishery - Texas Rapids Park to 1 mile above Little Goose Dam	
P 209	Darcy Linklater	Snake R - allow Spring Chinook fishery - Texas Rapids Park to 1 mile above Little Goose Dam	
P 210	Mark Laughery	Snake/Columbia small mouth bass - take 5 fish limit off-leave 15" limit	Actions on contiguous waters require coordination with Oregon and Idaho. Staff will review this issue at a joint meeting this winter.
P 211	Debra Laughery	Snake/Columbia small mouth bass - take 5 fish limit off-leave 15" limit	Actions on contiguous waters require coordination with Oregon and Idaho. Staff will review this issue at a joint meeting this winter.
P 207	Jeff Holmes	Spokane R trout C&R only Plese Flats to Monroe St Dam	Current rule already requires release of all wild trout.
Region 2			
P 029	Carl Bergenholtz	Methow and tribs - trout season, single barbless hooks, seniors and juveniles only	Not necessary to limit this fishery in this way.
P 098	Eric DeJong	Methow River 6/1-8/30 no angling for steelhead	Only one section is open in September. This fishery has been carefully crafted and is within our allowable limits on ESA listed fish.
P224	Don Pease	Big Twin Lake (Okanogan Co) fly fishing only and C&R for rainbows	We do not want to limit opportunity to only fly fishers at a quality lake such as Big Twin. Limiting the fishery to fly fishong only would not curb the illegal fishing. The illegal fishing would still probably take place whether or not the lake was fly-only. We are proposing rules for Little Twin that would match those of Big Twin, if adopted (See Region 2 Proposals). This will provide another nearby quality water for fly fishers to use.

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Region 4			
	Nooksack		
P 001A	Rob Markich	Nooksack River C&R season for wild SH in March in lower NF and down to the Everson Bridge,	Assessments in tributaries show a downward trend, in combination with the recent ESA listing, this is not the time to expand the fishery in any way.
P 125	Mike Clausen	SF Nooksack - remove SGR 10/16-2/28.	
P 134	Mike Clausen	Nooksack R, SF, NF - C&R and SGR except lawful to fish from a floating device with a motor for SH 3/1-4/31. Mainstem closed from Everson Br to mouth.	
P 135	Mike Clausen	NF Nooksack - Hatchery chinook fishery from Hwy 9 Br to Kendall Ck Hatchery. 6/1-7/15 limit 1 hatchery chinook per day either adult or jack - release wild chinook .	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).
	Skagit		
P 001B	Rob Markich	Skagit River -allow fishing with a motor during C&R season	The Skagit/Sauk catch-and-release fisheries have a long history of allowing motors for transportation but not for use while fishing. This exception from "selective gear rules" was only allowed because of the size of the water. Additional exceptions would detract from the quality fishing opportunity that selective gear rules are intended to provide.
P 099	James Grieve	Skagit River Hwy 536 at Mt Vernon - Gorge Dam - SGR except allow fishing from a floating device while under power 3/1-3/15	Conservation measure not necessary at this time.
P 111	Eric Doyle	Skagit River Hwy 536 at Mt Vernon - Gorge Dam - SGR except allow fishing from a floating device while under power 3/1-3/15	Conservation measure not necessary at this time.
P 118	Kris Lepine	Skagit River Hwy 536 at Mt Vernon - Gorge Dam - SGR except allow fishing from a floating device while under power 3/1-3/15	Conservation measure not necessary at this time.
P 128	Mark Merkelbach	Skagit River Hwy 536 at Mt Vernon - Gorge Dam - SGR except allow fishing from a floating device while under power 3/1-3/15	Conservation measure not necessary at this time.
P 172	Wild SH Coalition	Skagit River Hwy 536 at Mt Vernon - Gorge Dam - SGR except allow fishing from a floating device while under power 3/1-3/15	Conservation measure not necessary at this time.

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P 180	Alex Svendsen	Skagit River Hwy 536 at Mt Vernon - Gorge Dam - SGR except allow fishing from a floating device while under power 3/1-3/15	Conservation measure not necessary at this time.
P 199	John Farrar	Skagit River Hwy 536 at Mt Vernon - Gorge Dam - SGR except allow fishing from a floating device while under power 3/1-4/30	With the recent ESA listing, this is not the time to expand the fishery in any way.
P 002A	Craig Olsen	Skagit River from Cascade R to Baker R 3/16 - 4/30 C&R season - ban fishing from a boat with a motor attached	With the recent ESA listing, this is not the time to expand the fishery in any way.
P 121	Russell Osenbach	Skagit R- change C&R boundary to C&R and SGR from the run just downstream of Grandy Creek to the mouth of the Cascade River 3/16-4/30.	With the recent ESA listing, this is not the time to expand the fishery in any way.
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P 123	Russell Osenbach	Skagit R and tribs from mouth of Cascade R to Newhalem C&R and SGR year round except up to 2 hatchery SH may be retained	See similar proposal in Region 4 Proposals.
P 203	Jeff Johnson	Snohomish&Skagit systems- single barbless hooks only	Conservation measure not necessary at this time
P 204	Jeff Johnson	Skagit system- open June 15	Conservation measure not necessary at this time and would conflict with current fishery targeting hatchery spring chinook
	Sauk		
P 002B	Craig Olsen	Sauk River from the Mill 3/16 - 4/30 C&R season - ban fishing with a motor	The intent of this proposal is unclear, Selective gear rules are already in place, banning fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine.
	Skykomish		
P 119	Ryan Petzoid	Skykomish-mouth to forks SGR 6/1-10/31 except lawful to fish from a floating device equipped with a motor but not while under power.	We recognize that this is a good measure to reduce mortality on steelhead parr and any kelts, but it impairs the recreational angler's ability to harvest hatchery summer steelhead and Chinook.

Proposal Number	Submitter	Proposal Description	Rationale
P 124	Ted Leibly	Skykomish R- no fishing from a floating device from 1500 ft above the outlet of Reiter Ponds downstream to the high bridge on US Highway 2 6/1-2/28.	Although there are often conflicts bertween boat and bank anglers, we have not heard a large number of complaints on this area of the river. Boat restrictions are only implemented in extremely congested areas where orderly fisheries cannot be maintained. Fishing from a floating device is already prohibited August 1 through the end of February from 1500 feet upstream to 1000 feet downstream of the outlet of Reiter Ponds.
P 127	Ted Leibly	Skykomish R- no fishing from a floating device while under power from the high bridge on US Hwy 2 downstream to the mouth of the Sultan R 6/1-2/28.	Although there are often conflicts bertween boat and bank anglers, we have not heard a large number of complaints on this area of the river. Boat restrictions are only implemented in extremely congested areas where orderly fisheries cannot be maintained.
P 173	Wild SH Coalition	Skykomish- SGR 6/1-10/31 except lawful to fish from a floating device equipped with a motor but not while under power.	Significant fisheries for summer steelhead and shinook occur in this area. Selective gear rules would negatively impact angler's ability to harvest hatchery fish. Smolts and kelts are protected by a spring closure. Juvenile and resident rainbow are proteted by a 14" minimum size ahd a 2 fish daily limit.
P 181	Rich Simms	Skykomish- SGR 6/1-10/31 except lawful to fish from a floating device equipped with a motor but not while under power.	
	Snohomish		
P 205	Jeff Johnson	Snohomish system- open June 15	This would unnecessarily impair recreational angler's abililty to harvest hatchery sumer steelhead and Chinook and significantly reduce opportunity becaue the first two weeks of June are usually the best times to catch summer steelhead and Chinook.
	Stilly		
P 126	Jesse Scott	Stillaguamish R, NF, SF - release cutthroat trout	Data suggests that stocks of Stillaguamish cutthroat are healthy. Additionally, the 14" minimum size ensures that females can spawn at least once before harvest. Cutthroat retention is closed in marine areas because of mixed stock fishing issues.

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	Green/Duwamish		
P 069	PSA Save Our Fish Chapter	Green R Auburn-Black Diamond Rd to 277th open 2/15 - 4/15, single barbless, keep hatchery SH	Opening this season would increase the total mortality on wild winter steelhead from hooking mortality in the catch-and-release fishery.
P 100	Henry Boynton	Green R Auburn-Black Diamond Rd to 277th open 2/15 - 4/15, single barbless, keep hatchery SH	
P 109	Joseph Madrano	Green R Auburn-Black Diamond Rd to 277th open 2/15 - 4/15, single barbless, keep hatchery SH	
P 157	SH Trout Club of WA	Green R Auburn-Black Diamond Rd to 277th open 2/15 - 4/15, single barbless, keep hatchery SH	
P 225	King Co Outdoor Sports Council - John Kelly	Green R. Auburn-Black Diamond Rd to 277th open 2/15 - 4/30 for hatchery SH	
P 070	PSA Save Our Fish Chapter	Green R allow boat fishing 11/1 to end of season Auburn/Black Diamond Road to tidewater, single barbless but allow bait	Allowing anglers ro fish from boats in this section and time period could hamper Soos Creek Hatchery's ability to trap brood stock. There is existing shoreline access along this section for anglers to use to harvest hatchery steelhead.
P 101	Henry Boynton	Green R allow boat fishing 11/1 to end of season Auburn/Black Diamond Rd to tidewater.	
P 108	Joseph Madrano	Green R allow boat fishing 11/1 to end of season Whitney Bridge to tidewater, single barbless but allow bait	
P 071	PSA Save Our Fish Chapter	Green R above Auburn-Black Diamond Rd allow 6 pinks in addition to chum	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).
P 104	Henry Boynton	Green R above Auburn-Black Diamond Rd allow 6 pinks in addition to chum	
P 110	Joseph Madrano	Allow retention of pink salmon above Auburn/Black Diamond Road	
P 072	PSA Save Our Fish Chapter	Green R 277th to Auburn-Black Diamond Rd extend summer season to close 9/1	
P 102	Henry Boynton	Green R 277th to Auburn-Black Diamond Rd extend summer season to close 9/1	
P 115	Joseph Madrano	Green R 277th to Auburn-Black Diamond Rd extend summer season to close 9/1	

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P 151	Frank Urabeck	Green R 277th to Auburn-Black Diamond Rd extend summer season to close 9/1	
P 158	SH Trout Club of WA	Green R 277th to Auburn-Black Diamond Rd extend summer season to close 9/1	
P 179	Steve Shindle	Green R - allow fishing from boats 11/1-2/15	Allowing anglers ro fish from boats in this section and time period could hamper Soos Creek Hatchery's ability to trap brood stock. There is existing shoreline access along this section for anglers to use to harvest hatchery steelhead.
P 004	MAVsled	Duwamish River mouth to S 140th St Kent-Tukwila 8/1-9/16 and after 11/30 SGR (motors allowed), release all kings, native coho and native SH - hatchery SH may be retained. Use of bait legal after 12/1.	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).
	Cedar		
P 015	John Williamson	Cedar River-/Lake Washington - lake side and river side of the Cedar's mouth should be open to bass fishing year round.	This would give anglers an excuse to fish the river year-round, rather than the current summer season.
	Other Region 4		
P 049	George Poteet	To collect fish for Bellingham Technical College - Whatcom Ck-On the hatchery side of the creek fish may be totally released from the water to put into tube to hatchery holding pond. Must use barbless hooks and fish must be hooked inside the mouth - night closure.	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).
P 010	Auburn Parks & Recreation	Mill Pond (Auburn) during Free Fishing Weekend, remove age restrictions.	Modified to allow seniors and juveniles year-round. See Region 4 Proposals.
P 068	Aaron Nix	Allow seniors (65+) to fish in Mill Pond (King Co) along with juveniles	Yes - but WDFW definition of senior is 70+. See Region 4 Proposals.
Region 5			
P 097	Michael Matthews	Washougal R 4/16-6/1 remove SGR	Current regulations on the Washougal are designed to protect ESA listed adult wild winter and summer steelhead and juvenile outmigrants.
P 117	Daniel Carey	Washougal R 4/16-5/31 remove SGR	Current regulations on the Washougal are designed to protect ESA listed adult wild winter and summer steelhead and juvenile outmigrants.

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P 140	Patrick Carey	Washougal R-mouth to Mt Norway Br 4/16- 5/31 - remove SGR and night fishing restriction.	Current regulations on the Washougal are designed to protect ESA listed adult wild winter and summer steelhead and juvenile outmigrants.
P 189	Don Axton	Washougal hatchery SH -why did we lose it?	Not a rule proposal
P 054	Joseph Sexton	Open Col R Spring Chinook season to sportfishers, close to gill nets	This process only deals with sportfishing rule changes.
P 028	Al Schriener	East Fork Lewis Monton Falls downstream - set seasons for SH and spring chinook like they were in the 50's to 70's	Current rules are designed to protect ESA listed summer and winter steelhead (adults and juvenile outmigrants). No spring chinook are released into the East Fork Lewis River.
P 219	Lee Shefchek	NF Lewis around Eagle Cliff Br and Swift Reservoir -Allow bait, 2 fish over 12"	The current rules are in place to protect the ESA listed bull trout population that concentrates in this area from hooking mortality. Efforts can be made by WDFW to develop better kid friendly shore access in other locations on the reservoir. Also different release strategies can be developed to spread hatchery trout throughout the reservoir.
P 212	Thomas Fritsch	Rock Ck Klickitat Co - mouth to Rock Creek boat launch open year round - trout 6/1-10/31 - release all SH	Yes on year-round, but same rules as Columbia for daily and size limits.
P 046	Larry Gifford	Tilton R trout opening 7/1	Current Tilton trout regulation is part of Tacoma FERC license via the FHMP. Before a regulation change is considered, Tacoma would need to fund a study to evaluate impacts of stocked trout and the fishery on smolts. Study would need to be approved by the Cowlitz FTC.
P 053	Joseph Sexton	Don't release steelhead in Cowlitz with RV clip	This regulation is designed to allow for transport of RV marked Steelhead to the upper Cowlitz River for harvest opportunity and spawning. The RV marked adults are the result of stocking RV smolts in the upper Cowlitz River and at the Barrier Dam in recent years. Allowing harvest in the lower river would reduce the number of fish available for upstream transport in the restoration effort.
P 094	Frank Amato	Grays River- open to spring chinook upstream to South Fork all of May and June	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).

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P 153	John Richardson	Open Green R (Cowlitz Co) May 1-31 with SGR	Historically we've opened the Green R. for spring chinook and incidentally for steelhead April 1 to allow for retention of spring chinook. Spring chinook are no longer being released in the Green and it's now closed until June 1 to protect wild steelhead.
P 186	James Milton	Cowlitz- Fly Fishing Only from trout hatchery to 400' along Blue Creek	No. This is a high catch rate area for all gear types for summer steelhead which needs to be retained to maximize harvest rate of summer steelhead, especially since recycling has been suspended.
P 196	Toutle Valley Community Assn	Spirit Lake - open trout fishery year round	Access issue with USFS - we are working on the issue.
P 197	Toutle Valley Community Assn	Coldwater - let youths use bait, selective gear rules only part of the year, higher catch, special family days	This limited access lake is managed to provide a quality fishery - current regs are working well.
P 198	Toutle Valley Community Assn	Re-evaluate all streams closed due to Mt St Helens eruption	Acess issue with USFS - we are working on the issue.
P 213	Swift Comm Action Team	Open Swift Reservoir year-round	Anadromous fish will be introduced soon, requiring the current season.
P 218	Dennis Evans	Drano Lake - create an area for shore angling only	This is a very contentious issue - proposal is not likely to improve the situation.
	Sturgeon		
P 133	Pat Carey	Sturgeon- Columbia R from I-5 Bridge to Bonneville Dam Open season on an even day closed/odd day open schedule.	Season structure is set during annual WA/OR lower Columbia R sturgeon management process. Region 5 staff have submitted a placeholder proposal to allow us to insert these decisions into this process. See Region 5 Proposals. Additional public input will be solicited during sturgeon management process. See cover letter for contact information.
Region 6			
	Willapa		
P 034	Warren Hazen	Willapa River instead of no fishing from a floating device, change to allow fishing from an anchored or stationary floating device.	Yes, but modify to allow fishing from a floating device Camp 1 Br to Fork Ck Nov 1 - Mar 31. See Region 6 Proposals.

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P 074	PSA Save Our Fish Chapter	Willapa R - change boat restriction to closed waters from Camp 1 Br to Hwy 6 Br and from Trap Creek to Forks Ck. Fishing from a boat allowed from Forks Ck to lower Hwy 6 Bridge.	Yes, but modify to allow fishing from a floating device Camp 1 Br to Fork Ck Nov 1 - Mar 31. See Region 6 Proposals.
P 105	Henry Boynton	Willapa R - change boat restriction to closed waters from Camp 1 Br to Hwy 6 Br and from Trap Creek to Forks Ck. Fishing from a boat allowed from Forks Ck to lower Hwy 6 Bridge.	Yes, but modify to allow fishing from a floating device Camp 1 Br to Fork Ck Nov 1 - Mar 31. See Region 6 Proposals.
P 116	Joseph Madrano	Willapa R - change boat restriction to closed waters from Camp 1 Br to Hwy 6 Br and from Trap Creek to Forks Ck. Fishing from a boat allowed from Forks Ck to lower Hwy 6 Bridge.	Yes, but modify to allow fishing from a floating device Camp 1 Br to Fork Ck Nov 1 - Mar 31. See Region 6 Proposals.
P 160	SH Trout Club of WA	Willapa R - change boat restriction to closed waters from Camp 1 Br to Hwy 6 Br and from Trap Creek to Forks Ck. Fishing from a boat allowed from Forks Ck to lower Hwy 6 Bridge.	Yes, but modify to allow fishing from a floating device Camp 1 Br to Fork Ck Nov 1 - Mar 31. See Region 6 Proposals.
	Wynoochee		
P 019	Truman Seely	Wynoochee R above 7400 line - 12/31 - 3/31 - close season, or at least eliminate boats.	Season closure is not warranted. Fishing from a floating device is already prohibited during this time frame.
P 061	Kris Olsen	Allow boat fishing on Wynoochee R above 7400 line Br 12/1-3/31	As you can see from the proposal above, this is a contentious issue. The current mix of allowing the use of bait and boats in the lower river and bank fishing with lures in the upper river during the catch-and-release season seems to be a good compromise.

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	Naselle		
P 030	Bruce Hazen	Bear River - no fishing above 2nd bridge (Longview Fiber Br), Naselle - no fishing above falls, Grays River no fishing above West Fork.	Yes to Bear River - author wants to protect steelhead and cutthroat and especially protect salmon spawners from illegal fishers. This would still allow 3 miles of fishery downstream. There are plenty of hatchery salmon in the Naselle above falls area - proposal would unnecessarily close 4 - 5 miles of river. The area between the WF and the SF Grays River(current boundary) provides fishing opportunities for hatchery winter steelehad, stray hatchery summer steelhead and stray hatchery spring chinook. There is no public access in the canyon reaches of this area.
P 093	Frank Amato	Naselle R- No Chinook fishing upstream of Big Hill Bridge after 10/31.	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).
P 095	Frank Amato	Naselle R - no coho fishing.	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).
	Other Region 6 Rivers		
P 037	Christopher Sauer	Raise the limit for jack salmon at 28th St Landing (Grays Harbor Co)	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).
P 191	Ron Rinear	Chehalis-close when salmon closes	This would eliminate fisheries for sturgeon and sea-run cutthroat.
P 062	Kris Olsen	WF Humptulips C&R season 3/1 - 4/15, SGR	Yes, but modified. WF season extention March 1-31 with catch and release and selective gear rules. Mainstem season extension to March 31 with current rules (statewide rules except 14" minimum size for trout). See Region 6 Proposals.
P 047	Michael Whitaker	Quilcene R access - no smoking on fishing easement	WDFW does not have the authority
W 090	Keith Underwood	Skokomish R - Mouth to Hwy 101 Br-require anglers to use circle hooks during salmon fisheries	Will be considered in the North of Falcon process (see cover letter regarding how to participate).

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P 057	Donald Ellison	Hoh, Bogachiel, Calawah close above Hwy 101 after 3/1	We currently have selective gear and wild non-retention in all three rivers above Highway 101. Retention of hatchery fish removes them from the spawning grounds. Catch-and -elease fisheries in these areas have a small impact on stocks.
P 131	Logan Schuyler Dunphy	Hoh R - upstream of Hwy 101 - no fishing from boats 3/1-4/31 with the exception of legally disabled individuals.	No - unnecessary restriction on sport angler opportunity. The upper Hoh is a very large river and bank access is not available in all areas.
P 166	Wild SH Coalition	Quinault R upper- no wild SH retention 12/1-4/15 - C&R and SGR.	Upper Quinault wild steelhead are healthy. Escapement goal has been met or exceeded in 6 of the last 7 years.
P 182	Rich Simms	Quinault R upper- no wild SH retention 12/1-4/15 - C&R and SGR.	Upper Quinault wild steelhead are healthy. Escapement goal has been met or exceeded in 6 of the last 7 years.
P 147	Edward Conroy	Quillayute R - change close date to 4/15	There are wild steelhead available for recreational opportunity based on annual forecasts and escapement estimates.
P 171	Wild SH Coalition	Queets R- change closure date to 4/30.	We support the concept, because it would bring uniformity of closure dates of major North Coastal rivers assuming Hoh is changed as proposed. However, WDFW does not have jurisdiction over the Queets River mainstem - it is entirely within Quinault Indian Reservation and Olympic National Park lands. The Clearwater River, a major tributary to the Queets form the north, is regulated by WDFW, and changing the closure there to April 30 would be appropriate should the Queets closure be changed by the Olympic National Park.
P 130	Logan Schuyler Dunphy	Calawah R - upstream of Hwy 101 - no fishing from boats 3/1-4/31	We do not support no fishing from boats during this time period. Much of the water above 101 is not readily accessible to fishermen on foot.

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P 058	Donald Ellison	Close Peninsula Rivers 3/15	Not fair to sport anglers. Seasons are set based on health of individual runs. Because non-treaty fishermen are limited to one wild steelhead / yr, catches are well within the non-treaty harvestable shares, and populations are generally healthy, especially in the Quillayute System.
P 059	Donald Ellison	Peninsula Rivers - open to hatchery fish May 1-Nov 30	Rivers are already open to retention of hatchery fish during the majority of this time period. May is generally closed in deference to migrating smolts, but beginning June 1, hatchery steelhead can be kept. Where spring Chinook fisheries are open earlier, we allow retention of incidentally caught hatchery steelhead.
	Region 6 Lakes		
P 009	Lonnie Archibald	Beaver Lake (Clallam Co) allow fishing with bait.	We need to assess the effects of the current management regime in Beaver Lake before changing the approach. Current regulations were implemented several years ago (selective gear, max. size limit 12 inches) to attempt to create a trophy cutthroat trout fishery in the North Peninsula area. Fishing with bait would kill a high percentage of cutthroat caught and released.
P 038	Christopher Sauer	Lake Sylvia (Grays Harbor Co) close from day of planting to opening day	We will look at other planting strategies for this lake.
P 076	Doug Warnken (GH Pogie Club)	Failor Lake, Aberdeen Lake, Lake Sylvia opening day dawn-noon, juveniles only.	here are several other options for those individuals or groups wanting to provide opportunity for youth fisheries; for example, Cases Pond, South Bend Mill Pond, Mill Creek Pond, and Vance Creek Pond are "juvenile only lakes" and the last two are year round lakes .
P 138	Michael Marson	Open Crocker Lake (Jefferson Co) to fishing year-round	We need to wait until data is analyzed and plan developed. Will address next year in the minor cycle if appropriate.

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Statewide Rules

#*1.* New Anti-Snagging Rule

This rule needs to be defined in the simplest but comletest of terms. A hook in the mouth is not enough. It needs to red something like "Any hook which enters the mouth from the inside or out is considered a legally hooked fish." Or it needs to say that "The hook must be inside the mouth of the fish which means that the point of the hook must penetrate the fish form the inside of the mouth." We can not leave this to interpretation! It must be painstakingly defined so that anglers know exactly what the rules says and can quote the rules pamphlet if ever questioned by a game enforcement officer. I believe that the first option, any hook with the point entering the mouth from the inside or out would be considered a legal caught fish. Including fish hooked in the bottom jaw. That is if the regulation will be changed at all. I do not see the need to change it from gill plates forward as a legal hooked fish. Limiting the definition to an fish hooked in the mouth is a statement that not many will agree with. Most anglers will consider the rule a further attempt to micro manage the sport and limit the number of fish an angler can catch. 99% of all fish I see snagged are caught form the dorsal fin back, not forward. I would bet that a majority of anglers would agree with this statement. I do however agree with the single hook rules change part of it. It evens the playing field and makes absolute definition for a legal fishing setup. Also, the punishment for poaching a fish by keeping it if it is illegally hooked needs to be more severe. $1,500 fine, loss of license and 200 hours community service in the hatchery system to help replace what they were destroying. Their license would be revoked until the completion of the community service and payment of the fine which can be done with another 50 hours of community service in the hatchery system.

I offer my support but am cautious that this could be over applied to some waters where it is not needed. In addition, the timing of adding/removing of this rule for each water should be included as part of the rule making process.

While I'm 100% opposed to snagging in any form, modifying the non-buoyant rule because people think it's confusing is silly. The rule has always seemed very straightforward to me. Why should I have to give up my ability to run trebles and multiple hooks on my K-15's and wiggle warts just because you think people are too stupid to understand a very simple regulation.
Back trolling K-15's already has a notoriously low strike to hook up ratio, take away the second hook and success drops even further. This rule shouldn't be implemented as written, especially when this is purported to be an anti snagging rule and its nearly impossible to snag a fish with a K-15 or wiggle wart no matter how many hooks you have on them.

I am opposed to the new proposed rule change and the law as currently written needs no further refinement. Here are my reasons why.

For the past 30 years, I have been an avid fisherman in Washington state and I have a pretty good idea what I am talking about in regards to snagging. Snagging is generally practiced with the use of heavily weighted casting spoons where the hook trails the lure. Due to the weight of the spoon, the poacher, is able to retrieve the spoon at a high rate of speed and jerk the spoon when they feel a bump on the bottom. Typically the person uses a spoon with a treble hook which greatly increases their chance of snagging a fish.
Buoyant lures, commonly known by many names including Luhr Jenson, Brad's Wigglers, Storm Wiggle Warts, etc. cannot be used in the same fashion as a weighted spoon. There are major design factors which prevent this and snagging a fish with a buoyant lure would simply be impossible.
1. Buoyant lures cannot be retrieved at a high rate of speed. There typically have a bill on the front of the lure which prevents this. In fact if you were to jerk or retrieve a Buoyant lure in the same fashion as a weighted spoon, it would dive and actually miss the fish, or it would hang up on the river bottom.
2. These types of lures typically have a high rate of hooking on the bottom of the river and becoming tangled in the weeds. Plus they are light weighted and have a limited casting distance. That is why they are typically trolled.
3. Buoyant lures need the treble hooks in order for the lure to run properly. Removing two of the three hooks not only affects the dynamics of the lure, but it lessons the likely hook of hooking the fish when the fish takes the lure.
4. In the past 30 years I have never witnessed a salmon snagged by a Bouyant lure. Typically a fish strikes the lure from the rear with its mouth latching onto the lure from behind. However, I have seen on numerous occasions fish snagged by a spoons using a single hook.

Again, I understand what you are trying to do with this rule change, but the rule change honestly has no merit. People understand the difference between the buoyant and non-buoyant lures and to change this rule would only make things more confusing.

I am in favor of rule #1 with the exception of the night closure. I fish at night to avoid the large crowds and I am not in favor of the night closure. If you want to expand upon the single hook then why not make them barbless hooks?

I fish many different ways for salmon from back bouncing out of my boat to fly fishing to drifting eggs and corkies. i do not agree with your anti snagging rule and nor do i agree with allowing Indians to net salmon then to sell them for profit. The anti snagging rule is a farce and it is subjective to the game officers point of view. a snagged fish is in the tail belly fin back etc.. i have caught many fish drifting eggs and corkies in the side of the gill plate right next to the mouth. therefore if a fish is striking at my bait and the single hook is on the gill plate and not buried down their throat you are saying the fish is snagged... you got to be kidding me..? why don't you guys focus on the Indians netting fish and selling them for profit. since the Indians have netted salmon it was for the tribe and netting salmon was also a belief and celebration of the return of the mighty salmon. now it is a money scam that not only is engulfed the tribes but fish and wildlife is getting a

kick back from it. sure don't want to piss off the hands that feeds you guys huh.. the real problem is here is not the legitimate fisherman/woman.
The real problem is with the russians imagriants and the welfare rats that are snagging salmon left and right and breaking every rcw? code in the book.. and neither is fish and wildlife nor the game management doing anything to stop this as these individuals do not have a pot to piss in.. its pretty hard to squeeze blood from and onion...
If you want to make changes to the rules and anti snagging rule which is a joke close the rivers past oct 1st that are prominent to snagging and make them fly fishing areas only the lewis the cowlitz the kalama to name a few...
Well it seems that there are allot more people buying licenses than Indians netting salmon.. how much more laws do you want to put on the people who are out their legitimately fishing not netting or pulling a fish in backwards..it seems you are asking for more people to poach then be honest..

I read the new regulation proposals and have no problem with most.. the one i dont like is the Non_bouyant lure change. The reason is if you are using a Plug, wiggle wart ect... that the body of the lure would hide the hook(s). I actually tried using one 2 years ago with singles hooks and i missed a lot of fish, i couldn't actually hook a fish. I think the current rule is very clear. I don’t think most people who read it don’t understand it. I know there are people out there who say they don’t understand it when they are caught using the wrong lure but they used it intentionally. I know it is an attempt to control snagging but realistically it is a lot easier to snag with a drift rig (single hook set up for using eggs or other baits) than a lure that floats as soon as you stop reeling. besides most bouyant lures as soon as give a tug they dont go straight they are designed to swim and dive. which makes using them for snagging useless. If you want to see what people use for snagging just go to the Skookumchuck river. I fished there last year 3 days and not 1 fish caught legally every one that was caught was snagged and everyone was using single hooks with weight close to the hook. I hope you really look into the issue before making this rule change. just go to the Skookumchuck or Salmon rivers and watch what people use to snag fish, you will see it is a single hook set up that sinks.

While I agree that the gear restrictions and the purposed no snagging rule are a sound idea you would have to change the wording of the current definition of snagging.
"SNAGGING""Attempting to take fish with a hook and line in such a way that the fish does not voluntarily take the hook(s) in its mouth. In freshwater, it is illegal to possess any fish hooked anywhere other than inside the mouth or on the head." The reason I bring this up is because there are a LOT of rivers with such rules and it is, basically, contradictory to the part of the rules that say it's ok to keep fish hooked in the mouth. EVERYONE knows 90% of the time tulies (Chinook) won't hit a lure. In some places they will like the Columbia for instance. However other rivers like Kalama, Washougal, the Lewis and so on it is very uncommon to have a Chinook hit a lure. Some will pick up some baits like eggs, or sand shrimp but, if a game warden feels you "snagged" the fish you have, in the mouth or not, it's a ticket or worse. I'm not saying this has or has not happened, I'm just shedding a light on it. Plus I would like to know why it says salmon

can be hooked in the head and yet it's VERY rare to see that allowed on any river with such restrictions.
In conclusion, personally I feel there is a lot of confusion do to lack of clarity in the rules. The above is a perfect example. I'd like to see the WDFW get more involved with sportsman and work together on the rules and such. After all, you want to know how things are going on a river, waterfowl area and so on? Ask the ones who are out there everyday. This would also require the sportsman to do there part, but it would be nice to see the two groups work better together. Maybe this already happens and I just don't know about it. Please get back to me. An answered would be a start in the right direction.

So this rule would in effect ban all treble hooks for all lures. Not sure I would agree with banning all treble hooks. I would support all hooks to be barbless hooks including barbless treble hooks. I personally only use barbless hooks for all of my fishing activities.

Should be modified to specify barbless hook(s). The hook limitation should also be expanded to include bait hooks. This is necessary given the expansion of non retention and mark selective fisheries in freshwater areas. (Point No Point Treaty Council)

I strongly support for freshwater. This rule would be a handicap for people fishing for salmon in salt water.

I am in favor of this proposal as it would make the rule more simple. However, snagging is a difficult thing to enforce.

#2. Definition of Bass

#3. Separate Statewide Rules for Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass

A little overdue

#4. Allow Anglers to Purchase a Second Catch Record Card for Hatchery Steelhead

Glad to see WDFW supporting the economies of the North Olympic Peninsula towns impacted by the 30 fish restriction.

If hatchery steelhead are so plentiful and wild steelhead are in such dire straights (you’re undoubtedly correct on both accounts) allow a second card. But you should prohibit killing of any wild steelhead until the population thoroughly recovers. Since the wild steelhead are so close to expiring that we can only afford one per season per steelhead angler, give the fish a chance and shut it down. If there are any negatives to this approach, I haven’t heard of them.

Steelhead catch record card....ok for a minimal fee like 5 bucks.

This should not be adopted for two reasons. First, when steelhead are obviously endangered any killing of wild steelhead will damage the resource. Since it can be expected that number of wild steelhead will decrease, killing them will only advance the time when drastic measures will have to be enacted to save the remaining stock. I would suggest that the concept of "harvestable stock" when applied to steelhead is self-defeating. Further, why should one want to kill a wild steelhead? With the availability of digital cameras, a photograph can be taken of a wild steelhead to document the catch. The fish will then live to spawn and increase the stock.
Second, I feel the permitting the purchase of a second steelhead catch record card will not achieve the stated goal of harvesting hatchery steelhead. Very few anglers in most streams catch thirty hatchery steelhead annually. Those that do are for the most part anglers that have the time to spend many days fishing. Permitting such anglers catch and kill more than thirty steelhead will reduce the opportunity for the average angler to catch hatchery steelhead. This may lead to discouragement on the part of such anglers with less fishing efforts and thereby less hatchery steelhead be harvested.

Proposal is ill advised for the Puget Sound areas where steelhead are listed as threatened. It presumes a form of segregated management that's not evident in practice. We are not aware of large excess escapements of hatchery steelhead. As an alternative, site specific adjustments to stocking volumes may be more appropriate. Limits should not be expanded until the efficacy of segregated management can be evaluated. (Point No Point Treaty Council)

I do not support it. The three fish a day limit was plenty!

I OPPOSE this proposal as it would allow guides and those who have the opportunity to fish most often to catch many more fish. Those who can only fish on weekends or maybe once or twice a month would lose opportunity to catch fish. The steelhead would eventually be caught be someone.

#5. Fishing Tournaments – 3 Proposed Changes

I agree with these in principal. However, with regards to rule 3, I would add a provision requiring the contest director to produce these immediately upon request to any authorized law enforcement or other official having jurisdiction over the waters where the tourney is held. I'd also like to see if the rules are not followed, the vessel is confiscated and tested for such species. If the species are found, the vessel is cleaned and sold to benefit the aquatic resources (derelict vessel?) of the state. If the vessel is clean, the owner can retrieve the vessel for the cost of the inspection and an administrative fee to cover ancillary costs.

I have to say though, that #5:P3 sounds like an excuse for big government and just another way to make boat owners pay for something their boat tabs should cover

already. Who will do the inspections? How much will it cost to manage this new department, or adjunct to an already bloated administration.

Proposal 1 – Since steelhead are so endangered, prohibit steelhead tournaments until the wild population recovers.

I do not support it. There should not be tournaments for wild steelhead under and circumstances!

I think there should be NO tournament fishing for wild steelhead. These fish are too much in jeopardy to allow them to be targets of this increased pressure. There would still be mortality in excess.

#6. Tiger Muskie Rules

I do not support any increased size restriction on Tiger Muskie's the 36 inch rule is good enough. Please increase the planting of these fish when possible, you should be able to keep what you catch. I like to fish and I also like to keep a fish once and awhile to eat.

I have been reading a lot of input on proposals for Tiger Muskie length requirement changes. At this current point in time I don't think there is a problem with catching big fish out of the lakes. Last week I caught a 39 inch and a 46 ½ inch out of Newman. I don't see the need for the very drastic change that some want, to lengths like 48 or 50 inches. I think the effects that that could have on a lake can not be estimated. With continued stocking there would be more muskies in the lake and more BIG muskies in the lakes. The increase of number and size could possibly start to hurt the rest of the fishery. From what I have been told (by an employee of WDFW) is that not enough is really known about tiger muskies. I don't think it can be predicted, what kind of impact a rule change like 50 inches would have. I would not be opposed to a 40 or 42 inch rule. I don't think this should be done in one giant leap. With continued stocking I don't see the need to up the regulation a great deal.

I personally love to fish for them and I have released all 6 that I have caught (3 being legal to keep). I think that they are very fun and exciting to target, not to mention a beautiful fish. I think they should be used more in areas where pikeminnows and other detrimental fish have become a problem (possibly in coastal rivers where pikeminnows affect salmon).

The biggest problem I see with tiger muskies, is s lack of care or knowledge of them by other fisherman. I think with a little public education would cause a lot more catch and release. You don't have to force people to release them if they want to willingly. There is nothing forcing me and all the other muskie fisherman I know to release our 36+ inch fish, but we do. The people that target them are the people that educate themselves about them. I run across too many people who don't even know what one is. I have seen people catch an illegal fish and keep it because they don't realize that it is illegal. The worst I think is the people who just know that it is a predator fish that is eating all the other fish. Yeah they are predators and they ear damn near anything that swims, but they ear more of certain species, some of those being fish that are doing more

damage to the rest of the fishery than a tiger muskie. I have talked to people who say that when they catch one, they kill it and toss it back because they don't want them taking over the lake and eating all the bass. I also know a guy that tolod me that he shot one with a bow and arrow off his dock at Newman Lake and left it (owner of Cherokee outpost by the way). The biggest problem facing our current tiger muskie fisheries is a lack of knowledge about the fish. An article in the front of the fishing regulation pamphlet would not be a bad start to educating the public about the fish.

*side note: Idaho posts state records in their fishing pamphlet. I didn't see it in Washington's pamphlet but I think it would be a good addition. Not sure who is in charge of those anyway but I figured it couldn't hurt to tell you guys.

Just returned from muskie fishing in Western Ontario where I go every year. I hope you know a 48" muskie weighs 30 lbs. Not many anglers will return a 30 lb fish if he's 47 ½". However, why can't you stock fish that reproduce naturally then you wouldn't have to stock every year?

#7. Fork Length Measurement for Sturgeon

By changing the tail measurement you in effect are closing the bracket by a couple of inches from the current 42" minimum since the new 42" minimum would be 2 to 3" longer than before. Just making sure you realize this size change due to the new way of measuring the fish length. I personally have seen many fish with really beat up tails that were too small because of their tail being beaten up or bitten off by a seal. So, yes I would support this change.

Last year i was down in illawco fishing for sturgeon before the closure, were a game officer harassing fishermen and woman on the length of the sturgeon and handing out tickets and confiscating fish. remember it is up to the discretion of the game officer if a rcw code has been violated... and the measuring of the sturgeon. the length of a sturgeon is the total length not the the fork in the tail. measuring from the tip to the tail to the nose has been in affect for years, i do not see changing this is going to make a difference when confronted by a game officer. The sturgeon leave it alone it does not matter where you measure a fish from I have watched game officers harass people about their fish and it really is not going to make a difference

Sturgeon measurement...just adding more confusion...leave it as is.

Region 1

#8. Spokane River Redband Trout Protection

#9. Grande Ronde River Bass and Catfish Limits

I would amend the proposal to: 5 fish (smallmouth and largemouth combined), no minimum size, only one over 15" in length. My reasons are as follows: The Grande Ronde is a small river and, indeed, in the late summer it is scarcely more than a trickle in places. It is being heavily fished for bass at the present time. Boats of various kinds go into every part of the canyon and there are now guided float trips for bass, particularly during the spring when water is higher and bass are spawning. There is great potential for removing the spawners if 3 fish over 15" is allowed.
I have fished the Ronde for 44 years. Until about 10 years ago the interest in bass on this river was minimal. In 1997 I could have supported a much more liberal size and number limit on smallmouth bass. Today, the above proposal might be too liberal. Unfortunately, there seem to be no data on the harvest of bass in the Grande Ronde and my information is anecdotal. Thus, I urge a conservative approach to keep and size limits until data are extant.

#10. Walla Walla River Catfish Daily Limit

#11. Close Yellowhawk and Cottonwood Creeks, East Little Walla Walla River, and Portions of Dry Creek.

#12. Closing Dates for Fisheries on Mill Creek, Touchet, Tucannon, and Walla Walla Rivers

#13. Wenaha Tributary Selective Gear Rules and Release All Steelhead

#14. Dalton Lake and Pampa Pond Trout Rules

#15. Downs Lake Opening Date

#16. Liberty Lake Opening Date

#17. Long Lake Bass Season

#18. Medical Lake Extended Season

This will really allow this fishery to blossom. I believe that mid-March until mid-April will provide the best fishing on this lake because of the great chironomid hatches that take place at that time.

#19. Roosevelt Lake Closed Waters

I attended the meeting in Colville regarding proposed closure of Lake Roosevelt downstream of Onion Creek to the Canadian Border from March 1st through May 31st. I fully support a closure to protect the spawning trout during this time period. I would recommend the closure be confined to a stretch of river starting below Onion Creek to an location above Onion Creek and a section of river from Smelter Rock to Steamboat Rock above Northport. This would allow people to fish without impacting the spawning trout.
There was also some discussion about the impact of walleye on the native trout in this section of the river. To help mitigate the impact of walleye on the trout population I think there should be no catch limit on walleye above The Little Dalles below Northport to the Canadian Border. This change might also help with the concern about the economic impact of the closure on Northport, because it has the potential of bringing more walleye fisherman to the area.

I attended the meeting in Colville regarding proposed closure of Lake Roosevelt downstream of Onion Creek to the Canadian Border from March 1st through May 31st. I fully support a closure to protect the spawning native Redband trout during this time period. I don't think the closure extending to May 31 is necessary, however. I would suggest the closure be confined to a stretch of river surrounding the mouth of Onion Creek and a second section of river from Smelter Rock, which is just north of the Northport launch ramp, to Steamboat Rock just south of Deadman's Eddy on the Columbia River. This would protect the spawning Redband trout and leave the rest of river open to fishing as it has been. I also suggest that the catch limit in the Upper Columbia be reduced to a daily catch of two trout.
There was also some discussion about the impact of walleye on the native trout in this section of the river. To help mitigate the impact of walleye on the trout population I think there should be no catch limit on walleye above "The Little Dalles", a few miles south of Northport, to the Canadian Border. This change might help alleviate concerns about the economic impact of a closure on the town of Northport and its surround area. This change could create an increase in fishermen visiting the area, not only during the closure period, but all year around.

I am a sportsman and life-long resident of Northeast Washington. I fully support the proposed regulation that would limit fishing in selected areas of the North Columbia during the spawning season of the redband rainbow.
The redband is far too precious a resource to squander, and continued increases in fishing pressure, environmental factors, and other impacts urge us to act now to protect

them. I encourage continued study that will allow us to improve management, but in the mean time this measure should help us affect outcomes.
I also would recommend some modifications to this proposal:
-The "no fish" zones must be simple to see, uniform, and easy to enforce. Therefore, rather than making an arc around the mouth or the like, I recommend marking 2 points on each side (east and west) of the river. Thus if you looked at the east side of the river, you'd have a northern marker and southern marker. The mouth would be somewhere between these markers and this would be the "no fish" zone across the entire river. North or south of that zone, you could fish.
- I also recommend making the entire section of the Columbia north of the Northport Bridge island single barbless hook and catch and release throughout the season. This will go much further in rejuvinating the fishery than the spawning protection alone. I would choose the island as the marker because there is a boat launch and dock south of the island, and it would be a real benefit to allow children to fish from that dock unfettered from this regulation.
During a community forum held in Colville yesterday, 40-plus folks came together to hear about this and other proposals. My impression of this event:
The general consensus was that protection of the redband and continuing this fishery are of paramount importance. There was spirited debate, good discussion, and it was very beneficial. I applaud the gentlemen that coordinated it and fielded many spirited comments.

I commend and applaud your new proposals to create an area of Closed Waters on the upper Columbia River. This closure is needed to protect the native Redband rainbow spawning stock. In recent years, these “monster” rainbows have been being targeted and exploited while stacking up to stage themselves for spawning at the mouths of Big Sheep and Deep, and Onion Creek. They’re being fished, caught, handled, pictures, sometimes released – other times killed for their roe, for later use. Every day, day in, day out – they can’t tale this – many die!!

I asked a guide “Why are they targeting the spawning fish?” His reply – “we’re (guides) prostitutes of Mother Nature – when this is played out, we’ll find something else hot!!”

I support a river closure that would not allow for any incidental catch, an incidental catch still harms thers fish, due to hooking and handling. I “do” support your present proposal, that from Onion Cr. to the border be closed to all fishing. From March 1 to May 31st. This would be great for the fish and easiest to enforce. Whatever rules you create, you must enforce!! After attending the Colville meeting, if you do shorten this closed zone, the “closure” could possibly be from Onion Cr, to Black Beach (DNR owned), below this is all private land along both banks of the river, no public bank access, upstream of Deep and Big Sheep, so limit boat traffic through the staging area below - *Haystack Rock may be to close to area!! Allow fishing from Black Beach to border during this time span for local angling opportunity. The east bank from Black Beach to border is DNR.

I also favor a “no limit” no size restriction placed on walleye, above the bridge at Northport. To the border. This would also help the rainbow fishery. Finally, I would lower the “catch and keep” from 5 to 2 fish over 12”. Also, the guides need to be regulated and have their lic/permit(s) checked. I personally know of an Idaho-Montana guide who operates on the river without any permits, not even “bothering” to make his

“out of state clients” take time to purchase a license. He’ll have as many as 6 driftboats a night on the river. 1 angler per boat/rower “guide” $800/eve. They arrive about 5 or 5:30 PM from CD’A Idaho, put in at Black Beach and float down to take out at Northport dock, taking out about 11:30 – then back home to Idaho. – No Washington Permits – No Revenue to state!!

I’ve flyfished this section of the river for 25 years, and the recent “abusers” need to be stopped, before it is lost for future generations. To enjoy. These “abusers/guides” are under big pressure to produce fish, due to their absorbent feed and so clients will tell others. For future business, and these spawning fish are easy targets, resulting in big financial gains for the abusers who are explotting them.

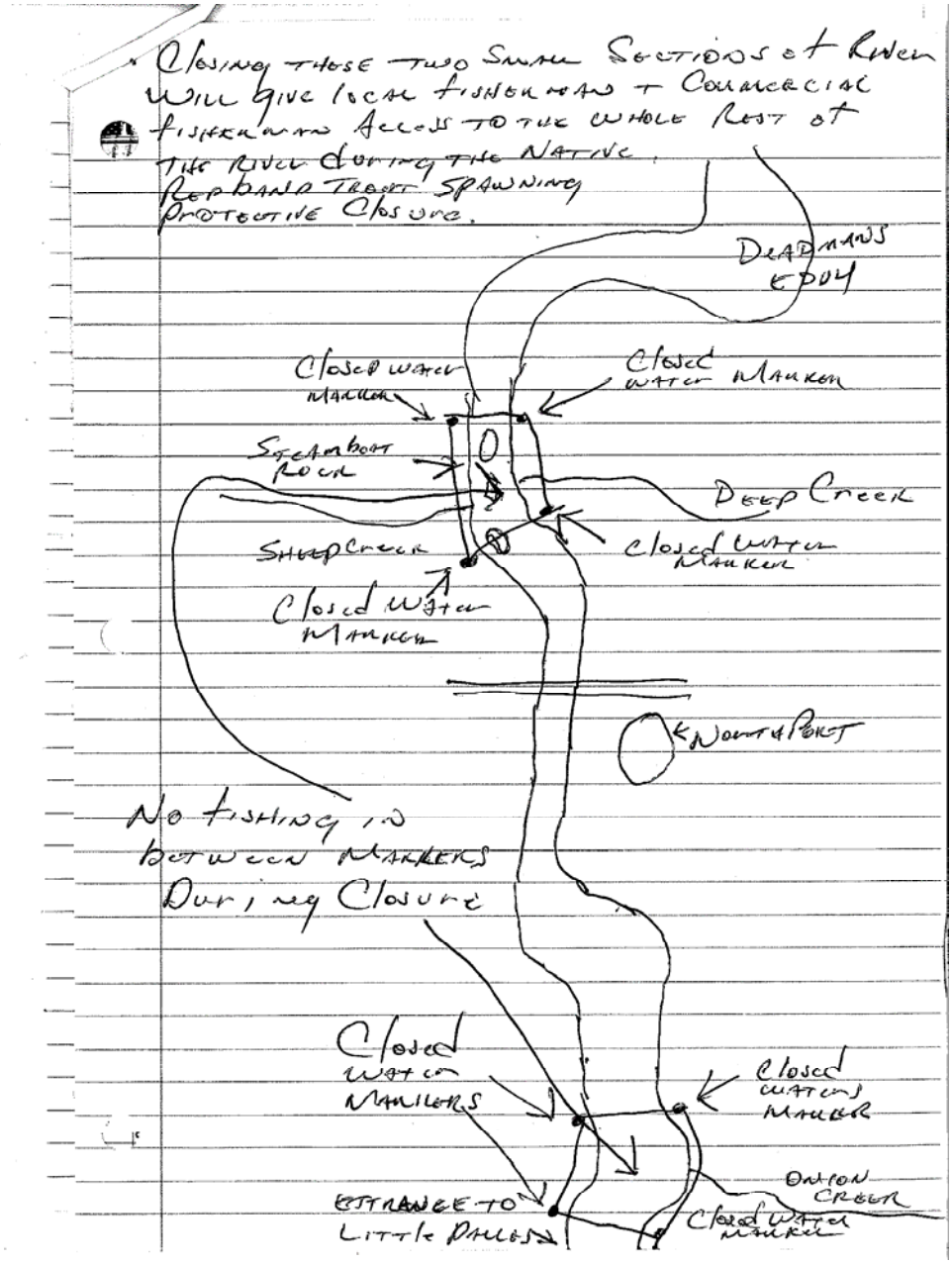
In regards to this proposal, that fisheries is too valuable to all sportsman to allow fishing over the spawning are of that fishery.

The City of Kettle Falls is strongly opposed to the proposed action of the WDFW to CLOSE the waters of Lake Roosevelt from March 1- May 31 for fishing. This action will have a direct impact on the local economy and tourism within the region affecting local businesses. Perhaps a solultion could be to only close Red Band Trout (the species of concern) during that period leaving the waters open to other species.

We are very concerned about this proposal and would like to discuss this matter with you further. We are also concerned about the minimal advertising and lack of public notice of these proposed rule changes. Please feel free to contact me at (509) 738-6832. Thank you. (Ray Smith, Mayor of Kettle Falls)

The proposal as written in the pamphlet is too restrictive, given the main object of the proposal is to protect Redband rainbow spawning habitat during spawning season. I’ve been fishing the upper river for 34 years and am a riverfront property owner, so I’ve observed the river for a long time. For years lots of old people and their children & grandchildren have bank fished on the River and its an important part of their rural lifestyle, I Don’t want to see them Lose Access to this fishery. This problem has only become Evident in the last 3 to 5 years. Guides have begun to fish the river, and are targeting these spawning fish for their clients. They say they return all fish to the river but if there hooking these fish there damaging them. Some fish will Die, some are stressed to the point of Loosing their eggs or milt. I would like to see the Commercial exploitation of these fish stop, but guides have a right to fish the river too. What I would like to see done is close the two small sections of the river from March 1 to May 31 that give these people access to these schooled up Spawning Native Red band Rainbows. They would be able to fish all of the rest of the river as would the local people. I’m enclosing a map that would protect the Critical Spawning Areas.

Lets not wait to long to take Appropriate Action on the matter as we’ve one in the past with, many other species of Wildlife. (Mule deer Buffala, Elk, to mane just a few. I’m sure you know of many more species that we’ve brought to the Brink of Extinction than I do.



#20. Sprague Lake Daily Limits

#21. Williams, Hatch, and Ellen Lake Rules

Region 2

#22. Boulder Creek Eastern Brook Trout Bonus Limit

#23. Columbia Basin Hatchery Creek Trout Limit

#24. Columbia River from Rocky Reach Dam to Turtle Rock

#25. Lake Creek Closed Waters above Black Lake

#26. North Creek Closed Waters

#27. Okanogan River Anti-Snagging Rule

#28. Banks Lake Crappie Rules

#29. Black Lake Becomes Spring Hill Reservoir

#30. Big Tiffany Lake Trout

#31. Little Twin Lake

This is a great idea and will probably induce me to start fishing it when I travel to the area to fish Big Twin Lake.

#32. Patterson Lake Year-Round Season

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

#33. Silvernail Lake becomes Silver Nail Lake

Region 3

#34. Box Canyon Creek Closed Waters

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

Is it possible to get more details on the background, and any documentation that you have on proposal # 34 through 41 for region 3.

#35. Indian Creek and NF Tieton Closed Water

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

Is it possible to get more details on the background, and any documentation that you have on proposal # 34 through 41 for region 3.

#36. SF Tieton Closed Waters

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

Is it possible to get more details on the background, and any documentation that you have on proposal # 34 through 41 for region 3.

#37. Teanaway River and NF Teanaway River Rules

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

Is it possible to get more details on the background, and any documentation that you have on proposal # 34 through 41 for region 3.

#38. De Roux Creek Closed Waters

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.
Is it possible to get more details on the background, and any documentation that you have on proposal # 34 through 41 for region 3.

#39. Lower Yakima River Rules

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

Is it possible to get more details on the background, and any documentation that you have on proposal # 34 through 41 for region 3.

#40. Yakima River Closed Waters

Is it possible to get more details on the background, and any documentation that you have on proposal # 34 through 41 for region 3.

#41. Cle Elum Lake Lake Trout (Mackinaw)

Is it possible to get more details on the background, and any documentation that you have on proposal # 34 through 41 for region 3. Proposed rule #41 is of greatest concern. I can not find any documentation of any large lake research team studies, habitat or biological studies in the last 10 years or more on Lake Cle Elum. So to propose a drastic rule change without research is a concern. I hope there has been a study conducted and that it isn't yet available to the public.

I urge the Washington Department of Fish and wildlife not to adopt proposal # 41 to remove limits for mackinaws on Lake Cle Elum. Mackinaws were stocked in Lake Cle

Elum shortly after the completion of the Bureau of Reclamation dam in 1933. The damming of the Cle Elum River and existing lake created the current irrigation reservoir and the mackinaw has existed in the reservoir for over 75 years. The lake currently offers a year round opportunity for sport fishermen to fish for and possibly catch a truly trophy class fish and this recreational fishery is too valuable not to be managed and protected.

The opportunity to fish for mackinaws currently exists only in about 5 to 10 lakes in our state. In other lakes in the state containing mackinaws such as Deer Lake, before the decision was made to change regulations, fisheries assessments studies were done to determine the population of mackinaws in the lake. When the limit for Deer Lake was increased it still contained a slot limit allowing for the retention of only two fish over 30 inches. This decision was made based on the scientific data collected with fisheries assessment studies. To the best of my knowledge I know of no Fisheries assessment studies done on Lake Cle Elum.

The proposal for Lake Cle Elum is the same as the rule change made for Lake Chelan. Making a decision based on information from other lake systems such as Lake Chelan and adopting similar management plans also may not be wise. The WDFW has stocked mackinaws in Lake Chelan from 1980 until 2000 and the mackinaws in Lake Chelan have an abundant food supply with the presence of the mysis shrimp which were introduced in 1968. This food supply may allow for a greater survival rate of the mackinaw fry and sustain a larger population of mackinaw in Lake Chelan.

Lake Cle Elum has no introduced mysis shrimp for a food, base and no mackinaw stocking program that I know of. The mackinaw in Lake Cle Elum has- had nearly a century to create the present eco system in the lake. By trying to elimate the mackinaws in the lake by removing sport fishing catch limits the WDFW may disrupt this balance and do more harm than good. For example, I have fished all three upper Kittitas county lakes, Kachess, Kachelus, and Cle Elum for nearly thirty years and it has been my experience that I catch large numbers of Pike Minnows (squaw fish) from Kachess and Kachelus and very rarely catch any Pike Minnows from Lake Cle Elum. I believe that the mackinaw help keep the pike minnows population in check in the lake. By removing or severely reducing the population of mackinaw the WDFW may create a compensatory situation where a predator fish like the mackinaw which is highly sought after by many sport fishermen is replaced by a population explosion of another predator fish like the pike minnow which is not usually pursued by sport fishermen unless they are paid to fish for them. .

The WDFW is concerned that- the "nonnative. char" compete with the bull trout and .predate on the kokanne population. The bull trout currently coexist in the same system with the. mackinaws and have for a long time. The "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Middle Columbia Recovery Plan for Bull Trout" attributes the decline of the bull trout in the system largely to habitat issues and genic isolation caused by the irrigation dams that do not allow for fish passage that changed the bull trout from a fluvial to an ad fluvial Lifestyle. As for the kokanee fishery., there are many opportunities to fish for kokanees in the state and in Kittitas County. Also if the Tribal Fisheries is successful at introducing salmon runs into the lake system it is unlikely that a kokanee fishery would continue on Lake Cle Elum given the difficulty for sport fisherman to tell the difference between salmon smolt and kokanee, such as the case at Lake Wenatchee.

The WDFW has the ability to manage Lake CIe Elum for a mackinaw fishery and still work to protect sensitive species. The Columbia River is an excellent example of what can be done. The Stretch of the Columbia River that borders Kittitas County contains ESA listed bull trout, ESA listed wild steelhead, ESA listed spring Chinook salmon and other wild salmon runs and the WDFW is able to appreciate the sport fishery for non native species such as walleye and bass: The WDFW regulations protect the trophy walleye fishery with a 5 fish slot limit and a retention limit of one walleye over 22 inches. The bass also have a similar slot limit of 5 fish with a retention limit of one fish over 17 inches to protect the fishery.

I doubt that sport fisherman of today or even their children will ever be able to fish for bull trout and wild salmon in the CIe Elum system, but today many people enjoy the current mackinaw fishery that exist on the lake. It provides a great recreation fishery and chance to maybe catch a true trophy fish and possibly even a state record. The mackinaw are a long lived. and slow growing fish taking as much as 25 years to reach a length of 30 inches an a weight of 15 pounds. It could take until the year 2030 to grow a replacement for the larger fish if allowed to be fished out of the lake. It would truly be a shame if these magnificent fish are allowed to be fished out of the lake.

Again I would urge the WDFW to not adopt this proposal with out the appropriate fisheries assessment study. I feel very strongly that the WDFW should follow the example that was done with Deer Lake where the WDFW conducted their study and used that data to make an informed management decision regarding the mackinaw population. The North American Journal'of Fisheries Management conducted review of fish control projects and found a success rate of less than 50%. They concluded that given "the large number of unsuccessful projects and the complexity of factors influencing fish communities suggests that control projects should include critical evaluation of assumptions and of suspected causes of problems, explicit rationale and objectives and pretreatment and long- term posttreatment study" (North American Journal Of Fisheries Management 1996;16:63-74). If with the proper fisheries assessment studies and scientific, data in the future the WDFW feels it needs to adjust the regulation I hope it will take efforts to adopt regulation similar to Deer Lake and the mid Columbia which limit the, retention of the few really large fish.

Thank you very much for your time and I look forward to your response.

Region 4

#42. Cedar River Other Game Fish Fishery

#43. Skagit, Sauk and Cascade Rivers Steelhead and Bull Trout Protection

#44. Mill Pond Senior Fishery

The City of Auburn requests an amendment to this proposal. The current proposal defines seniors as 70 years and older. The City of Auburn prefers that you adopt our original regulation proposal (P-10), of no age restriction during free fishing weekend, or as an alternative adopt regulation proposal #68, which allows anglers 65 years and older to fish Mill Pond from the last Saturday in April through October 31st, in addition to juvenile anglers. Either regulation proposal (i.e., P-10 or P-68 would accommodate the City of Auburn's senior programs).

The City of Auburn has a unique situation – we operate a Senior Activity Center, which has an average monthly attendance of 3,500 and also manages Mill Pond Park, which is currently a juvenile fishing pond. Each year, the Senior Activity Center, in cooperation with the Green River Steelhead Trout Club host a Senior Fishing Day. This annual event is held at Mill Pond and attracts over 150 senior participants. Approximately twenty-five percent of these participants are between the ages of 65 and 70. Thus, the current rule change proposal would impact the participation of at least one-quarter of our current and past participants.

This rule change proposal was developed with the help and support of Chad Jackson, Area Fish Biologist. He is in favor of both our requests: allowing anglers 65 and older the opportunity to fish at Mill Pond in Auburn or removing the age restriction at Mill Pond Park during free fishing weekend.

Please consider the amendments we have proposed to rule #44 for Mill Pond. For additional information, please contact me at 253-931-3052 or kpachciarz@auburnwa.gov. (Special Events Coordinator).

Region 5

#45. Columbia River Sturgeon Rules Above and Below Wauna

#46. Cowlitz and Cispus Rivers Whitefish Fisheries

#47. Cowlitz River Closed Waters

I am in favor of the 100' closure and would like to see it further than 100'. I would like to see some Selective Gear Rule for the area around this outlet, but I know it would be hard to enforce.

#48. Kalama River Gear Restrictions

I am in FAVOR of this rule. Illegal snagging will still be prevalent here, but perhaps a bit more easy to enforce.

#49. Rock Creek

Region 6

#50. Bear River Closed Waters

#51. Burley Creek and Curley Creek Seasons

#52. Carbon River Opening Date

#53. Upper Chehalis River Rainbow Protection

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

Fishing the Chehalis River in October is for what reason. It seems like the state just moves things back all the time to help other industries catch and retain fish. What is the purpose of the single barbless hook when we all see the amount of nets in the rivers? One talks about discrimination, What about the fisherman that buys all the licenses, boats, equipment, and etc. to be allowed to fish? Do we not have the right to catch fish? More fish are lost and die each year due to barbless hooks. It is a proven fact that more fish are caught and not lost/die with barbed hooks. One can catch his limit sooner and get off the rivers sooner to allow more fishermen the opportunity to catch their limit. Yes, it sounds fair that some people can use the net system and others are restricted to single barbless hooks. If caught we get a ticket and pay a fine. What happens to the people that catch too many fish in the nets and are not caught or the ones that are caught and nothing is done to them. Want less discrimination in the state of Washington? Make things equal and fair.

#54. Goodman Creek Wild Steelhead Closure

I support this closure but I feel that Mosquito Cree, also is in trouble and should be closed to wild steelhead-

#55. Hoh River and SF Hoh Season Extension

I do not support this proposal. With the intense habitat degradation of the Hoh, we should be shortening the season, not extending it.

#56. Hoquiam River Wild Steelhead Protection

#57. Humptulips River Fishery Extension

I am so happy that a couple of proposals for next year might come to pass. I wrote a letter to WDF last year proposing to them that they extend the steelhead season on the West Fork of the Humptulips to March 31 for catch and release on wild steelhead. It has been closing on Feb. 28 since 2000-2001. It is one of my favorite fisheries and I had been fishing since I was a young boy with my father. I never wanted to kill any wild steelhead but simply to have the opportunity to fish for these magnificent fish. I landed a large native steelhead there in 2000 that I released unharmed but was able to make a replica made of which was estimated at 24-25 lbs. I have also hooked some other very large fish in the West Fork. I hope this proposal is adopted.

I just wanted to put my wholehearted support behind this rule proposa.l As a former fishing guide I did and still do fish the West Fork every year. It is a beautiful steelhead stream, but does not turn on until March. I for one would very much appreciate the opportunity to again fish that river in the spring and think the catch and release nature of the fishery is an excellent one.
I used to guide up there and on the Skykomish during the catch and release season in March and April that is no longer available to anglers. It was the best fishing of the season by far. Hatchery fish tend to race right back to the hatchery and can mostly be caught in terminal areas, but wild steelhead can be caught in all the good holding water, making for a much more exciting fishery. Two thumbs up on this one..!! Anglers rarely get back opportunity once it is lost and this would be a nice addition to the season. I might add that the entire West Fork should be open if it is to be a "catch and release" fishery....opening even more river above Donkey Creek! Thanks.

#58. Nisqually and Mashel Rivers Catch-and-Release Rules

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

I am in FAVOR only if the season is very short – perhaps 30 days. Along season would allow and probably encourage illegal catch here.

#59. Little Quilcene River Season

This will not really stop those anglers on these waters who constantly ignore these rules. I recommend adoption, but enforcement on these waters is extremely lacking.

There is tribal concern over Proposals #59 and #60 which would close Big and Little Quilcene rivers, from November through May. Additional language is needed to assure that neither of these closures will impact of limit any Tribal subsistence fisheries, by implication, suggestion, or otherwise. (Point No Point Treaty Council)

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#61. Lower White (Stuck) River Opening Date

#62. Willapa River Boat Fishing

have a comment regarding the proposed rule change on the Willapa River. This change suggests allowing fishing from a boat from the bridge on Willapa Rd (Camp One Bridge) to Fork Creek. I absolutely agree with this change. I have been fishing this system for 24 years and the fishing access has decreased considerably. Many landowners have posted their land and as the rule is written now many miles of the river are inaccessible. After talking with numerous sports fishermen/women who visit the hatchery I get a sense that this is a favorable change to them also. One concern that I have is allowing boats that are too large, to access this system. The Willapa River is a small system with limited access for larger drift boats. I do not want to see the banks of the Willapa destroyed by over zealous fishermen/women to create more access for larger boats. I would like to suggest that the rule put a maximum length of 10 feet on any floating device, from the bridge on Camp One Road (Burkhalters) to Fork Creek. This should limit the types of boats that can access the river to mostly pontoon boats and small drift boats, these are easily launched without harming the river bank, this will allow access to the river without endangering fishermen/women and prevent damage to the environment. Fishing below this bridge should not have maximum size, as this is mostly tidewater.

#63. Wishkah River Closed Waters

#64. Wishkah River Wild Cutthroat

I disagree with this proposal.

#65. Alder Lake/Nisqually River Boundary

#66. Bradley Lake Juvenile Fishing

#67. Lake Cushman Landlocked Salmon Rules

I fully support this proposal.

I support closing Lake Cushman from the taking of any salmon.

Bull trout and chinook salmon are discussed im the explanation but there is no mention of kokanee or landlocked sockeye salmon (O.nerka). It the popular and productive kokanee fishery in Lake Cushman is to continue, then the proposed rule should be changed to reflect this.

Five fish trout limit and add a five fish kokanee bonus, in place of landlocked chinook fisheries.

I support this change. Why did the Dept. Wait so long?

#68. Munn Lake Additional Season

#69. Price's Lake Season

My only concern of making Price's Lake year around fishing is that this lake is located on DNR land and DNR has a Gate Closure of this area from Oct 1 through the end of April for Wildlife protection of the local elk heard. So, creating a fishing rule to allow fishing after these gates close, might create an undesirable conflict of those who can not drive to this lake during the closure period. DNR has no problem with public access during the closure time as long as the access is via non-motorized means. I personally think allowing year around fishing in Price's Lake is OK especially since it is a Catch and Release Only lake.

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

I support the proposed change. I agree with the statement that a "quality water" doesn't fit with the concept of an "opening day" attack on the lake. Perhaps, if there were more fishermen legally fishing the lake during the year, their presence could reduce poaching.

#70. Lake Sylvia, Failor Lake, Lake Aberdeen, and Vance Creek Ponds 1&2 Trout Rules

There needs to be a stipulation that fishing with bait is no longer legal after the retention of 2 fish over 15". The mortality will not stop just because the limit is there. It needs to

be cut and dry. Once you have the larger fish you are done fishing with bait, period. Either that or once you have caught the over 15" portion of the limit you are done fishing for the day similar to the salmon rule that states "Once adult portion of the catch is retained, you must stop fishing" Also, I know this is not your side of the issue, but the punishment for breaking the rule needs to be severe enough that it would discourage anyone from taking the action. A slap on the wrist and $100 won't cut it. It needs to be $1500 fine, confiscation of all gear that will be sold if convicted, and the loss of their license for 1 year.

I am in favor of the proposal to limit the retention of 2 large trout in the daily limit in the Grays Harbor lakes. I flyfish Lake Aberdeen every year and land several of the very large (trophy) trout. It is a great fishery and I applaud the Elma sportsmen and program for this wonderful fishery. I hope this proposal is also adopted.

#71. Teal Lake Selective Gear Rules and Trout Daily Limit

I do not support this proposal in its entirety. I live less than 5 miles from this lake and realize the contribution Port Ludlow Fly Fishers has made to make this lake more handicapped accessible. I bring my kids up to the lake opening day and we enjoy these relatively serene waters, but did so long before the improvements.
Making this selective gear rules restricts the waters to take out our future fisherman, the children of this area. There are several other area lakes that are already selective gear (Ludlow for instance) but have a more difficult access. I could see supporting the proposal to make this year round and limiting it to 2 fish, but selective gear to benefit the fly fisherpersons of this area is an excessive limitation. This lake has rather limited shore access already and plenty of area to fly fish. The greater Port Ludlow community is quite affluent, making them able to travel to other, more distant, quality waters. Please leave this jewel for the children of this area.

I support the Teal lake rules proposals as put forth by the Port Ludlow Flyfishers.

I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

I want to voice my strong support. I believe that Teal Lake with its small size and relative solitude makes it perfectly suited to be a quality fishery, especially since internal combustion motors are already prohibited. I believe that the selective gear regulations allow for all types of fisherman to have access to a quality fishing opportunity, while the restricted catch limit maintains that quality.
Teal Lake is a really important change to reduce the harvest of the quality fish paid for (at least in part) by some local fishing clubs. Please approve the regulation change.

I am against this. Teal Lake is stocked by WSFW and all should have the enjoyment of fishing there. This is an accessable lake where seniors, kids and disabled can fish and should not be limited to only a few experts with selective gear. Another lake nearby, Horseshoe Lake, is already selective gear. Fishing is tough enough without making it even tougher to enjoy.

Enclosed is a petition signed by 47 resident fishers supporting changing Teal Lake to a year-round selective gear fishery. All of these fishers reside in the Puget Sound area and are licensed fishers that enjoy Teal lake. Please inform all rule makes that we support changing Teal lake t o a year-round gear fishery. (Petition with 47 signatures attached) "Please inform the rule makers that I, as an individual residing in Washington State, strongly support changing Teal Lake to a year-round selective gear fishery with a one fish limit."

I am very concerned and object to Rule Change Proposal #71. With all the restrictions currently in effect for both saltwater and freshwater fishing, sportsmen in the State of Washington are finding fewer and fewer places to fish in their local areas. By adopting Rule Change Proposal #71, WDFW would be limiting the fishing at Teal Lake to a select few individuals that mainly indulge in fly fishing and would exclude other fishermen. All of us that purchase fishing licenses and provide revenue for WDFW would like equal access to lakes that participate in the State trout stocking program.
Horseshoe Lake which is nearby is already a selective gear lake with a daily limit of one trout and changing Teal Lake would make the two closest trout lakes to Poulsbo inaccessible to most fishermen. Having the lake open year-round does not make any sense either, as very few individuals would fish there during the winter months. I have never heard the argument that the dock at Teal Lake makes fly fishing from the dock accessible to the handicapped, but this is a poor excuse as in all my trips to the lake I have never seen a handicapped person fly fishing from the dock. But, I have seen handicapped persons fishing with spinning gear which is the more likely scenario.
It would be an injustice to adopt Rule Change Proposal #71 and trust that the Director, staff and board members of WDFW will see this as one organization's attempt to exclude families and individuals of all ages and skill levels from enjoying the sport fishing at Teal Lake.

#72. Wentworth Lake Motor Rules

Shellfish Rules

#73. Mesh Rules for Shrimp Pots

I occasionally attempt to catch shrimp in Area 13. This proposal completely eliminates my family's opportunity to catch non-spot shrimp and squat lobster. Over the years, we have caught few spots down here - a total of about 20 or so the last decade. We celebrate and enjoy the few we catch - it's very exciting to see one in the pot. None of the spots we've caught were smaller than the minimum carapace size requirement. This current year's regulation change requiring the use of a large mesh pot in Area 13 during the month of May already has prevented us from shrimping for non-spots. We prefer to try to catch a few shrimp or squat lobsters here rather than fight the zoo of people during the 4-day spot fishery in Hood Canal. This year's change was annoying and upsetting particularly since my reasonable, experience-based comments last year about the proposed change were ignored by F&W.

Fish Checkers and Fish Enforcement will verify that hardly anyone fishes for shrimp in Area 13; I know this because I've asked them. Instead of eliminating non-spot shrimp opportunity by requiring large mesh pots (since spot shrimping is open May-October in Area 13) or (I'm anticipating what you might do next) eliminating the enjoyment of catching the occasional spot shrimp by changing the proposal to allow small mesh pots but release of spot shrimp, I request you change the rules to reallow the use of small mesh pots in Area 13 from May through October. This will not cause any difficulties for enforcement since you can easily verify that hardly anyone shrimps in Area 13. This will also not cause any harm to the resource since, as you can easily verify, hardly anyone shrimps in Area 13.

Sorting of smaller shrimp should be prohibited. The practice invites potential handling mortality and since we are shrimp numbers for daily limit, and not poundage limited except for TAC, would allow for potentially longer seasons.
I wonder if studies have been reviewed on the handling mortality for spot shrimp in proposing this rule.

he proposed shrimp mesh restriction for South Sound totally negates any opportunity for me to harvest coonstripe shrimp or squat lobster. A 7/8 mesh restriction just will not work for these as they just pass through it. I have caught only a couple of spot shrimp in south sound. Gee, maybe that's why your agency did away with the Carr Inlet Shrimp District as it wasn't needed anymore as so few were caught. I found that reason in an obscure web site listing that your agency posted. Give us a reasonable break and let us use the smaller 1/2 in. mesh to at least have a little fun and a tiny bit of coonstripe shrimp and squat lobster in an area that really has no harvestable spot shrimp population.

This appears confusing since the first paragraph in the proposed rule would make “universal’ the use of large mesh pots in (all of) Puget Sound after June q and the second paragraph would permit the use of small mesh pots after June q in certain areas of Puget Sound. I realize staff is attempting to allow harvest of small coonstripe and pink shrimp while limiting the harvest of large females spot shrimp but in my opinion this proposal could further confuse many shrimpers.

I respectfully request that Rule #73 Mesh Rules for Shrimp Pots be modified to delete all of Management Region 3 (encompassing Marine Areas 4, 5, and 6) except Catch Areas 23 A from the proposed rule change. I have prepared a chart (attached), showing that the recreational state portion of the spot shrimp catch is 4 % and the non-spot portion is 3 % of the Region 3 2007 quota (all catch areas represented). Also note that 36 % of the spot shrimp and 67 % of the non-spot quota is remaining. I used the catch numbers from the 2007 Puget Sound Shrimp Quotas and Catch for the State information I received from the Pt. Whitney Shellfish Laboratory staff (attached). The catch data (as of 8-19-07) is not final, but is the latest information available. This catch

information is consistent with the catch records for the last 5-6 years. The state quotas for the other Regions are either met or exceeded.

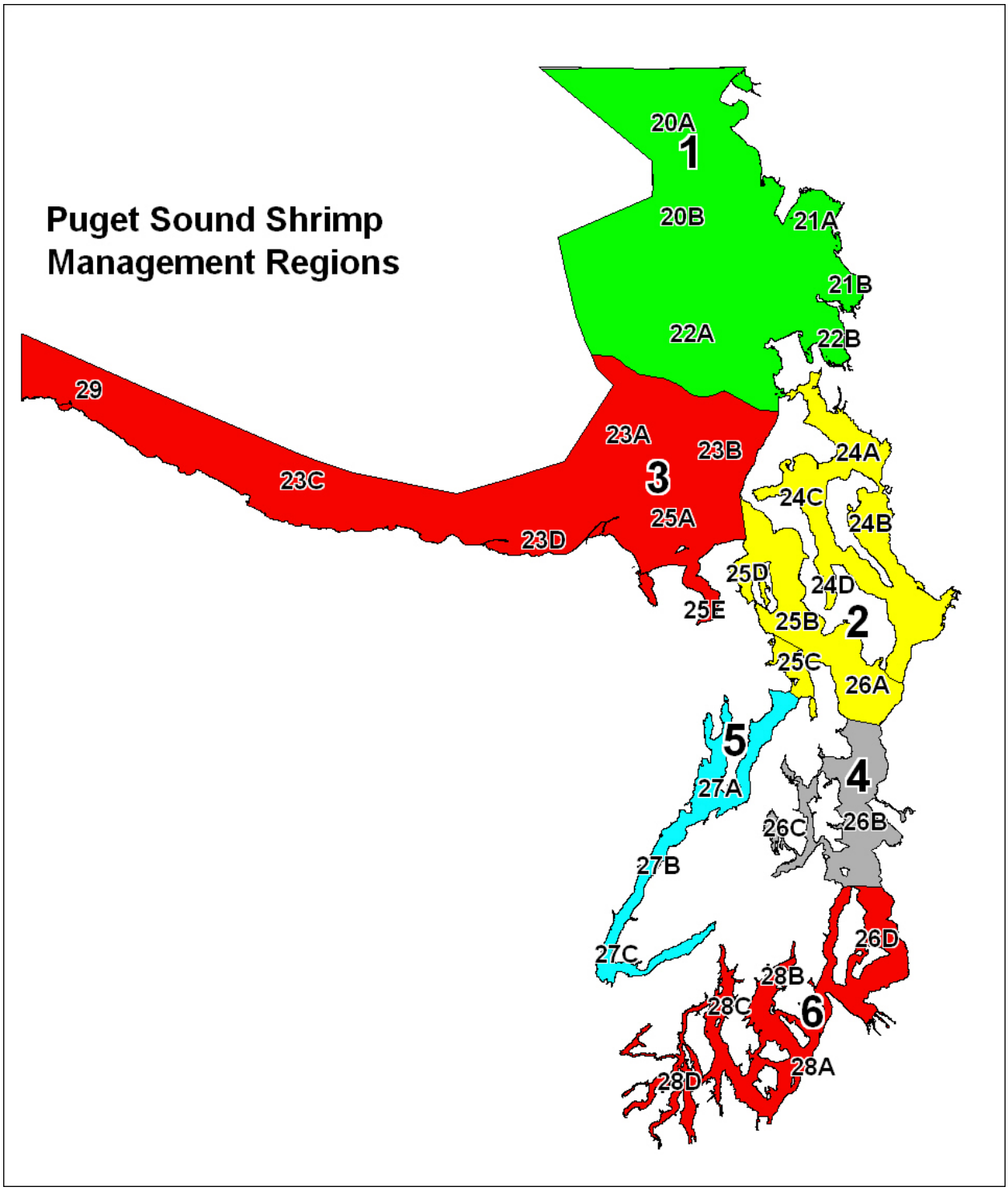
I am making this request for the following reasons:

1. Region 3 (the Strait) is open to spot shrimp from June 1 to September 15th whereas most other Regions are closed.
2. Region 3 is a relatively unknown shrimp fishery for both spot and non-spot shrimp as depicted by the low catch rate.
3. Current rules allow the use of ½ inch mesh in all of the Regions with a maximum depth limit of 200 feet in Region 1 (Marine Area 7) and 150 feet in Regions 2 and 4 (Marine Areas 8, 9, 10, and 11. There is no depth restriction for Region 3. (**Why not?**)
4. Based on my last 6 years of shrimp fishing parts of Region 3, using both the ½ inch and 7/8 inch mesh in close proximity to each other, I don't believe the larger mesh will prevent catching juvenile spot shrimp, however, it will reduce the number caught.
5. Based on my experience shrimp fishing in Regions 3 and 5 (Hood Canal), the habitat conditions in Region 3 are similar to those in Hood Canal, which sustains a viable population year after year.
6. I believe the rule change is based more on a need for Enforcement consistency in the Rule Pamphlet than having an impact on protecting juvenile spot shrimp.

I have attached a map showing the Puget Sound Shrimp Regions and catch areas.

I request that the Commission direct the WDF&W to prepare a white paper explaining the impact on the spot shrimp fishery by the use of ½ inch mesh pots. I also ask that WDF&W re-write the "Shrimp Daily Limits and Rules" page in the Sport Fishing Rules Pamphlet.

I have been a member of the Recreational Shrimp Advisory Committee for three years and am presently a member of the 18 member Puget Sound Recreational Crab and Shrimp Advisory Committee.


Puget Sound Shrimp
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2007 PUGET SOUND SHRIMP QUOTAS AND CATCH FOR THE STATE

through 8-19-07 DRAFT- Catch Not Final

Pot Fishery - Spot Shrimp								status
	MFSF	2007	2007 State Share and Harvest					
Management Region	Catch Area	QUOTA	Adj. Share	Sport	Comm.	Total	Remaining	
1A	20B, 22A (west)	61,830	29,550	2,508	26,809	29,317	233	CLOSED
1B	20B, 22A (east), 21A	10,000	5,000	3,537	1,575	5,112	-112	CLOSED
1C	20A, 21A, 21B, 22B	6,000	3,000	100	3,422	3,522	-522	CLOSED
1 Total		77,830	37,550	6,145	31,806	37,951	-401	
2E (Skagit - Mukilteo)	24A-D, 26AE	34,000	17,000	10,913	6,133	17,046	-46	CLOSED
2W (Possession - Admiralty Inlet)*	25B-D, 26AW	13,000	6,500	4,308	2,163	6,471	29	CLOSED
2 Total		47,000	23,500	15,221	8,296	23,517	-17	
3 S Lopez I (Iceberg Pt, etc)	23A (east)	16,500	8,250	5,962	2,278	8,240	10	closed
3 S San Juan I (Salmon Bank, etc)	23A (west)	18,000	9,000	500	8,452	8,952	48	closed
3 Straits (Hein, Eastern Bank)	23A (central)	10,000	4,735	100	4,873	4,973	-238	closed
3 Straits (NE of P.A.)	23A (south),23D outside PA Hbr	17,000	7,270	100	2,744	2,844	4,426	Adj. share reduc
3 Port Angeles Harbor	23D - inside PA Harbor	2,000	1,000	200	0	200	800	Part of 23AS/23D
3 Straits (Smith Island, etc)	23B	10,000	4,655	500	4,155	4,655	0	closed
3 Straits (Sekiu to P.A.)	23C	6,000	3,000	100	400	500	2,500	
3 Straits-North of Protection Is.	25A - outside District 1	22,000	11,000	600	7,777	8,377	2,623	
3 Discovery Bay Shrimp District 1	25A,25E - inside District 1	7,000	3,500	closed	closed		0	closed
3 Straits - Neah Bay	29	6,000	3,000	100	0	100	2,900	
3 Total (Outside District)		107,500	51,910	8,162	30,679	38,841	13,069	
3 Total (Including District)		114,500	55,410	8,162	30,679	38,841	16,569	
4 Seattle - Bainbridge Is.	26B-1, 26C	8,000	4,000	2,452	1,543	3,995	5	closed
4 Elliott Bay	26B-2	9,000	4,341	2,800	1,455	4,255	86	closed
4 Total		17,000	8,341	5,252	2,998	8,250	91	
						0		
5 Hood Canal	27A-C	170,000	85,000	82,708	closed	82,708	2,292	closed
						0		
6 Vashon Island	26D	7,000	3,463	1,358	2,125	3,483	-20	closed
6 South Puget Sound	28A-D	1,000	500	50	0	50	450	
6 Total		8,000	3,963	1,408	2,125	3,533	430	
						0		
Grand Totals		434,330	213,764	118,896	75,904	194,800	15,464	

*Maximum harvest in Edmonds area is 5,000 lbs.

Pot Fishery - Non-spot Shrimp							
	MFSF	2007	Adjusted	2007 State Harvest			
Management Region	Catch Area	QUOTA	Share	Sport	Comm	Total	Remaining
Region 1	20A-B, 21A-B, 22A-B	45,000	21,986	500	10,750	11,250	10,736
Region 2 East	24A-D, 26AE	30,000	15,000	300	5,553	5,853	9,147
Region 2 West	25B-D, 26AW	10,000	5,000	200	0	200	4,800
Region 3*	23A-D,25A, 29 (outside Dist. 1)	45,000	22,500	500	5,341	5,841	16,659
- Discovery Bay Shrimp District 1	25A (District 1 portion), 25E	12,000	6,000	closed	closed		0
Region 4	26B, 26C	2,000	1,000	0	0	0	1,000
Region 6	26D	1,000	500	200	0	200	300
Region 6	28A-D	2,000	1,000	200	0	200	800
Totals		147,000	72,986	1,900	21,644		43,442

** Maximum harvest in 25A (outside Shrimp District) is 25,000 lbs.

Shrimp Beam Trawl Fishery						
	MFSF	2007	Adjusted	2007 STATE Harvest		
Management Region	Catch Area	QUOTA	Share	Commercial Total		Remaining
Region 1B	22A, 21A "triangle"	96,000	48,000	27,203		20,797
Region 1B	20B	20,000	9,784	6,448		3,336
Region 1C	20A	50,000	25,000	0		25,000
3 Straits (Hein Bank, etc)	23A (east)*, 23B, 25A	1,130,000	565,000	355,310		209,690
3 North of Port Angeles	23A (west)*	113,000	56,500	0		56,500
3 Port Angeles - Sekiu	23C	200,000	100,000	0		100,000
3 Sekiu - Neah Bay	29	25,000	12,500	0		12,500
Totals		1,634,000	816,784	388,961		427,823

*The boundary between 23A (east) and 23A(west) is the line projected true north from the Dungeness lighthouse: for example, 23A (west) is the portion of Catch Area 23A west of the line described above.

For questions regarding Regions 1 & 2 contact Mark O'Toole (360) 466-4345 ext. 241
For questions regarding Regions 3,4,5 & 6 contact Therese Cain (360) 796-4601 ext. 210

Puget Sound Shrimp Fishery							
2007 Catch as of 8-19-07							
Management Region 3	**Catch Area**	**2007 State Quota (Adjusted**	**Rec. Quota**	**Commercial Quota**	**Total State Catch**	**Pounds Remaining**	**% Quota Remaining**
			Pounds / % of Catch	Pounds / % of Catch			
Spot Shrimp Catch							
San Juan Island (Salmon Bank)	23 A West	9,000	500 / 5	8,452 / 94	8,952	48	0
Straits (Hein Bank, Estern Bank	23 A Central	4,735	100 / 2	4,873 / 102	4,973	-238	0
Straits NE of Port Angeles	23 A 23 D (outside Harbor)	7,270	100 / 1	2,744 / 38	2,844	4,426	61
Port Angeles Harbor	23 D Inside Harbor	1,000	200 / 20	0	200	800	80
Straits (Smith Island)	23 B	4,655	500 / 11	4,155 / 89	4,655	0	0
Straits (Sekiu to Port Angeles)	23 C	3,000	100 / 3	400 / 13	500	2,500	84
Straits (N of Protection Island)	25 A (outside dist. 1)	11,000	600 / 5	7,777 / 71	8,377	2,623	24
Discovery Bay Shrimp District 1	25 A 25 E (inside District)	3,500	Closed	Closed	0	3,500	100
Straits (Neah Bay	29	3,000	100 / 3	0	100	2,900	97
Total		**47,160**	**2,200 / 4**	**28,401 / 60**	**30,601**	**16559**	36
Non-spot Shrimp Catch							
Management Region 3	23 A-D, 25 A, 29 (outside Dist. 1)	22,500	500 / 2	5,341 / 24	5,841	16,659	74
Region 3 (Discovery Bay Shrimp District 1)	25 A District 1 portion, 25 E	6,000	Closed	Closed		6,000	100
Regions 1-6	All	**72,986**	**1,900 / 3**	**21,644 / 30**	**23,544**	**49,442**	67

#74. Crayfish Pots

I commend the staff for supporting this proposal. This rule change makes the rules more fisherman friendly, while still maintaining protection from over-harvest. Washington would still remain as the most regulated and restrictive place to set a crayfish trap in the northwest, but this is a big step toward making it a more fun and functional recreational fishery.

#75. Padilla Bay Crab Fishing

#76. Clam and Oyster Beach Health Closures

I am opposed to a unilateral closure of these 71 beaches further restricting sportsmen of an opportunity for at least a periodic harvest availability. I feel the explanation for this closure does not support this proposal, which is listed for 'health' reasons, yet the explanation appears to relate to a WDFW enforcement issue with commercial harvesters thus penalizing sports opportunity by managing the resource/beaches by permanently denying sport access to potential harvest! The current clam and oyster sports regulation (no more than 40 clams not to exceed 10#, 7-horse clams and 3-geoducks and 18 oysters shucked on the beach) seems perfectly clear, enforceable and should be economically unfeasible to commercial harvesters. These beaches should be individually, seasonally managed for potential sports harvest by scheduled openings/closures and by emergency closures if necessary.

Overall I support this, but really take issue with the lack of managing the main issue here. While I can understand the department's reasoning and wouldn't want to eat or see others eat this shellfish, wouldn't we be better off putting some real effort into ensuring these shellfish are not entering the food stream via eating establishments? If these beaches are a problem, how many other non-commercial/commercial harvesters are out there on others taking the recreational catch? Will this change just push them to other beaches so they can break the law there instead? Are the recreational harvesters taking a hit in their TAC as a result of these activities or should the hit come from the commercial side of the TAC?
I also wonder how the unavailability of these beaches will impact the 50/50 split mandated under Boldt?

Closing clam beaches...no, the state is lacking already in it's ability to manage these issues in a prompt manner. I am concerned that beaches will be closed and not reopened

I request that the following beaches be removed from the list of candidates in Proposal #76, clam and Oyster Beach Health Closures:

1) Graveyard Spit (Dungeness Bay)
2) 2) Middle Ground (Sequim Bay)

The proposal does not provide adequate justification for permanently closing the beaches noted above. No commercial harvest occurs on these beaches and they should be managed as they presently are:

1) Graveyard Spit, Dungeness Bay – Presently closed year round to all public access by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dungeness Wildlife Refuge Management Plan. No requirement to be included in Proposal #76.

2)Middle Ground, Sequim Bay – Accessible by boat only and presently available for shell fishing uear round except when closed for DOH purposes, ie Paralytic Shellfish Toxins (PST). I find it interesting the Sequim Bay State park is open from 1 May – 15 June for shell fishing, but someone wants to close Middle Ground permanently.

I am aware of the butter clam research by Rikk G. Kvitek and Mark K. Beitler, which might suggest a butter clam restriction is more appropriate than permanent closure of Middle Ground.

My finial request is to table this proposal until the stake holders can appropriately analyze each specific beach and answer the following questions:

1. Has the proposed beach been closed year round and for what reasons, or have there been limited closures, i.e. Dungeness Bay for winter month fecal coliform problems?
2. What will be the impact on the recently adjudicated shellfish settlement?
3. Do the closures apply to tribal and non-tribal stateholders?
4. Who specifically prepared the proposal and identified the candidate beaches?
5. What will be the process to reopen the beaches when the pollution has decreased to acceptable levels as determined by DOH testing?
6. Will water quality testing (DOH fecal coliform) and shellfish testing (DOH PST) be continued while the beaches are closed.
7.

Request for Clarification. Proposed rule #76, Clam and Oyster Beach Health Closures, lists additional public beaches scheduled for permanent closures because of pollution. While the proposed rule would not be directly applicable to the Tribes, there are 3 or 4 beaches on the WDFW list that S'Klallams are apparently harvesting now. The WDFW list of proposals does not included a BIDN along with the common beach names listed, so it is unclear whether the current Tribal openings include the same beaches or not. If in fact the WDOH has closed beached due to pollution, we would be obliged to follow suit and close them for Treaty harvest as well. The WDFW should provide a clarification on the beaches involved in this proposed rule, including BIDN's, in order to enable us to determine whether they are the same beaches that are currently open for Treaty harvest. (Point No Point Treaty Council)

#77. Clam and Oyster Beach Season Changes

#78. Saltwater Park Additional Name

Other Issues

Fees, Pamphlet, General Regulations Comments

One comment. PRINT THE BOOK RIGHT THE FIRST TIME, ALL THESE CHANGES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. it takes a law degree to read it in the first place. the printed changes make a book larger than the original regs. someone is asleep and wasting our money.

I am an infrequent fisherman, but if I were an avid fisherman, I think you would drive me crazy with your almost daily fishing rule changes. There has to be a better way.

We already pay to license the boat. Pay to launch. (9 bucks on lake Washington per launch now), pay an incredibly bloated price for fuel on the water compared to autos, and now we have to get a "proof of competency" (new boating cards) license through the state that they charge us for.
While some are warranted (boaters card) when done right, I just don't see where it will end. They keep dipping into our pockets to grab as much of the money back as possible from paychecks.
When they started charging for launching, I thought to myself, hey, we'll actually see a break water at the west Seattle armeni launch. I had a friend who was almost killed by a rogue wave from a ferry wake that pushed the boat up on the dock. Now, years later, still nothing. It's one of the most used launches in our state. Then, I see in the paper that the Water Taxi will get a brand new facility down south of it's current location. Wha?? Because a few people extra used it during the I-5 crunch? We've been down there several times in the morning and maybe....maybe see 15-20 people get on. Count the number of crew including large captains pay, diesel, and boat maintenance, and tell me how this thing makes ANY money?
My point...when do we start seeing the fees we already pay go into infrastructure, management of fisheries and meaningful projects?

A general observation if I may. You people have a tough job, no doubt about it. The only ones who have it tougher are those of us who try to read, understand and abide by the Washington hunting and fishing regulations. It has reached the point that every sportsman I run into says "…you have to be a #&%*@!!!! lawyer to understand them…." and you still have to check the internet five minutes before going out the door. (And Washington isn't the only state. Another state I visited this summer, I won't mention Alaska by name, has ten pages of regulations, applicable to one river alone! TEN PAGES!) I understand you recently issued a report on hunting that mentioned the number of hunters in the state has declined by 2,000 from the previous year. Gee! I wonder why? Is it possible that spending a day in the field has become so cumbersome and so risky that it's just no longer fun? Personally, if the hunting regs get any more complex, I'll quit! I simply don't need the stress.

I have recently read that the sales of fishing licenses is down and I can understand why. I am not sure I will be buying mine again next year. The rules and regulations you have set in place are so unbelievably complicated and burdensome, and not to mention unfair to the recreation fisherman it is a wonder there has not been open rebellion against your Department of Fish and wildlife. My license, tags, catch records (and I did not purchase all of them) stretch out to six foot three inches of paper I have to fold or wad up and some how carry with me. One of the problems with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is they have turned the computer in to their master. You keep such detailed records and base your seasons opening and closing on catch records and fish counts that the season is interrupted closed prematurely or opened again. You are not micro-managing the recreation fishing you are nano-managing. You open and close seasons like everyone is plugged into your web site while they are out fishing or hunting. Open the season and close the season on a time schedule. So what if more fish are caught then you want, maybe there will be less caught next run. That is another thing. Look at your regulations, take the Skokomish River for example. "Night closure, non-buoyant line restriction (I still haven't figured that one out!) and terminal gear must not be within 25ft of tribal gill nets." These guys are netting the salmon 24hours 7days a week, and the recreational fisherman who has to use a barbless hook, Non-buoyant line restriction. Night closure, and has to release anything that is not a hatchery fish, even the chum or chinook that are going to die anyway. I would like to suggest that the rules for Salmon and Steelhead be changed.

1. Fishermen that purchase their salmon and steelhead license may catch three (3) steelhead or salmon on any river of their choice. Once that limit is reached they can no longer catch any fish in that river. They may however go to another river and catch three (3) steelhead or salmon, when that limit is met they must go on to another river and continue this way until their total limit of thirty (30) fish on their catch record card is met then they may purchase another catch record card and repeat the entire process again.
2. Catch and release should pertain only to a fisherman that are trying to catch a larger fish or wants more salmon instead of steelhead or visa versa. The rivers that are designated catch and release should be closed until the population of the fish in the river grows enough so it can support fishing and the keeping one or more fish. The

catching and releasing of these fish probably kills, injures, or weakens the fish enough that nearly the same results happen if they were allowed to keep a fish.
I would think that the Department of Fish and Wildlife that receives much of its funding from license purchase would try to catch the publics attention and make fishing more fun and enjoyable for families and less complex and restrictive.

Although I'm a relative newcomer to WA, I have a fishfinder now on my 12' duroboat and frankly, I'm SHOCKED at how few fish there are in 8-1; it's a virtual desert out there.
While some 'oldtimers' say the Sound is much cleaner, perhaps I misunderstood? Did they mean cleaner, ecologically or, cleaner, as in cleaned-out of fish? Where did Seattle dump all the garbage/toxins it used to dump in Lake Washington and Lake Union???
DFW should either be ASHAMED of their dismal performance, or go public against a Legislature overrun with incompetent buffoons that have effectively neutered DFW and encouraged the rape of the Sound by Commercial thugs hungry for dollars to pump into the re-election of a few, chosen Legislators.
Is there any reason why COMMERCIAL scavengers should be allowed to 'vacuum the Sound' of fish and crab? It should become a nursery, and a recreational fishermens' domain until stocks can recover in 5-10 years. I read the very 'Official' State of the Sound Report - holy christopher!!! what a PR campaign...is Joseph Goebbels alive & well, working for DFW??
In terms of DFW's "In the Public interest..." for the commercial 'rapists' to take nearly all they can, and have the People of Washington pay *$15-20 a pound* for fresh fish, is an OBSCENITY! This, might fly in L.A. or Vegas but in Puget Sound?
Hopefully, DFW will understand my true position is to strengthen DFW so we have some actual fish swimming and thriving in the Sound. However, DFW does appear to fall well short of any meaningful program to ACHIEVE that desired goal.

Salmon

Item #2 is the wild fish release. We have to be a little more real here in South Sound as far as Chinook Salmon are concerned. The presence of truly "wild" chinook on the Nisqually are highly doubtful. They most likely are hatchery fish that either spawn in the river, interbreed with any real wild fish (if any) or are not clipped at the tribal hatchery. I have a first hand account of a friend of mine that volunteered at the Muck creek facility and not all the fish are clipped. Gee, that does make a better return for the tribe doesn't it? And less for the sportsmen on the sound that have to use single barbless hooks and have to release the "wild" fish so they can go into the tribal nets and into the totes and sold. Another give-away is the now single barbless hooks on jigs. That was turned down a year or so ago and now used by your agency , I think, as a gimme for the tribe. More fish in the totes. And to further expand on this your agency has been passing chinook upstream on the Deschutes past the falls collection site to spawn in the river. Ok, these are hatchery fish, do not get clipped, on a river that never had a salmon run due to the falls and now count as "wild"??? The second part of this is the Coho that return (maybe) to the Deschutes that spawn in Mitchell, Johnson and Thurston Creeks in the upper watershed. Those were also introduced by your agency and are unclipped. Hatchery origin fish. And if one would look at the tribal beach seines at Zangle Cove

(Boston Harbor) those unclipped fish go into the totes just like the rest of them. Jeff Dickinson of the Squaxin tribe said some years ago in the Daily Olympian newspaper that the beach seines are the way to go because they have the opportunity to release wild fish. He's totally right,, but they don't and won't. I have also witnessed big sea-run Cutthroat trout going into the totes from the seines. Come on. That's just lame to have that kind of stuff going on down here. Time to talk real science and not tribal politics in South Sound. My license fees pay for your hatchery operations. Tribe doesn't. How about some return on those increasing fees for the people like me instead of making it harder every year and easier for the tribe?

I also have an observation regarding the requirement this year to release so-called "wild" salmon in Area 13 - a terminal fishery. Last year, my family boated 22 legal king and coho salmon in Area 13. Of those, 3 were unclipped fish - approximately 1 in 7. This year, so far, we have boated 8 legal clipped kings and released 7 unclipped fish - approximately 1 in 2. Obviously, this is incredibly frustrating, particularly for my two 10-year old budding fishermen. They just don't understand why we have to release so many beautiful fish when we see tribal nets killing every fish entering the Nisqually - even on non-tribal netting days (verified repeatedly by a neighbor who fishes the river and has discovered the nets stretching across the river just below the surface) and when we've personally seen and been told by friends, of tribal boats in the early morning netting fish in the Sound (not only by Solo Point but also inside Budd Inlet). Many of my fishing friends and I wish Fish and Wildlife could understand how frustrating and inequitable these rule changes are. One by one, I've seen friends sell their boats and given up fishing. A week ago, after releasing another "wild" fish, my kids asked why we even bother to try. With gas at about $3.00 gallon, I wonder myself. Please keep in mind how the public feels about the increasingly restrictive, inequitable regulations and fishing opportunities.
It was great that we could keep some Kings in area 9 this year. In the past, all areas except 9 were able to keep Kings. Please continue to open area 9 to fishing for Kings.

Please give us a season for Chinook on the Skagit River. There is plenty of salmon, if the tribes can target Chinook then we should as well. One fish per person per season would be fine. Or have a drawing and charge $5.00 To whatever for the special tag and use the money to enhance the run with more hatchery fish. Use British Colombia as an example, their hatchery system is working great.

I would like to see the fall session started later in August. It seems that the run is coming in later and later every year, plus I think that it would give more of the upper river run more of a chance to build. And do not open Drano lake area until the later part of August.

For future sport fishing rules please consider a mandate to release all wild salmon and steelhead, regardless of the season or run. There are plenty of hatchery fish available for harvest, while each individual wild pacific salmon is precious. With continuing declines in so many wild runs it is not just numbers of fish that are declining, but the diversity of runs is also compromised. Please provide the maximum protection possible

for wild salmon in Washington's fresh and salt waters by requiring catch and release of wild stocks at all times.

Crab

My 12 year old son is not going to answer questions regarding his crab catch limit for 2006. Yes, he actually got a phone call and they would only speak to my son about crabbing...they would not let me answer. He's a minor for crying out loud. How do you base a meaningful study on the answers given by under age kids who might be thinking that xbox game on pause is more important than whatever you have to say about crab!?

As you have it now for sport crabbers in Area 6 we have a 2 month season. Sometimes you open it up during the winter but that doesn't help most of us who are in their sixties and seventies who cannot handle the cold weather.. Dungeness Bay is one of the few areas where the older generation can crab in safety. Just a thought since we are the generation keeping your department solvent why don't you keep Dungeness Bay for the sport crabbers only. Most of us do not have the agility to handle crab pots or a boat out on the straits. We only have a few years left why not toss us a bone.

To give the sportsman who provide the funding for the Puget sound crab enhancement a chance of catching a legal crab the season should be opened the same time the indians start. I fished crab 4 days ands did not get one legal crab in the Seabeck area because about four tribes converged on the area weeks before our season even opened. In past years crabbing was good but it sucked this year and left a very bitter taste. Why not have the indians crab one side of the canal and the white man the other side. This way they can fish out their side and we could have a regulated fishery on the other side. As far as the 50/50 goes the indians are getting tons of Goeduck , ruining the ecology of the canal and the sportsman is probably only getting 1/2 of 1% of the goeducks. The only time the public even notices is when they kill a whale but the rape of the resource continues underwater.

Hope you enjoyed reading our 8-1 CRAB Reports - it was a good year, with very ACTIVE crabbers; busiest beyond experience over 3 years.

My proposal concerns the crabbing season and regulations. My proposal is three fold:
#1 Longer season from Memorial Day to Labor Day for summer season in ALL zones.
#2 reduce the crab traps from two to one per person.
#3 reduce the daily limit from five crab to four of dungeness crab with no limit changes for rock crab.
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Other Comments

Finally if you guys and gals really want to make a difference stop the Indians from netting....

Get the nets out of Puget Sound and the rivers.

Close all the hatcheries for steelhead and shut down the fishing seasons in Puget Sound Rivers for the next twenty years. Make sure the tribal nets are out of the rivers otherwise forget it the fish don't stand a chance.

New Proposals

I would like to spearhead a proposal outlawing fishing from a floating device on the Klickatat River. The river is small enough to efficiently fish from the bank. Boats can be used for transportation only. The above proposal would eliminate the trawling technique used by plug pulling drift boats that scour out each run they come upon. It would also cut down on the congestion caused by such techniques. I would also surmise that it would ultimately protect what little fish we have left.

I have a proposal for serious consideration. Rock Lake in Eastern Washington is an abundantly shared lake. Both trout anglers and waterfowl hunters use this area and during hunting season the fishermen really put a damper on the hunting there.
Here is my proposal...on days that goose hunting is open there should be no fishing. This creates a safer environment for the fishermen as well. The same goes for hunters. On days that goose hunting is not open there should be no hunting. This way fishermen would get their fair days on the water too...without the hassle of hearing gunshots or angering hunters. Both parties would favorably get a fair take in the matter and no frustrations would occur.

I have been an avid fisherman of Capitol Lake for many years. Due to the infestation of milfoil, the lake was closed to boats with motors on them. I have been watching for years to see what the state was doing about the infestation. I have noticed nothing. The lake still remains closed to boats with motors. Why is being continued? If there was a plan to do something about the infestation I would think that it would have been implemented by now. All this closure is doing is keeping fishing with boats/motors to be not allowed. From what the public hears about the other lakes, they are full of the same infestation. Why could the lake not be reopened for the sports fisherman to fish from his/her boat? I live in Olympia and would like the access to the lake in my boat.

Open Deer Lake, Stevens Co. for winter ice fishing to reduce the number of lake trout. If it doesn't work then close it back down but try it for a year or two.

Comments on Proposals not Supported by Staff

I have spoken with several different people at the Mill Creek office concerning the language in the Selective Gear Regulation for this site. The way it is currently written it is illegal to fish from a petroleum powered boat. This make no sense. Water skiing is allowed on this lake which means I can take my bass boat and go water skiing but if I choose to fish for bass from it I am in violation of the regulation. I was informed that this would be on the list of recommended changes for 2008 but I didn't see it on the list. I was also informed to send in my recommendation in case it didn't show up. Therefore, my recommendation is to change the selective gear rule for Lone Lake, Island County to read "except that fishing from a power boat is allowed".

Reading from the list of suggestions it appears that many Washington sportsmen want to use 2 poles. For those who fish for Salmon in the ocean or sound waters one pole is enough. However, there is absolutely no reason why a person cannot use 2 poles in lakes. If you are fishing for perch or crappie the use of two poles would be fine. Another reason for the use of two poles is if you are fishing for the aforementioned fish and want to fish for catfish it is hard to do with only one pole. Catfish are bottom feeders and the others are mid-lake or surface fish and it is hard to fish the bottom and top at the same time. ALLOW TWO POLES ON ALL LAKES.

The ability to buy two Licenses and fish with two poles while only retaining one daily limit, this would generate needed income for the agency and make half the fishing public legal. It would eliminate the need endanger children so that parents can fish with multiple fishing rods, it happens all the time! These kids end up hating fishing because salmon fishing rarely occurs in nice weather and can be hours of boredom for kids.

As project leader fo the Department of Fisheries sport fishing program and later Deputy Director during the 1970's, I had a lot to do with implementing a regulation that allowed marine salmon anglers to use tow rods/lines. A primary reason for this was that hatcheries were being flooded with surplus coho salmon that, after immigrating into the sound, had ceased to actively feed and were very difficult to catch. In addition to increasing efficiency, two rods enabled anglers to experiment with different techniques. As any scientist knows, any experiment requires a control- something that is lakcing with a single rod/line. The new rule did not cause any problems. As you may know, multiple lines/rods are legal in Canada and Puget Sound origin fish are a major component of their catch.
The two rod rule was eliminated during the 1980s as a response to the Boldt ruling when sport catches contributed to an imbalance in treaty mandated allocations. All of that has changed: Tribal catches of Puget Sound origin coho salmon (and to a lesser degree Chinook) far exceed non-Indian catches. The HSRG wants more of the hatchery salmon selectively caught because they are a threat to the wild stocks and angling is the only selective fishery in existence.
I can see no reason why two rods per angler are not allowed on Puget Sound – as least during the month of September when the ocean reared coho salmon stocks are

returning to Puget Sound. Such move is clearly consistent with wise use and conservation of our wild salmon stocks.

I find proposals P031 and P200 to be excesively prohibitive and unnecessary; I strongly OPPOSE them. 80% of the salmon that I catch in the Columbia are caught using cut plug herring and floating plugs with two hooks. Both fishing methods would be restricted by these proposals; hurting honest fishermen and doing little to stop snagging.