

**4. 2009-2010 SPORTFISH RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS
(RULE DECISION)**

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Meeting dates: February 5-7, 2009 #4
Agenda item: 2009-2010 Sportfish Rule Proposal Adoption
Staff Contact: Patricia Michael
Presenter/s: Craig Burley, Heather Bartlett

Background:

This year’s regulation process is a “minor cycle” year, where proposals for changes are only accepted from staff, and are limited to conservation issues, significant new recreational opportunities, housekeeping, and assignments or requests. 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 before they were sent out for public comment. All of these groups met again to consider the testimony received. Some proposals were modified based on testimony or additional information received. Staff will detail for the Commissioners any changes to the original proposals, then ask the commission to take action on the proposed rules.

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

Adoption of the 2009-2010 Sport Fishing Rule proposals.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

WDFW has made a concerted effort to involve the sportfishing public in the regulation development process including:

- Postcards were sent to all the people on our sportfishing rule development mailing list, letting them know that the document detailing proposed changes to the sportfishing rules was available on our website, and that they could request a printed copy if desired. This document has been included in your notebook materials, along with the testimony received on each of the proposals
- The document was also sent directly to those on our e-mail list
- A news release was sent out announcing the proposal package was ready for review.
- In all the above instances, instructions were provided to the public regarding where to send written testimony and where and when pertinent commission meetings would occur.
- Public meetings to discuss proposed changes were held in Mill Creek, Vancouver, Spokane and Ephrata.
- Public testimony was taken at the November Commission meeting in Olympia.

We also made a special effort to involve our sportfishing advisory groups in the process by:

- Holding a joint meeting for members of all the groups dealing with sport rules in July, where we discussed the proposals we had received from staff, and asked for their comments or concerns.
- Attending meetings held by several of the individual advisory groups that included sportfishing rule changes as an item on their meeting agendas, either to listen to their views to staff or to answer questions about the proposals.
- Scheduling another meeting specifically for advisors in November, where they were invited to give additional comments on the proposals and the testimony received.

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

Commission to consider adoption of 2009-2010 sportfishing regulation proposals.

Draft motion language:

Move to adopt permanent amendments to:

- WAC 220-16-880 Saltwater State Park Marine Preserve
 - WAC 220-20-100 General provisions—Marine Protected Areas
 - WAC 220-56-100 Definitions—Personal-use fishing
 - WAC 220-56-105 River mouth definitions
 - WAC 220-56-122 Statewide bait rules
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WAC 220-56-350 Clams other than razor clams, mussels – Areas and seasons
WAC 220-56-380 Oysters – Areas and seasons
WAC 220-56-500 Game fish seasons
WAC 232-12-168 Fishing contests
WAC 232-28-619 Washington food fish and game fish – Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules.

Justification for Commission action:

This action is justified under RCW 77.12.047.



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 08-16-136; 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 08-20-138

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)

Hearing location(s):
 Natural Resources Building, Room 172
 1111 Washington St, SE
 Olympia WA 98504

Submit written comments to:
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e-mail Lori.preuss@dfw.wa.gov
 fax (360)902-2155 by (date)

Date: February 5, 6, and 7, 2009 Time: 8:30 a.m.

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

Susan Yeager by January 25, 2009

Date of intended adoption: February 5, 6, or 7, 2009
 (Note: This is NOT the effective date)

TTY (360) 902-2207 or (360) 902-2267

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

Reasons supporting proposal:

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:

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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

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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:

Name:
Address:

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

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 220-16-880 – Adds a new section to describe the Saltwater State Park Marine Protected Area (MPA). This MPA encompasses the area around a new submerged reef recently developed by the Washington Department of Parks and Recreation.

WAC 220-20-100 – Classifies an area inside Saltwater State Park as an MPA and closes the area to all recreational harvest.

WAC 220-56-100 –

(2) Introduces and defines the term “Anti-snagging rule.” Is defined as restricting terminal gear to one single-pointed hook, and anglers may only retain fish hooked inside the mouth. The department is applying this rule in place of the non-buoyant lure rule in areas where anglers are attempting to snag fish.

(19) Deletes the term “non-buoyant lure restriction” and replaces it with 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 – Defines the mouth of the Willapa River as the City of South Bend boat launch. This will allow anglers to more easily identify the mouth.

WAC 220-56-350 – Adjusts the sport clam seasons on a yearly basis based on abundance and usage surveys and agreements with co-managers and other state agencies.

WAC 220-56-350 – Adjusts the Sport oyster seasons on a yearly basis based on abundance and usage surveys and agreements with co-managers and other state agencies.

WAC 220-56-500 – Adjusts the statewide season for freshwater rivers, streams and beaver ponds to open the first Saturday in June rather than June 1. This allows the season to begin on a weekend and will, in most years, offer additional protection to outmigrating anadromous fish.

WAC 232-12-168 – Changes the deadline when fishing-contest applications are due to WDFW from November to July each year. This allows decisions to be made earlier and allows clubs more time to advertise their tournaments. Changes the consecutive-day limit for contests from 3 to 4 to allow more opportunity for contest anglers.

WAC 232-28-619 – Modifies exceptions to statewide rules. Change seasonal dates, and modifies closed areas, daily limits, size limits and gear restrictions. Replaces “Non-buoyant lure restriction” with the new anti-snagging rule. The June 1 stream openers for game fish are changed to the 1st Saturday in June. Specific changes are as follows:
Lake Roosevelt tributaries between Grand Coulee Dam and the State Highway 25 bridge at Northport (except those specifically listed in the special rules): Saturday before

Memorial Day to October 31 season. Earlier opener allows angler opportunity during 3-day weekend.

Blue Lake (Grant County): Trout daily limit 8. Allows additional harvest opportunity in a fry-planted lake.

Cascade River (Skagit Co): From mouth to Rockport-Cascade Road Bridge – season for game fish opens with salmon season June 1 – July 15 and re-opens with salmon September 16. This allows anglers to retain game fish hooked during the salmon fishery.

Columbia River: From the Buoy 10 line to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco – combined daily limit for steelhead and adult salmon of 2 fish (2 adult salmon, 2 steelhead, or one of each). Trout other than steelhead may not be retained; except from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line to the I-5 Bridge, up to 2 hatchery cutthroat (minimum size 12”) may be retained.

Colville River (Stevens Co): Game fish season opens Saturday of Memorial Day instead of June 1. Earlier opener allows angling opportunity during the three-day weekend.

Fisher Slough (Snohomish Co): Standard stream season for entire stream. Side channel near mouth no longer exists, so mouth is clearly discernable.

Grays River (Wahkiakum Co): Game fish season opens 1st Saturday in June instead of September 1 in the mainstem up to the mouth of the South Fork. In the **West Fork Grays River** downstream of the hatchery intake footbridge, season extended to end October 15 instead of August 31. All species, release all fish; except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Additional season opens December 1 instead of December 15. Standardizes steelhead and salmon fisheries at June 1 – October 15, and provides additional opportunity to harvest hatchery steelhead.

Lacamas Creek (Lewis Co) – Season changed to statewide standard. Steelhead are not planted here – no need for extended season.

Kettle River (Stevens Co): Game fish season Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31. Earlier opener allows anglers access during the three-day weekend.

Little Pend Oreille River (Stevens Co): Game fish season Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31. Earlier opener allows anglers access during three-day weekend.

Medical Lake, West (Spokane Co): Trout daily limit 8 fish. Allows additional harvest opportunity in a fry-planted lake.

Mercer Creek within Ellensburg City limits (Kittitas Co): Return to statewide daily limit for trout – no longer planted with trout.

Munn Lake (Thurston Co): Specifies that the additional season ends the Friday before the last Saturday in April to match up with normal season opener.

Ohop Creek (Pierce Co): July 1 – October 31 season, selective gear rules, and release all fish except hatchery steelhead. Steelhead smolt protection.

Park Lake (Grant Co): Trout daily limit 8 fish. Allows additional harvest opportunity in a fry-planted lake.

Roosevelt Lake Kettle arm: Closed waters ends the Friday before Memorial Day to match with earlier opening date of Kettle River.

Scooteney Reservoir (Franklin Co): Walleye minimum size 12 inches. Allows harvest of smaller walleye before they leave the reservoir.

Skagit River (Skagit/Whatcom Co): Anglers may retain up to 2 hatchery steelhead during the March 1-April 30 catch-and-release season from the Dalles Bridge at Concrete

to the mouth of the Cascade River. Allows the opportunity to remove hatchery fish from the system.

Skamokawa Creek (Wahkiakum Co): First Saturday in June through October 31 season. Release all trout; except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained. Standardizes stream season – hatchery steelhead are not released here, so no need for extended season.

Sprague Lake (Adams/Lincoln Co): Trout daily limit 8 fish. Allows additional harvest opportunity in a fry-planted lake.

Tieton River, North Fork (Yakima Co): Clarifies closed waters area and opens the Saturday before Labor Day to allow angler access during the three-day weekend.

Williams Lake (Spokane Co): Trout daily limit 8 fish. Allows additional harvest opportunity in a fry-planted lake.

Wilson Creek, two branches within Ellensburg city limits (Kittitas Co): Return to statewide season and statewide daily limit for trout – no longer planted with trout.

Yakima River (Yakima Co) from the Highway 223 Bridge at Granger to 3500 feet below Roza Dam: Season changed to statewide standard. Selective gear rules added from Sunnyside Dam to 3500 feet below Roza Dam. Whitefish-only season added December 1 – March 31 from the Highway 223 Bridge to 400 feet below Roza Dam. Season change and selective gear rules protect ESA-listed steelhead. Whitefish-only seasons allow harvest of whitefish with specialized gear that minimizes impacts on other species.

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-16-880 Saltwater State Park Marine Preserve.

"Saltwater State Park Marine Preserve" is defined as those waters, bedlands, and tidelands of Saltwater State Park within a line projected from the northernmost marker at the DNR high tide line through 122°19'39.02"W, 47°22'25.14"N; then to 122°19'44.14"W, 47°22'26.11"N; then to 122°19'45.91"W, 47°22'21.54"N; then to 122°19'40.86"W, 47°22'20.60"N; then to the southernmost marker on the shoreline and back along the high tide line to the northernmost marker.

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

WAC 220-20-100 General provisions--Marine protected areas.

(1) It is unlawful to fish for or possess fish, shellfish, or wildlife taken from any conservation area defined in chapter 220-16 WAC.

(2) The following marine preserves are closed to the taking of fish, shellfish, and wildlife as indicated:

(a) The Admiralty Head Marine Preserve is closed to the taking of fish and wildlife, and closed to the taking of shellfish except sea cucumbers and sea urchins.

(b) The Colvos Passage Marine Preserve is closed to the taking of shellfish and wildlife, closed to all commercial harvest of fish, and closed to recreational harvest of fish except it is lawful to take salmon for personal use by trolling, defined as fishing from a vessel under power and in gear making forward progress.

(c) The San Juan Island Marine Preserve is closed to the taking of shellfish except it is lawful to take crab from Parks Bay, and closed to the taking of food fish other than salmon except it is lawful to take herring and Yellow and Low Island Preserve is closed to the taking of food fish.

(d) The Titlow Beach Marine Preserve is closed to the taking of shellfish and wildlife, closed to the commercial harvest of all fish, and closed to the recreational harvest of all fish except that it is lawful to take salmon if taken with artificial lures from shore

or from a nonmotorized vessel.

(e) The Z's Reef Marine Preserve is closed to the taking of shellfish and wildlife, closed to the commercial harvest of all fish, and closed to the recreational harvest of all fish except that it is lawful to take salmon with fly fishing gear as defined in WAC 220-56-210.

(f) The Seattle city park Marine Preserves (Golden Gardens, Carkeek, Lincoln, Discovery, Emma Schmitz, and Richey Viewpoint) are closed to removal of organisms from the intertidal areas, except that finfish may be harvested using hook and line gear, provided it is lawful under other WDFW fishing regulations. Any organism except finfish taken by hook and line in the intertidal area must be placed unharmed in the location it was found. Removal of organisms of unclassified marine invertebrates in numbers less than the daily limits is an infraction. All other penalties for larger numbers removed apply.

(g) The Saltwater State Park Marine Preserve is closed to all recreational harvest.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047 and 77.04.020. 07-16-056, § 220-20-100, filed 7/26/07, effective 8/26/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. 07-05-051 (Order 07-22), § 220-20-100, filed 2/16/07, effective 3/19/07; 05-09-009 (Order 05-52), § 220-20-100, filed 4/7/05, effective 5/8/05; 02-08-048 (Order 02-53), § 220-20-100, filed 3/29/02, effective 5/1/02.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-07-003, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08)

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, sea-run cutthroat trout, and sea-run Dolly Varden/bull trout.

(2) "Anti-snagging rule" means:

(a) Terminal fishing gear is limited to a lure or bait with one single point hook. When fishing from a floating device, up to two single point hooks may be used.

(b) Only single point hooks measuring not more than 3/4 inch from point to shank may be used and all hooks must be attached to or below the lure or bait.

(c) Weights may not be attached below or less than 12 inches above the lure or bait.

(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.

~~((5))~~ (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.

~~((6))~~ (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.

~~((7))~~ (8) "Channel Marker 13 line" means a true north-south line through Grays Harbor Channel Marker 13.

~~((8))~~ (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.

~~((9))~~ (10) "Fresh" means fish or shellfish that are refrigerated, iced, salted, or surface glazed.

~~((10))~~ (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.

((+11+)) (12) "Frozen" means fish or shellfish that are hard frozen throughout.

((+12+)) (13) "Gaffing" means an effort to take fish by impaling the fish with a hook attached directly to a pole or other device.

((+13+)) (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.

((+14+)) (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.

((+15+)) (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.

((+16+)) (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.

((+17+)) (18) "Juvenile" means a person under fifteen year of age.

((+18+)) (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.

((+19+)) (20) "Night closure" means closed to fishing from one hour after official sunset to one hour before official sunrise.

~~((+20) "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.))~~

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

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

boiled, or canned.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(29) "Steelhead" means sea-run rainbow trout over twenty inches in length.

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

(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."

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

WAC 220-56-105 River mouth definitions. When pertaining to 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.
- McLane Creek - A line 100 feet upstream of and parallel to the southernmost Highway 101 Bridge.
- 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 McGlenn 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 - City of South Bend boat launch.
Wind River - Boundary line markers at mouth.
Yakima River - Highway 240 Bridge.

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

WAC 220-56-122 Statewide bait rules. (1) It is unlawful to fish for sturgeon except with bait.

(2) It is unlawful to use lamprey as fishing bait, regardless of the source or species of lamprey.

(3) It is (~~lawful~~) acceptable to use bait in saltwater.

(4) It is unlawful to chum, broadcast, feed, or distribute into freshwater any bait or other substance capable of attracting fish unless specifically authorized in exceptions to statewide rules.

(5) When fishing for trout with bait, all trout that are lawful to possess and are equal to or greater than the minimum size are counted as part of the daily limit, whether kept or released, and it is unlawful to continue to fish once the daily limit has been achieved, except that steelhead trout may be caught and released until the daily limit is taken.

(6) It is unlawful to possess or use live (~~fish~~) aquatic animals as bait (~~to fish for game fish~~) in fresh water except:

(a) Live aquatic animals (other than fish) collected from the water being fished may be possessed or used as bait.

(b) Live sand shrimp may be possessed or used as bait.

(c) Live forage fish may be possessed or used as bait in the Columbia River downstream of a line projected from Rocky Point on the Washington bank through Red Buoy 44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point on the Oregon bank.

(7) Use of bait in violation of this section is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160.

(8) It is unlawful to possess fish taken with bait in violation of the provisions of this section. Possession of fish while using bait in violation of the provisions of this section is a rebuttable presumption that the fish were taken with such bait. Violation of this subsection is punishable under RCW 77.15.380, Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree--Penalty, 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--Penalty.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-07-003, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08)

WAC 220-56-350 Clams other than razor clams, mussels--Areas and seasons. 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:

(1) Ala Spit: (~~Open May 1 through May 31~~) Closed the entire

year.

- (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) Cama Beach State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (7) Camano Island State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (8) Chuckanut Bay: Closed the entire year.
- (9) Coupeville: Closed the entire year.
- (10) Dash Point State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (11) Dave Mackie County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (12) Des Moines City Park: Closed the entire year.
- (13) Discovery Park: Closed the entire year.
- (14) DNR-79: Closed the entire year.
- (15) DNR-85: Closed the entire year.
- (16) DNR-142: Closed the entire year.
- (17) DNR-144 (Sleeper): Closed the entire year.
- (18) Dockton County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (19) Dosewallips State Park: Open (~~(April)~~) March 1 through (~~(September 30)~~) October 31 only in area defined by boundary markers and signs posted on the beach.
- (20) Dungeness Spit and Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge Tidelands - Open May 15 through September 30.
- (21) Eagle Creek: Open July 1 through July 31.
- (22) East San De FCA: Closed the entire year.
- (23) Fort Flagler State Park including that portion of the spit west of the park boundary (Rat Island): Open (~~(April 1)~~) May 15 through (~~(June 15)~~) July 31.
- (24) Fort Ward State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (25) Freeland County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (26) Frye Cove County Park - Open January 1 through (~~(May)~~) June 15.
- (27) 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.
- (28) Gertrude Island - All tidelands at Gertrude Island closed the entire year.
- (29) Golden Gardens: Closed the entire year.
- (30) Graveyard Spit: Closed the entire year.
- (31) Harrington Beach: Closed the entire year.
- (32) Hoodsport: Tidelands at Hoodsport Salmon Hatchery are closed the entire year.
- (33) Hope Island State Park (South Puget Sound): Open April 1 through May 31.
- (34) Howarth Park: Closed the entire year.
- (35) Illahee State Park: Open April 1 through July 31.
- (36) Kayak Point County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (37) Kitsap Memorial State Park: Open May 15 through July 15.
- (38) Kopachuck State Park: Open June 1 through July 31.
- (39) 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.

- (40) Lincoln Park: Closed the entire year.
- (41) Lions Park (Bremerton): Closed the entire year.
- (42) Little Clam Bay: Closed the entire year.
- (43) Lower Roto Vista Park: Closed the entire year.
- (44) Manchester State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (45) McNeil Island - All tidelands on McNeil Island are closed the entire year.
- (46) Meadowdale County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (47) Mee-Kwa-Mooks Park: Closed the entire year.
- (48) Monroe Landing: Closed the entire year.
- (49) Mukilteo State Park - Closed the entire year.
- (50) Mystery Bay State Park: Open October 1 through April 30.
- (51) Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge: Closed the entire year.
- (52) North Beach County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (53) North Fort Lewis: Closed the entire year.
- (54) North Point Hudson: Closed the entire year.
- (55) Northeast Cultus Bay: Closed the entire year.
- (56) Oak Bay County Park: Open (~~July~~) June 1 through (~~August~~) July 31.
- (57) Oak Harbor City Park: Closed the entire year.
- (58) Old Man House State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (59) Olympia Shoal: Closed the entire year.
- (60) Oyster Reserves: Puget Sound and Willapa Bay state oyster reserves are closed the entire year except as follows:
 - (a) North Bay: State-owned oyster reserves open the entire year.
 - (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.
 - (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.
- (61) Penrose Point State Park: Open March 1 through May 31.
- (62) Picnic Point County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (63) Pitship Point: Closed the entire year.
- (64) Pitt Island - All tidelands on Pitt Island are closed the entire year.
- (65) Pleasant Harbor State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (66) Point Whitney (excluding Point Whitney Lagoon): Open March 1 through (~~June 30~~) May 31.
- (67) Point Whitney Lagoon: (~~Open July 1 through July 31~~) Closed.
- (68) Port Angeles Coast Guard: Closed the entire year.
- (69) Port Angeles Harbor: Closed the entire year.
- (70) Port Gardner: Closed the entire year.
- (71) Port Townsend Ship Canal/Portage Canal: Open January 1 through May 31.
- (72) Post Point: Closed the entire year.
- (73) Potlatch DNR tidelands: Open April 1 through August 31.
- (74) Potlatch East: Open April 1 through August 31.

- (75) Potlatch State Park: Open April 1 through August 31.
- (76) Priest Point County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (77) Purdy Spit County Park: The southern shore of the spit from the boat ramp to the bridge is closed the entire year.
- (78) 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.
- (79) Reid Harbor - South Beach: Closed the entire year.
- (80) Retsil: Closed the entire year.
- (81) Rendsland Creek: Open January 1 through June 30.
- (82) Richmond Beach Saltwater Park: Closed the entire year.
- (83) Saltwater State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (84) Samish Beach: Closed the entire year.
- (85) Scenic Beach State Park: Open April 15 through May 15.
- (86) Seahurst County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (87) Semiahmoo: Closed the entire year.
- (88) Semiahmoo County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (89) Sequim Bay State Park - Open May 1 through July (~~15~~)
31.
- (90) Shine Tidelands State Park: Open January 1 through May
15.
- (91) Silverdale County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (92) Sinclair Inlet: Closed the entire year.
- (93) Skagit Wildlife Area: Closed the entire year.
- (94) South Carkeek Park: Closed the entire year.
- (95) South Dougall Point: Closed the entire year.
- (96) South Gordon Point: Closed the entire year.
- (97) South Indian Island County Park: Open April 1 through
(~~June 30~~) May 31.
- (98) South Mukilteo Park: Closed the entire year.
- (99) South Oro Bay: Closed the entire year.
- (100) South Point Wilson (Port Townsend): Closed the entire
year.
- (101) Southworth Ferry Dock: Closed the entire year.
- (102) Spencer Spit State Park: Open March 1 through July 31.
- (103) Suquamish (Old Man House): Closed the entire year.
- (104) Taylor Bay: Closed the entire year.
- (105) Triton Cove Tidelands: Open May 1 through September 30.
- (106) Twanoh State Park: Open August 1 through September 30.
- (107) Walker County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (108) West Dewatto: DNR Beach 44A open August 1 through
September 30.
- (109) West Pass Access: Closed the entire year.
- (110) Willapa Bay: State-owned tidelands east of the
department Willapa Bay Field Station and Nahcotta Tidelands
Interpretive Site are closed year-round.
- (111) Wolfe Property State Park: Open January 1 through May
15.
- (112) 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.

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 WSR 08-07-003, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08)

WAC 220-56-380 Oysters--Areas and seasons. (~~It is lawful to~~) A person can 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.
- (6) Brown's Point Lighthouse: Closed the entire year.
- (7) Chuckanut: Closed the entire year.
- (8) Coupeville: Closed the entire year.
- (9) Cushman (Saltwater) Park: Open year-round.
- (10) Dash Point State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (11) Dave Mackie County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (12) Des Moines City Park: Closed the entire year.
- (13) Discovery Park: Closed the entire year.
- (14) DNR-79: Closed the entire year.
- (15) DNR-85: Closed the entire year.
- (16) DNR-142: Closed the entire year.
- (17) DNR 144 (Sleeper): Closed the entire year.
- (18) Dockton County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (19) East San De Fuca: Closed the entire year.
- (20) Fort Flagler State Park including that portion of the spit west of the park boundary (Rat Island): Open (~~(April 1)~~) May 15 through (~~(June 15)~~) July 31.
- (21) Fort Ward State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (22) Freeland County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (23) Frye Cove County Park: Open January 1 through (~~(May)~~) June 15.
- (24) Golden Gardens: Closed the entire year.
- (25) Graveyard Spit: Closed the entire year.
- (26) Harrington Beach: Closed the entire year.
- (27) Hoodspport: Tidelands at the Hoodspport Salmon Hatchery are closed the entire year.

- (28) Hope Island State Park (South Puget Sound): Open April 1 through May 31.
- (29) Howarth Park: Closed the entire year.
- (30) Illahee State Park: Open April 1 through July 31.
- (31) Kitsap Memorial State Park: Open May 15 through August 15.
- (32) Kopachuck State Park: Open March 1 through July 31.
- (33) 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.
- (34) Lincoln Park: Closed the entire year.
- (35) Lions Park (Bremerton): Closed the entire year.
- (36) Little Clam Bay: Closed the entire year.
- (37) Lower Roto Vista Park: Closed the entire year.
- (38) Manchester State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (39) Meadowdale County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (40) Mee-Kwa-Mooks Park: Closed the entire year.
- (41) Monroe Landing: Closed the entire year.
- (42) Mukilteo State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (43) Mystery Bay State Park: Open October 1 through April 30.
- (44) Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge: Closed the entire year.
- (45) North Beach County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (46) North Fort Lewis: Closed the entire year.
- (47) North Point Hudson: Closed the entire year.
- (48) Northeast Cultus Bay: Closed the entire year.
- (49) Oak Bay County Park: Open (~~July~~) June 1 through (~~August~~) July 31.
- (50) Oak Harbor Beach Park: Closed the entire year.
- (51) Oak Harbor City Park: Closed the entire year.
- (52) Old Man House State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (53) Olympia Shoal: Closed the entire year.
- (54) 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.
- (55) Penrose Point State Park: Open March 1 through May 31.
- (56) Picnic Point: Closed the entire year.
- (57) Pleasant Harbor State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (58) Port Angeles Coast Guard: Closed the entire year.
- (59) Port Angeles Harbor: Closed the entire year.
- (60) Port Gardner: Closed the entire year.
- (61) Port Townsend Ship Canal/Portage Canal: Open January 1 through May 31.
- (62) Post Point: Closed the entire year.
- (63) Potlatch DNR Tidelands: Open April 1 through August 31.

- (64) Potlatch East: Open April 1 through August 31.
- (65) Potlatch State Park: Open April 1 through August 31.
- (66) Priest Point County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (67) 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.
- (68) Reid Harbor - South Beach: Closed the entire year.
- (69) Retsil: Closed the entire year.
- (70) Richmond Beach Saltwater Park: Closed the entire year.
- (71) Saltwater State Park: Closed the entire year.
- (72) Samish Beach: Closed the entire year.
- (73) Seahurst County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (74) Scenic Beach State Park: Open April 15 through May 15.
- (75) Semiahmoo: Closed the entire year.
- (76) Semiahmoo County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (77) Shine Tidelands State Park: Open January 1 through May 15.
- 15. (78) Silverdale County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (79) Sinclair Inlet: Closed the entire year.
- (80) Skagit Wildlife Area: Closed the entire year.
- (81) South Carkeek Park: Closed the entire year.
- (82) South Dougall Point: Closed the entire year.
- (83) South Gordon Point: Closed the entire year.
- (84) South Indian Island County Park: Open April 1 through ~~((June 30))~~ May 31.
- (85) South Mukilteo Park: Closed the entire year.
- (86) South Oro Bay: Closed the entire year.
- (87) South Point Wilson (Port Townsend): Closed the entire year.
- (88) Southworth Ferry Dock: Closed the entire year.
- (89) Suquamish (Old Man House): Closed the entire year.
- (90) Taylor Bay: Closed the entire year.
- (91) Walker County Park: Closed the entire year.
- (92) West Pass Access: Closed the entire year.
- (93) 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.
- (94) Woodard Bay: Closed the entire year.
- (95) Wolfe Property State Park: Open January 1 through May 15.

WAC 220-56-500 Game fish seasons. It is unlawful to fish for game fish except during open seasons or open time periods.

(1) Freshwater lakes, ponds and reservoirs: Open year round except as provided for in WAC 232-28-619.

(2) Freshwater rivers, streams and beaver ponds: Open the first Saturday in June ((±)) through October 31 except as provided for in WAC 232-28-619.

(3) Saltwater (all waters downstream and seaward of the mouths of rivers and streams generally defined in WAC 220-16-245 and specifically defined in WAC 220-56-105): Open year-round, except:

(a) Lake Washington Ship Canal - Those waters of Area 10 west of the Lake Washington Ship Canal to a north-south line 175 feet west of the Burlington-Northern Railroad Bridge are closed waters.

(b) Toliva Shoal - Waters within 500 yards of the Toliva Shoal buoy are closed waters from June 16 through April 30.

(c) Freshwater Bay - Waters south of a line from Angeles Point westerly to Observatory Point are closed July 1 through August 31.

(d) Tulalip Bay - Waters of Tulalip Bay east of a line from Hermosa Point to Mission Point are closed waters.

(e) Agate Pass - Waters of Catch Record Card Area 10 west of a line from Point Monroe to Indianola and east of a line from Point Bolin to Battle Point are closed to game fish angling from January 1 through March 31; except a person can fish with gear meeting the fly-fishing-only requirements of WAC 220-56-210, as long as he or she does not use lead-core fly line. Use of gear other than fly-fishing gear or use of a lead core line in violation of this subsection is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160. It is unlawful to retain any fish taken during the period January 1 through March 31.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-07-003, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08)

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~~) July 1 of each year for contests that are to take place the following calendar year. After (~~November~~) July 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, 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~~) four 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) 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.

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Authority: RCW 77.12.040. 96-11-079, § 232-12-168, filed 5/13/96, effective 7/1/96; 94-06-014 (Order 629), § 232-12-168, filed 2/18/94, effective 3/21/94; 92-22-015 (Order 577), § 232-12-168, filed 10/21/92, effective 11/21/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.040 and 77.04.055. 90-22-057 (Order 464), § 232-12-168, filed 11/5/90, effective 12/6/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.040 and 77.16.010. 86-21-017 (Order 280), § 232-12-168, filed 10/6/86.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 08-165, filed 7/3/08, effective 8/3/08)

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~~) anti-snagging rules, 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: Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31 season. 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure. 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 June 14 through July 31 except closed 12:01 a.m. June 30 through 2:00 p.m. July 2 and 12:01 a.m. July 9 through 2:00 p.m. July 11. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure. Daily limit 2 sockeye salmon.

Highway 20 Bridge to Baker River fish barrier dam: Closed waters except for salmon. Salmon: Open only June 14 through July 31 from Highway 20 Bridge upstream 250 feet. Daily limit 2 sockeye salmon. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure.

Banks Lake (Grant County): Chumming allowed. Perch: Daily limit twenty-five. 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~~) The first Saturday in June through March 31 season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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. From the Lime Quarry Road to the Longview Fiber Bridge: Selective gear rules (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June 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. 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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 October 31 season and~~) All game fish: Release all fish. From mouth to Rodgers Street selective gear rules (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June through August 15 and closed waters August 16 through October 31. Rodgers Street to the Highway 101 Bridge: Selective gear rules (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June through August 15, one single point barbless hook August 16 through October 31, and night closure August 16 through October 31. From electric weir to upper boundary of Falls View Campground: Selective gear rules. 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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 (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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure. Only anglers who permanently use a wheelchair 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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 adult 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. Release all cutthroat.

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 220-55-160): 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)~~) the first Saturday in June 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 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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 adult 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June through March 31 season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure August 1 through November 30. Trout: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June 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 October 15. 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: September 1 through last day in February season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule, night closure and single point barbless hooks September 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~~) June 1 through July 15 and September 16 through last day in February season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) All species: Anti-snagging rule and night closure June 1 through July 15 and 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 15. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction and night closure~~) Daily limit 4 hatchery Chinook, of which no more than 2 may be adult hatchery Chinook. Open September 16 through November 30. Daily limit 4 coho salmon.

From the Rockport-Cascade Road Bridge upstream: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June through August 31 season. Selective gear rules and night closure. Trout: Release all 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. All species: Selective gear rules and night closure (~~and nonbuoyant lure restriction~~). Trout: Release all trout.

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~~) anti-snagging 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~~) The first Saturday in June through April 15 season. Single point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open September 16 through September 30 from mouth to Lakeside Industries Tower in Aberdeen, approximately 1.25 miles upstream of mouth. Daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon, and of which only 1 may be a wild adult coho. Release chum and adult Chinook. Bait prohibited and fishing from any floating device prohibited. Open October 1 through October 15 from mouth to high bridge. Daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon, and of which only 1 may be a wild adult coho. Release chum and adult Chinook. Open October 16 through January 31 from mouth to high bridge. Daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook. 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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.~~) Anti-snagging rule. Trout: Release all trout.

Chewuch River (Chewack River) (Okanogan County), from mouth to Eight Mile Creek: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) the Friday before the first Saturday in June. Trout: Release all trout except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open year around. Salmon minimum size 8 inches. January 1 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho and wild Chinook. August 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult Chinook. Release wild coho.

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~~) The first Saturday in June 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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.

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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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 McNary Dam: Daily limit five fish, bass 12 to 17 inches in length may be retained. 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. 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, upstream to a line projected from Rocky Point on the Washington bank through Red Buoy 44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point on the Oregon bank: Trout: Release (~~wild cutthroat. Release~~) all trout (~~April 1 through July 31~~) except hatchery steelhead. 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 and steelhead: Open only August 1 through March 31. August 1 through September 1, daily limit 2 salmon or 2 hatchery steelhead or one of each; of the adult salmon,

~~((of which))~~ only 1 may be a Chinook. Release chum, sockeye, wild coho, Chinook less than 24 inches in length, and coho less than 16 inches in length. September 2 through September 30, daily limit 2 hatchery coho ~~((only))~~ or 2 hatchery steelhead or one of each. Release coho less than 16 inches in length. October 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 ~~((hatchery coho))~~ fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult hatchery coho or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Release all salmon except hatchery coho. January 1 through March 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon or hatchery steelhead or one of each. 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 ~~((9 and))~~ 8, June ~~((25))~~ 29 through July 1, and July 6 through December 31. Minimum size when open to retain sturgeon is ~~((42))~~ 38 inches fork length January 1 through April 30, and ~~((45))~~ 41 inches fork length May ~~((10))~~ 9 through ~~((June 24))~~ July 5. Bottomfish: Daily limits, seasons, size restrictions and gear restrictions are the same as those in the adjacent portion of Marine Area 1.

From a line projected from Rocky Point on the Washington bank through Red Buoy 44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point on the Oregon bank, upstream to the I-5 Bridge: Trout: Release ~~((wild))~~ all trout except hatchery steelhead and hatchery 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 and steelhead: Open only May 16 through March 31. May 16 through June 15 daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon except hatchery jack Chinook. June 16 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon or adult steelhead or one of each. Release sockeye, chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook, except adult Chinook may be retained June 21 through June 28. August 1 through August 31, daily limit 6 ~~((hatchery coho))~~ fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult hatchery coho or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Release all salmon except hatchery coho. September 1 through September 16, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon or hatchery steelhead or one of each; and of the adult ~~((fish))~~ salmon, only 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release sockeye, chum, wild coho, and Chinook downstream of a line from the boundary marker on lower end of Bachelor Island to the Warrior Rock Lighthouse, and upstream of a line from Light Number 62 on Deer Island to Light Number 63 on the lower end of Martin Island. September 17 through December 31, daily limit 6 ~~((hatchery coho))~~ fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult hatchery coho or hatchery steelhead or one of each. January 1 through March 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Release sockeye, chum, wild coho, and wild Chinook. (1) Release sturgeon May 1 through May ~~((9 and))~~ 8, June ~~((25))~~ 29 through July

1, and July 6 through December 31 downstream from the Wauna powerlines. Minimum size when open to retain sturgeon is ((42)) 38 inches fork length January 1 through April 30, and ((45)) 41 inches fork length May ((10)) 9 through ((June 24)) July 5; (2) I-5 Bridge downstream to Wauna powerlines, lawful to retain sturgeon only on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays((, and Sundays)) 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)) Salmon and steelhead: Anti-snagging rule from Bonneville Dam to ((The Dalles)) McNary Dam and all species: Night closure from Bonneville Dam to The Dalles Dam. Trout: ((Release wild cutthroat from I-5 Bridge to Bonneville Dam.)) Release all trout ((April 1 through June 15)) except hatchery steelhead. 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((, and Sundays)) 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 and steelhead: 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 July 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Release sockeye, chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook, except adult Chinook may be retained June 21 through June 28. August 1 through August 31, daily limit 6 hatchery (~~coho~~) fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult hatchery coho or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Release all salmon except hatchery coho. September 1 through September 16, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon or hatchery steelhead or one of each; and of the adult (~~fish~~) salmon, only 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release sockeye, chum, and wild coho. September 17 through December 31, daily limit 6 (~~hatchery coho~~) fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult hatchery coho or hatchery steelhead or one of each. 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 or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Release sockeye. Steelhead: Additional season January 1 through March 31. Daily limit 2. 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 or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Release sockeye. Steelhead: Additional season January 1 through March 31. Daily limit 2.

From the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco to the old Hanford townsite (wooden towers) powerline crossing, in Sec. 30, T13N, R28E except Ringold Area Bank Fishery waters: Closed waters: Ringold Springs Creek (Hatchery Creek). Trout: Release all trout, except up to two hatchery steelhead having both adipose and ventral fin clips may be retained per day, October 1 through October 31. Release all trout, except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day, November 1 through March 31. Salmon: Open only June 16 through October 22. Daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye. 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 Area Bank Fishery 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 closed for salmon fishing. Fishing allowed only from the bank and only on the hatchery side of the river. Trout: Release all

((fish)) trout, except hatchery steelhead. Salmon: Open only May 1 through May 31. Fishing allowed only from the bank and only on the hatchery side of the river. Daily limit two hatchery Chinook. Night closure and ((~~nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) anti-snagging rule.

From the old Hanford townsite (wooden towers) powerline crossing in Sec. 30, T13N, R28E, to Vernita Bridge, (Highway 24): 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 October 22. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 fish may be adult salmon. Release sockeye.

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 October 22. Daily limit 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release sockeye.

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: ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) Anti-snagging rule and night closure from Rocky Reach Dam to the most upriver edge of Turtle Rock. Salmon: Daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release coho and sockeye. From Priest Rapids Dam to Wells Dam, open only July 1 through October 15. From Wells Dam to Chief Joseph Dam, open only July 1 through July 15 and September 1 through October 15 from Highway 173 Bridge at Brewster to Highway 17 Bridge at Bridgeport, and July 16 through August 31 from Wells Dam 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.

From bridge at Valley upstream and tributaries: Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31 season. 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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 chum and 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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: Open only June 1 through last day in February. January 1 through last day in February and June 1 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho and wild Chinook. August 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult Chinook. Release wild coho.

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. (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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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. Release all salmon except hatchery coho and hatchery jack Chinook. 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~~) Friday before the first Saturday in June season. Trout: Release all trout except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Salmon: Open year-round from upstream boundary of Lake Scanewa. Salmon minimum size 12 inches. January 1 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho and wild Chinook. August 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult Chinook. Release wild coho.

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 October 31 season.~~) Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

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): The first Saturday in June ((±)) 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.

De Roux Creek (Kittitas 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)~~) The first Saturday in June through March 31 season. (~~(Nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure August 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only July 1 through October 15. 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 October 15. 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~~) The first Saturday in June through April 30 season in mainstem Dickey outside Olympic National Park and East Fork Dickey upstream to D5200 road and (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June 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 adult 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) the first Saturday in June 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): 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) the first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. October 1 through October 15, 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 wild coho. Release adult Chinook, and chum. October 16 through November 30, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook.

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~~) The first Saturday in June through March 15 season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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 coho. Release chum, wild coho, wild Chinook, and hatchery adult Chinook. October 16 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult coho. Release chum, wild coho, wild Chinook, and hatchery adult Chinook.

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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. Trout, minimum length fourteen inches.

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. Channel catfish: No daily limit mouth to Oregon state line.

From County Road Bridge upstream to Oregon state line and all tributaries: (~~June 1 through October 31 season.~~) Selective gear rules (~~7 June 1~~) the first Saturday in June 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~~) First Saturday in June through October 15 and November 15 through March 15 season; and from Highway 4 Bridge to mouth of South Fork: (~~September 1~~) First Saturday in June through October 15 and December (~~15~~) 1 through March 15 season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule, night closure 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 fish, of which no more than four may be adult salmon, and of the 4 adults, only 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum, wild coho and unmarked Chinook. Unmarked Chinook are Chinook without either a clipped ventral fin or a clipped adipose

fin.

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~~) The first Saturday in June - (~~August 31~~) October 15 season. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day. Trout: Additional December (~~15~~) 1 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~~) Anti-snagging rule, night closure and stationary gear restriction. Daily limit 6 fish of which not more than 4 may be adult salmon, and of the 4 adults, only 2 may be adult Chinook. Release chum, wild coho and unmarked Chinook. Unmarked Chinook are Chinook without either a clipped ventral fin or a clipped adipose fin.

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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure September 1 through October 31 from mouth to 400 feet below salmon hatchery rack. All species: When (~~nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) anti-snagging rule 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 coho. Release chum, wild coho, wild Chinook, and hatchery adult Chinook.

From 2800 Bridge to source: Closed waters.

Green (Duwamish) River (King County):

From the First Avenue South Bridge to Tukwila International Boulevard/Old Highway 99: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June through July 31 and September 16 through February 15 season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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 Tukwila International Boulevard/Old Highway 99 to the Interstate 405 Bridge: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June through July 31 and September 1 through February 15 season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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 Interstate 405 Bridge to South 277th Street Bridge in Auburn: Open only (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June through July 31 and October 1 through February 15. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The first Saturday in June through August 15 and October 16 through last day in February. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. All species: Catch and release except up to five rainbow trout may be retained.

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 16 through April 15 season. May 16 through (~~May 31~~) the Friday before the first Saturday in June, open Wednesday through Sunday downstream from Willoughby Creek only. Willoughby Creek upstream to park boundary closed through (~~May 31~~) the Friday before the first Saturday in June. Selective gear rules, except a person can fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor July 1 through August 31 from Olympic National Park upstream to DNR Oxbow Campground Boat Launch. Selective gear rules July 1 through October 15 from DNR Oxbow Campground Boat Launch to Willoughby Creek, (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June through October 15 from Willoughby Creek to Morgan's Crossing Boat Launch, (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June through November 30 from Morgan's Crossing Boat Launch to the mouth of South Fork, and December 1 through April 15 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, 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 16 through August 31 downstream of Willoughby Creek open Wednesday through Sunday only of each week, daily limit may contain no more than one adult salmon, and release wild Chinook. September 1 through October 15 from Willoughby Creek to DNR Oxbow Campground Boat Launch, release wild Chinook.

Hoh River South Fork (Jefferson County), outside Olympic National Park: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June through April 15 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~)) The first Saturday in June through last day of 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 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 chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook.

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~~)) The first Saturday in June through March 31 season, except closed September 1 through September 30. Night closure and single-point barbless hooks required August 16 through November 30. Bait prohibited October 1 through October 15. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open October 1 through January 31. October 1 through October 15, daily limit of 6 salmon, no more than two of which may be adult salmon. Release chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook. October 16 through January 31, daily limit of 6 salmon, not more than two of which may be adult salmon. Release chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook. From Highway 101 Bridge to forks: ((~~June 1~~)) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. Night closure and single point barbless hooks required 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 except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained.

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)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure August 16 through (~~(November 30)~~) October 31. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Humptulips River, West Fork (Grays Harbor County), from mouth to Donkey Creek: (~~(June 1)~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. (~~(Nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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 except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained.

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 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)~~) The first Saturday in

June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. October 1 through October 15, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon, and of the adult salmon, only 1 may be an adult wild coho. Release chum and adult Chinook. October 16 through November 30, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook.

Ballon Creek upstream, including North and South Forks: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June 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)~~) the first Saturday in June 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)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure April 1 through October 31 from the mouth to the intake at the lower salmon hatchery. Stationary gear restriction September 1 through October 31 from mouth to the natural gas pipeline at Mahaffey's Campground. All species: When (~~(nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) anti-snagging rule in effect only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained. 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. All game fish: Release all 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, wild jack Chinook, and wild coho. October 1 through December 31, release adult Chinook upstream of 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Kennedy Creek (Thurston County), from mouth to four hundred feet below falls: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The Saturday before Memorial Day 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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure May 1 through May 31. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule August 1 through January 31. 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: Open April 1 through

May 31 on 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~~) trout 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: 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)~~) the first Saturday in June 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 hatchery coho, of which no more than 4 may be adult hatchery coho. 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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)~~) the Friday before the first Saturday in June 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)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure April 1 through November 30 from Johnson Creek to Colvin Creek. When (~~(nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) anti-snagging rule is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained. August 1 through December 15, fishing from any floating device prohibited from Johnson Creek to Colvin Creek. 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 hatchery coho, of which no more than 4 may be adult hatchery coho. 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. August 1 through September 30, fishing from any floating device prohibited. (~~(Nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure April 1 through September 30. When (~~(nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) anti-snagging rule 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 31. 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 hatchery coho, of which no more than 4 may be adult hatchery coho. 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): March 1 through October 31 season.

Lilliwaup River (Mason County): Mouth to 200 feet below falls: (~~(June 1)~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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: Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31 season. 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: All species: Selective gear rules and release all fish. Closed waters: Mouth to Highway 101 Bridge September 1 through October 31.

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 Fridger 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 through October 31 season. Selective gear rules. 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. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure May 1 through June 30. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule August 1 through December 31. 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 and wild jack Chinook.

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 (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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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): (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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): March 1 through 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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))~~) The first Saturday in June through September 30 season: Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish. Foghorn Dam to Weeman Bridge: (~~((June 1))~~) The first Saturday in June 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))~~) the first Saturday in June 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))~~) The first Saturday in June through October 31 season.

Mill Creek (Chelan County): Closed waters.

Mill Creek (Cowlitz County): (~~((June 1))~~) The first Saturday in June 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))~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure. 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))~~) The first Saturday in June through March 31 season. All species: Barbless hooks required and release all fish except hatchery steelhead September 1 through 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 only except open to all ages during Free Fishing Weekend (as defined in WAC 220-56-160).

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)~~) the first Saturday in June 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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): The first Saturday in June ((±)) through October 31 season. Selective gear rules.

Mooses Pond (Pacific County): The first Saturday in June ((±)) 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. 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~~)) The first Saturday in June 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 before the last Saturday 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~~)) the first Saturday in June 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~~)) The first Saturday in June 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)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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 2 may be adult Chinook. Release wild coho.

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)~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season, except sturgeon. (~~(Nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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)~~) Anti-snagging 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 open 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. 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.

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~~) The first Saturday in June 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 chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook.

Newaukum River, Middle Fork, mouth to Taucher Road Bridge (Lewis County): (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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.

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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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. 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~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season except closed (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June 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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June 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 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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 (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only October 16 through December 31. Daily limit 2 salmon, except release Chinook 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: Closed waters.

North Creek (tributary of Sammamish River) (Snohomish/King counties): (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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. 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 Creek (Pierce County): July 1 through October 31 season. All species: Selective gear rules and release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. All species: (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure July 1 through October 15.

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~~) trout 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): The first Saturday in June ((±)) 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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. 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. 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.

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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. 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): Selective gear rules. All species: Release all fish.

Promised Land Pond (Grays Harbor County): (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June through October 31 season.

Purdy Creek (Mason County): (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) anti-snagging rule and night closure August 1 through November 30 from the mouth to the Carbon River. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only August 16 through December 31 from mouth to Carbon River. Daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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): The first Saturday in June (~~±~~) 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~~) the Friday before the first Saturday in June 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 adult 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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)~~) trout 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 the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day weekend from the Little Dalles power line crossing upstream approximately one mile to marked rock point, and from Northport power line crossing upstream to most upstream point of Steamboat Rock; (2) January 1 through May 31 in San Poil arm upstream from outlet of French Johns Lake; and (3) April 1 through

((~~May 31~~)) Friday before Memorial Day 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.

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~~)) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June through March 15 season. From Highway 99 Bridge to department salmon rack: Closed waters. Stationary gear restriction from mouth to Interstate 5 Bridge August 1 through December 31. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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 four salmon, of which only two may be Chinook. 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)~~) anti-snagging rule and night closure August 16 through November 30. Middle and West Forks upstream from Cougar Smith Road (~~(nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) anti-snagging rule and night closure August 16 through October 31.

From mouth to bridge at Schafer Park: (~~(June 1)~~) The first Saturday in June through March 31 season. Salmon: Open only October 1 through January 31. October 1 through October 15, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon; and of the adult salmon, only 1 may be an adult wild coho. Release chum and adult Chinook. October 16 through January 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook.

Middle Fork (Turnow Branch), from mouth to Cougar Smith Road: (~~(June 1)~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season.

West Fork, from mouth to Cougar Smith Road: (~~(June 1)~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season.

Sauk River (Skagit/Snohomish counties):

From mouth to the mouth of the White Chuck River: (~~(June 1)~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. 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. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.

South Fork upstream from Elliot Creek: (~~(June 1)~~) The first Saturday in June 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.

Scooteney Reservoir (Franklin County): Walleye: Minimum size 12 inches.

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~~) The first Saturday in June 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): The first Saturday in 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.

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~~) The first Saturday in June 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.

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~~) anti-snagging 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.

From Gilligan Creek to the Dalles Bridge at Concrete: June 1 through March 15 season. (~~(Nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) Anti-snagging rule 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. Salmon: Open only September 16 through December 31. Daily limit 2 salmon, except release Chinook.

From the Dalles Bridge at Concrete to the Highway 530 Bridge at Rockport: June 1 through March 15 season, except closed June 1 through June 13, 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)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure June 14 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 June 14 through July 31, except closed 12:01 a.m. June 30 until 2:00 p.m. July 2, and 12:01 a.m. July 9 until 2:00 p.m. July 11, and, except closed from 200 feet above the mouth of the Baker River to the Highway 530 Bridge at Rockport. 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. 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 except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained.

From the Highway 530 Bridge at Rockport to the Cascade River: June 1 through March 15 season. (~~(Nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure June 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 June 1 through July 15. Daily limit four hatchery Chinook salmon, of which only two may be adult hatchery Chinook. Salmon open September 16 through December 31. Daily limit 2 salmon. Release Chinook. Additional season: March 16 through April 30. Selective gear rules, except a person can 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 except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained.

From Cascade River to Gorge Powerhouse: June 1 through March 15 season. 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)~~)

June 1 through October 31 season. ((All species)) Trout: Release all ((fish other than steelhead. Trout: Minimum length twenty inches)) trout except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained.

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)) anti-snagging rule and single point barbless hooks required August 1 through November 30 mouth to Highway 101. ((June 1)) The first Saturday in June through July 31 and October 31 through December 15 season from mouth to Highway 101 Bridge. ((June 1)) The first Saturday in June 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 September 5, and October 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)) The first Saturday in June through October 31 season. All species: Release all fish. Selective gear rules.

Above Lake Cushman, mouth to Olympic National Park boundary: ((June 1)) The first Saturday in June 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)) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. Release chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook.

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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. All species: April 24 through June 15 from Texas Rapids boat launch upstream to the Corps of Engineers boat launch approximately 1 mile upstream of Little Goose Dam: Night closure, barbless hooks only, and hooks must measure 5/8 inch or less from point to shank. 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. 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. Salmon: Open only April 24 through June 15 from Texas Rapids boat launch upstream to the Corps of Engineers boat launch approximately 1 mile upstream of Little Goose Dam. Daily limit 1 hatchery Chinook.

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~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season, except sturgeon. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) the Friday before the first Saturday in June 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)~~) the first Saturday in June 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 adult 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)~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

Soos Creek (King County), from mouth to bridge near hatchery residence: (~~(June 1)~~) The first Saturday in June 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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.

From the upstream boundary at Plese Flats Day Use Area (Riverside State Park) upstream to the Monroe Street Dam: 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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 twenty-five fish. Crappie: Minimum length nine inches.

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~~)) The first Saturday in June 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~~)) Anti-snagging rule and night closure August 1 through November 30. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Salmon: Open only November 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~~)) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. Night closure August 1 through November 30. Selective gear rules ((~~June 1~~)) the first Saturday in June through November 30 except fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor allowed. Game fish: ((~~June 1~~)) The first Saturday in June 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 November 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~~)) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. ((~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~)) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~)) The first Saturday in June through November 30: All species: Release all fish except hatchery steelhead. ((~~June 1~~)) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The first Saturday in June through November 30 season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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): The first Saturday in 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): Fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion engine prohibited. Selective gear rules. Trout daily limit one fish.

Teanaway River (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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June through August 31 season. Juveniles only.

Tieton River (Yakima County): Lawful to fish to base of Tieton (Rimrock) Dam. Selective gear rules (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June through October 31. Additional December 1 through March 31 season: Whitefish gear rules apply.

Tieton River, North Fork (Yakima County): Closed waters: Clear Lake spillway channel and the river within 400' of Clear Lake Dam. (~~From Rimrock Lake to Clear Lake Dam~~) Entire river, including that portion of the river that flows through the dry lakebed (~~June 1~~) of Rimrock Reservoir: The first Saturday in June through August 15 season.

Tieton River, South Fork (Yakima County): From 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~~)

The first Saturday in June 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. Minimum length eight inches. June 1 through July 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release wild coho. August 1 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult Chinook. 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.)~~) Anti-snagging rule. 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.)~~) Anti-snagging rule. 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)~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. (~~(June 1)~~) The first Saturday in June 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):

From confluence of north and south forks upstream, including Robinson and Wolf Forks: Selective gear rules. 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)~~) the first Saturday in June through August 31 season.

South Fork: Upstream from Griffin Creek (~~(June 1)~~) the first Saturday in June through August 31 season.

Wolf Fork: Upstream from Coates Creek (~~(June 1)~~) the first Saturday in June through August 31 season.

From mouth to confluence of north and south forks: Additional season: November 1 through 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)~~) The first Saturday in June through November 30 season. (~~(Nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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 coho. Release chum, wild coho, wild Chinook, and hatchery adult Chinook.

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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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)~~) The first Saturday in June 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 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)~~) the first Saturday in June through October 31. Additional season November 1 through 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.

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From Cow Camp Bridge upstream: Closed waters.

Tucquala Lake (Kittitas County): (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) the first Saturday in June through October 31 (~~season~~): All species: 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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: All species: Anti-snagging rule and night closure August 16 through November 30. 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) the first Saturday in June 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. Channel catfish: No daily limit.

From the Touchet River upstream to state line: Trout: All tributaries except Mill Creek, maximum length twenty inches. Channel catfish: No daily limit. Additional season November 1 through 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 four 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~~) The first Saturday in June through March 15 season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and stationary gear restriction July 1 through October 31. When (~~nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) anti-snagging rule 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, wild coho, and wild jack Chinook. Upstream of Little Washougal River, release adult Chinook October 1 through November 30.

From mouth to Mt. Norway Bridge: Additional April 16 through (~~May 31~~) the Friday before the first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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 an internal combustion engine.

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~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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. Anglers fishing lawfully, within 50 yards of the Bellingham Technical College Hatchery Collection Tube, and on the hatchery side of the creek, that hook and land chum salmon, may remove those chum salmon from the water and immediately place them unharmed into the Hatchery Collection Tube.

From stone bridge at Whatcom Falls Park upstream to Lake Whatcom: Last Saturday in April through October 31 season. Juveniles only. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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: October 1 through October 31 all species: Fly fishing only and release all fish. November 1 through last day in February. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure. 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~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) Anti-snagging rule. 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 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 and wild jack Chinook. October 1 through December 31, release adult Chinook upstream of posted markers 0.5 miles 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 and wild jack Chinook. November 16 through December 31, release adult Chinook. Salmon and steelhead: Open April 1 through June 15, 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 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. Highway 6 Bridge to Fork Creek: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June 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.

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.

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~~) anti-snagging rule and night closure. All species: Release all fish except up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

South Fork: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June through last day in February season. Selective gear rules (~~June 1~~) the first Saturday in June through October 31. (~~Nonbuoyant lure restriction~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure 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~~) The first Saturday in June 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))~~ Anti-snagging rule and night closure. August 1 through October 31: ~~((Nonbuoyant lure restriction))~~ Anti-snagging rule and night closure. When ~~((nonbuoyant lure restriction))~~ anti-snagging rule is in effect, only fish hooked in the mouth may be retained. 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 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 and wild jack Chinook. Release adult 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 Coffey Dam and from a boundary marker approximately 800 yards downstream from Carson National Fish Hatchery upstream, including all tributaries. ~~((Nonbuoyant lure restriction))~~ Anti-snagging rule and night closure. When ~~((nonbuoyant lure restriction))~~ anti-snagging rule is in effect, only fish hooked in the mouth may be retained. 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 weir at Wishkah Rearing Ponds, downstream 200 feet. Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches. Mouth to mouth of the West Fork: ~~((June 1))~~ The first Saturday in June 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 October 1 through December 31.

October 1 through October 15, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon; and of the adult salmon, only 1 may be an adult wild coho. Release chum and adult Chinook. October 16 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook.

From the mouth of the West Fork to two hundred feet below the weir at the Wishkah Rearing Ponds: (~~June 1~~) The first Saturday in June through March 31 season. All species: March 1 through March 31, release all fish, except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained per day, and selective gear rules. Salmon: Open October 1 through December 31. October 1 through October 15, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon, and of the adult salmon, only 1 may be an adult wild coho. Release chum and adult Chinook. October 16 through December 31, daily limit 6 fish, of which no more than 2 may be adult salmon. Release chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook.

From the weir at the Wishkah Rearing Ponds upstream: Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches.

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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. Release chum, wild coho, and adult Chinook.

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~~) The first Saturday in June 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. All species: (~~(Nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure(~~(-)~~) 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: (~~(Year-round season.)~~) Trout: Minimum length twelve inches and maximum length twenty inches. (~~(Release all trout April 1 through May 31.)~~) Salmon: Open only September 1 through October 22. Daily limit 6 fish of which not more than 2 may be adult salmon. All species: (~~(Nonbuoyant lure restriction)~~) Anti-snagging rule and night closure September 1 through October 22. Additional season December 1 through last day in February - Whitefish gear rules apply.

From Sunnyside Dam to thirty-five hundred feet below Roza Dam: (~~(Year-round season.)~~) Closed waters: From Yakima Avenue-Terrace Heights Bridge upstream 400 feet. All species: Selective gear rules. Trout: Minimum length twelve inches and maximum length twenty inches. (~~(Release all trout April 1 through May 31.)~~) Additional season December 1 through last day in February - Whitefish gear rules apply.

From thirty-five hundred feet below Roza Dam to (~~(Roza Dam: Closed waters: From four hundred feet below)~~) Roza Dam(~~(- upstream.)~~) December 1 through last day in February season. Whitefish gear rules apply. (~~(Release all game fish except whitefish.)~~)

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.

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CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

#1. Live Aquatic Animals for Bait in Fresh Water

Proposal: This proposal would make it unlawful to use or possess and use live aquatic animals for bait in fresh water, with the exception that anglers may possess live sand shrimp for bait.

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

I would restrict this prohibition to live aquatic animals that are not currently found in the body of water.

QUESTION: Would this ban include nightcrawlers? Waterdogs?

MY CONCERN: WDFW should ban use of non-native live aquatic bait. Not all live aquatic bait. Most freshwater areas have leeches of some sort and crawfish also. Both are native. Make the rule no live aquatic bait except leeches, crawfish and sandshrimp.

I like to use periwinkles as bait. I get them from the stream I fish. They are aquatic animals and pose no exotic species threat. They shouldn't be banned. Crawdads also. Please think this through a little bit.....

Is it possible to amend to say "non-native aquatic animals?"

Saw red-spotted crawdads for sale at a market in Kent.

No problems with this rule. Don't use anything live for bait.

Where do we get the idea that VHS is carried by leeches? Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin have no problem.

Land Of Lakes is the dealer we buy from. Leeches are farmed in private ponds using ground water.

In other states the rule is that the leeches must come from a certified source, and you must carry the certification with you to show where you bought the leeches.

Asking for the science behind the claim that leeches carry VHS. They certainly don't want to introduce VHS. Have heard talks by Allen P before, VHS and leeches were not mentioned.

Surprised to hear that crayfish and leeches were used as bait.

Support the proposal as written.

What about allowing anglers to use leeches or crayfish from the water you are fishing in? Most don't want to have to harvest their own bait. Problem with not being able to harvest small crayfish.

Understand the problem with the rusty crayfish, but don't understand what we are saying about leeches. There are lots of leeches in Lake Roosevelt.

Why are we not putting a bounty on walleye like we do on northern pikeminnow.

Mar-Don, Big Wally's and Mike's bait shop all sell leeches, but they are all imported. Folks at the Spokane meeting buy their own on the Internet – 20 lbs for the group. They can be kept alive for months if you have a clean water supply.

Tom at Land Of Lakes bait will talk to us about the certification process.

Look at the North Dakota sport rules for how they handle leeches.

There are already lots of leeches and crawdads in Moses Lake. Crayfish are not the rusty crayfish we mention, but another species that is easy to tell from the native crayfish (red swamp crayfish).

For bait shop owners, there is no testing of the leeches or the water they come in that is offered by the state. Shop owner has offered to have them tested, but the state has not come through. These are ribbon leeches. They cannot live in our waters because they are too alkaline and too salty (Ephrata area). To keep them alive for bait, have to filter the water - they almost need distilled water.

In Blue and Park lake there are small leeches – ½” – these are native leeches, not ribbon leeches.

These ribbon leeches have been coming into the state for at least 15 years (probably longer). Why haven't any populations become established? They are carrion eaters, not bloodsuckers.

Other things are let into the state without certification. People can get on the Internet and order just about anything. Lots of farmers in other states have leech ponds. They feed the leeches roadkill.

This is a knee-jerk reaction by the Department. You assume we have a problem because of problems in the Midwest. Leeches should have been tested first before claiming that they may be carrying disease. This will hurt my bait business. I certainly don't want to bring in VHS – where do you go to get these things tested?

If you order on the Internet, you don't know where they come from or where they might go. Have never seen ribbon leeches in our Lakes. The disease concern is another issue. North Dakota requires certification – anglers have to carry proof that the leeches they are using are certified.

Bait dealer is requesting help from WDFW to see if leeches or water really do carry VHS, and to find out what type of certification they would honor. How do you do it? The leeches bury themselves in the mud when it gets too hot or too cold. The mud is often too alkaline or too salty and they die. Don't mind spending some money to make sure the leeches are safe before he sells them, but doesn't know where to start.

I would like to comment on the rule change to ban the use and import live bait such as leeches and crawfish. Some at the WDFW claim the need for the ban on leeches is a virus that affects fish in the Midwest and the possible spread of zebra mussels. A look at the research done of the VHS Virus shows that leeches cannot carry, or transmit the virus. Furthermore if the virus were present in the water it would take an enormous amount, not the teaspoon of distilled water that leeches are shipped in to spread. I think it is prudent to be careful of the types of organisms that are imported into the state but to ban leeches would be unnecessary step based on nothing more than opinion and not fact.
Science Teacher and Walleye Fisherman

The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club with 135 members supports this proposal to make it unlawful to use or possess live aquatic animals for bait in fresh water, with the exception that anglers may possess live sand shrimp for bait. We further suggest that a significant penalty be incorporated into this regulation considering the high cost to deal with a non-native species introduced into State waters.

Over the last thirteen months I have spent a number of hours researching Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) which includes Zebra and Quagga mussels, as well as Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS)v. Through my studies I've been unable to link the spread of either of the previously mentioned to leeches, specifically "ribbon leeches" which are most commonly used today by sport fishermen as live bait. I have, on the other,

located documentation from states such as Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin linking the spread of (AIS) and (VHS)v to a few possible pathways including ballast water from ships, contaminated (unclean) water crafts and even certain crawfish species, but no direct or indirect link to “leeches” has been documented or third party studies provided by states or any other agencies which have been most severely affected by these horrible intruders. I assume this might be caused by the fact that all commercially purchased leeches, weather transported out of state or not, are washed and shipped in fresh, uncontaminated spring water. It is my recommendation that “Leeches” used as live bait be removed from the afore mentioned proposal, I feel it is unnecessary to place a ban on “Leeches” as a live bait if there is no evidence linking them as possible pathways for the spread of (AIS) or (VHS)v. Certain, specific regulations can have a positive effect on our environment and waterways if there is sufficient scientific evidence, if that evidence is absent then we are simply placing unnecessary regulations into effect.

I am writing this e-mail to voice my concerns about the proposed regulation ban of aquatic live bait. I have been doing some extensive research on the subject, and I am having some uneasy feelings about this proposal including leeches as a potential threat to our state waters.

The one thing that I would like to bring to attention to the commission is that there is no scientific evidence being submitted by the state that supports their inclusion of leeches in this regulation that can carry diseases that will be harmful to the waters of our state.

I have studied leeches since I have learned about this proposal, and I could go on stating facts that I have learned about VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) in my research, but there is no scientific documentation that links VHS and leeches.

Many other states throughout the Midwest and west do not regulate the use of leeches, the only state that I am aware of that has a regulation on leeches is North Dakota, and they only require that they be purchased by an in state licensed dealer.

My research leads me to believe that leeches have zero risk to our waters, and the state is not providing any scientific documentation to support the inclusion of leeches in this regulation. Why create a regulation based on assumptions? To me this is an unwarranted regulation. Please consider removing leeches from this list.

I would favor allowing crayfish for bait in streams and lakes where bait fishing is legal provided that the crayfish were captured from the same body of water where they are used.

Modification: Anglers may not use or possess live aquatic animals as bait in fresh water except:

–Aquatic animals (other than fish) collected from the water being fished

–Live sand shrimp

–Live forage fish may be used in the Columbia River downstream of Rocky Point/Tongue Point line.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as modified.

#2. Chambers Creek

Proposal: This proposal would close Chambers Creek (Pierce Co) to the retention of trout, and add selective gear rules.

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

I would like to give my input on the proposed changes to Chambers Creek, as the creek is very near my home and I fish it on a regular basis when it is open.

First I think that the change to selective fishery is excellent, I practice that myself. However, in fishing from July through Sept. I have only caught and released 1 smolt, the other fish are all cutthroat. This creek has a population of beautiful but small cutthroat, an 8" fish is a monster typical fish are 4 to 5 inches. I ask that you keep the creek open to trout fishing, but clarify that you are changing the area from the barrier dam to the dam outlet from Steilacoom Lake. The highest bait fishing pressure in Chambers Creek is directly above the barrier dam just upstream where the public road crosses.

In summary, please keep Chambers Creek open to fishing, the selective fishery rule is a good proposed change and in conjunction with the July opener minimize by catch of smolt. I enjoy fly fishing the creek with my son, and do not want to lose this opportunity that is nearly in my backyard.

Modification: drop the non-buoyant lure restriction currently in place, then adopt the proposal to add selective gear rules and require anglers to release trout.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as modified.

#3. Skagit River

Proposal: This proposal would allow anglers to retain up to two hatchery steelhead during the March 16-April 30 catch-and-release fishery from the Dalles Bridge at Concrete to the mouth of the Cascade River. All other rules remain unchanged.

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club. Nice to see the HSRG recommendation beginning to be implemented.

Reason I don't like it:

I agree that taking the hatchery steelhead out of the river is a good thing, but I think this rule will do more harm than good. I fish that area during the catch-and-release every year and I would worry more about the poaching that goes on. I believe that having the river open to retention of hatchery steelhead will put a lot more fisherman on the river who are ignorant of native fish protection. As it is right now the fisherman I observe during the standard catch-n-release season use good judgment and handle the fish with care while releasing them, I do not see the same attention to the Native fish when a river is open for retention. In the last ten years of fishing the Skagit for catch-n-release I have only seen a handful of hatchery fish anyway, most hatchery fish are in the hatchery or dead by March 15. I would suggest leaving the Cascade River open to retention of Hatchery steelhead during that period if you want to kill more of those.

Basically what I am looking to have changed is on the Skagit River from the mouth of the Cascade River to the Gorge powerhouse in Newhalem to return to a non selective gear rule area with a trout and other game fish daily limit (the way it used to be). Again my wants are only for trout and other game fish (not salmon).

I support the proposed change to allow the retention two hatchery steelhead during the late winter C+R Fishery on the mainstem Skagit between the Dalles Bridge and the mouth of the Cascade River. It allows the opportunity to remove hatchery produced steelhead from the spawning grounds at a time when the vast majority of spawning steelhead are of wild origin.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#4. Lacamas, Olequa, Rock and Skamokawa Creeks

Proposal: This proposal would standardize stream seasons to June 1 – October 31 in Lacamas Creek (Lewis Co), Olequa Creek (Lewis Co), Rock Creek (Skamania Co) downstream of falls, and Skamokawa Creek (Wahkiakum Co) from mouth (Hwy. 4 Bridge) to the forks below Oatfield and Middle Valley Road. It would also standardize the rules in these waters to be: trout - catch-and-release except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained in all the above areas. (NOTE – opening date would move to the first Saturday in June if Proposal #22 is adopted).

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club. We support this implementation of a Wild Steelhead Reserve.

I would like to comment on the proposal to change the fishing season on Olequa Creek (#4 in Conservation Regulations). Although not well-publicized, this stream supports an excellent run of wild-spawning sea-run cutthroat (not stocked Cowlitz River strays), and a resultant high-quality cutthroat fishery in the fall. A fairly small group of obviously close-mouthed anglers take advantage of this fishery, which would be effectively eliminated by closing the stream to fishing after October 31. These fish do not seem to move out of the Cowlitz River into the tributaries until fall rains raise the creeks. As a result, late October and November are the peak months of the fishery, which also holds up well into December and even the following year. Please consider leaving this season open as is until the end of February. Current regulations requiring release of all cutthroat are a good start toward protecting these fish. Year-round Selective Gear Rules would be a welcome addition.

Also please note that these same comments could be applied to Lacamas Creek in Lewis County, although to a lesser extent.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#5. Ohop Creek

Proposal: This proposal would change the opening date for Ohop Creek (Pierce Co) from June 1 to July 1 and make the fishery catch-and-release only except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained with selective gear rules.

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#6. Mercer Creek

Proposal: Mercer Creek (Kittitas Co) within the Ellensburg city limits currently has a daily limit of 5 trout with no minimum size. This proposal would restore the statewide daily limit of 2 trout, with an 8" minimum size. This portion of the creek will retain its "juveniles only" designation. (NOTE – opening date would move to the first Saturday in June if Proposal #22 is adopted).

Testimony: None received.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#7. Wilson Creek

Proposal: The two branches of Wilson Creek within the Ellensburg city limits currently have a daily limit of 5 trout with no minimum size, and a year-round season. This proposal will restore the statewide standard stream season of June 1 – October 31 and the standard trout daily limit of 2 fish, 8" minimum size. These two portions of the creek will retain their "juveniles only" designation. (NOTE – opening date would move to the first Saturday in June if Proposal #22 is adopted).

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#8. Yakima River

Proposal: This proposal changes the year-round season in the Yakima River from Highway 223 Bridge at Granger to 3500 feet below Roza Dam to the statewide standard June 1- October 31 and adds selective gear rules from Sunnyside Dam to 3500 feet below Roza Dam. From Highway 223 Bridge to 400 feet below

Roza Dam, it adds a whitefish only season with whitefish gear rules December 1 – March 31. (NOTE – opening date would move to the first Saturday in June if Proposal #22 is adopted).

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club. This gives the agency the tools it needs to return more ESA fish to the upper Yakima.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#9. Columbia River Trout Rules- Buoy 10 Line to Hwy 395 Bridge at Pasco

Proposal: This proposal would close this area to the retention of trout other than steelhead, except up to 2 hatchery cutthroat (minimum size 12”) could be retained from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line to the I-5 Bridge.

Testimony:

Most at Spokane meeting were OK with the rule – one person wanted to know how to tell a hatchery cutthroat – didn’t know they were fin clipped.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#10. Clam and Oyster Beach Seasons

Proposed Changes to Clam Seasons

Ala Spit County Park:

Current Regulation: Open May 1 through May 31.

Proposed Regulation: Closed.

Surveys indicate that the littleneck clam resource at this beach has decreased to a point where it cannot support a season in 2009.

Dosewallips State Park:

Current Regulation: Open April 1 through September 30.

Proposed Regulation: Open March 1 through October 31.

Surveys indicate that the clam resource continues to increase due to both natural recruitment and enhancement and can support a longer season in 2009.

Fort Flagler State Park:

Current Regulation: Open April 1 through June 15.

Proposed Regulation: Open May 15 through July 31.

Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) closures have prevented harvest on this beach during much of the spring season for the last several years. We are proposing a later season to avoid the time when PSP closures are most likely, and also to avoid conflict with State Parks’ seaweed harvesting season. Parks has approved the proposed season change.

Frye Cove County Park:

Current Regulation: Open January 1 through May 15.

Proposed Regulation: Open January 1 through June 15.

Surveys indicate an increase in the clam population, and the resource can support a longer season in 2009.

Oak Bay County Park:

Current Regulation: Open July 1 through August 31.

Proposed Regulation: Open June 1 through July 31.

This proposal retains the month-long clam season but opens it one month earlier in 2009. This shift in the season retains the long-standing tradition of opening Oak Bay County Park immediately after nearby South Indian Island County Park closes.

Point Whitney Tidelands (excluding Lagoon):

Current Regulation: Open March 1 through June 30.

Proposed Regulation: Open March 1 through May 31.

Surveys indicate a decrease in the clam population requiring a reduced season. We were not able to negotiate a resource trade with tribes allowing a longer season.

Point Whitney Lagoon:

Current Regulation: Open July 1 through July 31.

Proposed Regulation: CLOSED.

Surveys indicate a decrease in the clam population. We were unable to negotiate a resource trade with tribes allowing even a two-week season.

Sequim Bay State Park:

Current Regulation: Open May 1 through July 15.

Proposed Regulation: Open May 1 through July 31.

Surveys indicate an increase in the clam population, and changes to the Park's septic system will allow for a longer season in 2009. Parks has approved the proposed season change.

South Indian Island County Park:

Current Regulation: Open April 1 through June 30.

Proposed Regulation: Open April 1 through May 31.

The Manila clam resource on this beach has suffered a "kill" due to environmental changes in the substrate and algae cover, and surveys indicate that it will only support a shortened season in 2009.

Proposed Changes to Oyster Seasons

Fort Flagler State Park:

Current Regulation: Open April 1 through June 15.

Proposed Regulation: Open May 15 through July 31.

This proposal will align the oyster season with the clam season on this beach. See the clam season change above for an explanation of the proposed later season.

Frye Cove County Park:

Current Regulation: Open January 1 through May 15.

Proposed Regulation: Open January 1 through June 15.

This proposal will align the oyster season with the clam season on this beach.

Oak Bay County Park:

Current Regulation: Open July 1 through August 31.

Proposed Regulation: Open June 1 through July 31.

This proposal will align the oyster season with the clam season on this beach.

South Indian Island County Park:

Current Regulation: Open April 1 through June 30.

Proposed Regulation: Open April 1 through May 31.

This proposal will align the oyster season with the clam season on this beach.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

#11. Cascade River

Proposal: Currently, the game fish fishery opens October 1 in the Cascade River from the mouth to the Rockport –Cascade Road Bridge. This proposal would allow anglers to retain game fish (including Dolly Varden/bull trout) during the spring Chinook fishery in this area from June 1 to July 15, and reopen for game fish on Sept 16 with the coho fishery. The February 28 closing date would remain unchanged.

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

Basically what I am looking to have changed is on the Cascade River from the Rockport Cascade bridge up stream to return to a non selective gear rule area with a trout and other game fish daily limit (the way it used to be). Again my wants are only for trout and other game fish (not salmon).

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#12. Grays River and WF Grays

Proposal 1: This proposal would open the river to the catch-and-release only except up to two hatchery steelhead may be retained season June 1 (instead of September 1) in the Grays River (Wahkiakum Co) from the mouth to the mouth of the South Fork. The closing date of October 15 and all other rules remain unchanged. (NOTE – opening date would move to the first Saturday in June if Proposal #22 is adopted).

Proposal 2: This proposal would open the game fish season June 1 - October 15 (instead of August 31) and make the fishery catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained in the West Fork Grays River. The additional season in the mainstem above Hwy 4 to the South Fork and in the West Fork would open December 1 (instead of December 15) and run through March 15. This season would remain catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. (NOTE – opening date of the early fishery would move to the first Saturday in June if Proposal #22 is adopted).

Testimony: None received.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#13. Scooteney Reservoir Walleye

Proposal: This proposal would change the rules for walleye on Scootenay Reservoir (Franklin Co) from the statewide standard minimum size of 16", to a minimum size of 12". The daily limit of 5, and the restriction of only 1 over 22" may be retained will remain unchanged.

Testimony:

Against this proposal. There is enough pressure on these fish now. This rule would cut back on the number of 16"-20" fish available for fishermen. These larger fish are caught both in the early spring and in mid-October.

Good idea to let anglers access these fish. How do they get more into the reservoir?

What about raising the daily limit to 8 fish? No, try 5 first and see how it goes.

There are lots of transients fishing in this lake. They are fishing to feed their families, but if you drop the minimum size to 12" they will fish it out. Other people come to the park expecting to get a nice-sized walleye. These will be gone. This lake is not very big or very fishable.

In the last 10 years, fishing has gone down (due to fishing by transients). There are 5-6 groups on the bank fishing every day

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

HOUSEKEEPING

#14. Munn Lake (Thurston Co)

Proposal: Clarify WAC language on the ending date for the catch-and-release season.

Testimony: None received.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#15. NF Tieton River

Proposal: This proposal would clarify the closed waters area to: Clear Lake spillway channel and the NF Tieton River within 400' of Clear Lake Dam and change the season for the entire river, including that portion of the river that flows through the Rimrock Reservoir dry lakebed, to June 1 through August 15.

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#16. Railroad Pond

Proposal: This proposal would change the rules for Railroad Pond (Franklin Co) from selective gear rules and a two trout daily limit to statewide rules (daily limit 5 trout, no gear restriction).

Testimony: None received.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#17 Willapa River Mouth Definition

Proposal: This proposal would change the reference to the boat launch defining the mouth of the Willapa River to the City of South Bend Boat Launch.

Testimony: None received.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#18. Fisher Slough

Proposal: This proposal would change the rules in the lower portion of Fisher Slough (Skagit County) from a year-round season to a June 1 to October 31 season. (NOTE – opening date would move to 1st Saturday in June if Proposal #22 is adopted).

Testimony: None received.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#19. Fishing Contest Rules

Proposal: This proposal would change the date for submission of fishing contest permit applications for the following year from November 1 of each year to July 1 of each year. The proposal would also allow contests to last 4 consecutive days instead of 3.

Testimony:

The Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club does not support any expansion of fishing contests - regardless of species.

More for bass tournaments than walleye – no problem with the change. Probably wouldn't have a 4-day tournament.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

REQUESTS, ASSIGNMENTS

#20. Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Daily Limit- Buoy 10 Line to Hwy 395 Bridge at Pasco

Proposal: This proposal would combine daily limit for salmon and steelhead in this part of the Columbia River as follows: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 may be adult salmon or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Salmon minimum size 12"; steelhead minimum size 20".

Testimony:

I would only make this change if the data on fish returns supports it.

There is a big salmon run in the Columbia River right now. Why are you cutting the daily limit?

Salmon fishers bring in more money than any other kind of fishermen by a factor of 3. Why cut their limit?

Season is over when fish turn dark. Seldom catch steelhead when fishing for salmon.

OK with it unless Oregon changes.

Tough to make a trip for only 2 fish.

Can see why enforcement would want the same rules for concurrent waters.

This is contradictory to all the proposals just listed where we said we need to get hatchery fish out of the system. Why are we decreasing the amount of hatchery fish people would take? And why would we want to match rules with Oregon? They can match our rules. Still mad about Oregon shutting down the Willamette while still allowing mainstem fishery for springers.

I support this proposal.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#21. New Marine Protected Area

Proposal: This proposal, developed in conjunction with staff of the State Parks and Recreation Commission (Parks), would create a new Marine Protected Area near Saltwater State Park in southern King County. The area would be closed to all recreational fishing for fish (including salmon and bottomfish), shellfish, and unclassified marine fish and invertebrates year-round. NOTE - clam and oyster harvest is

currently closed in the entire park. Parks will mark the boundaries of the area with buoys in the water and pilings on shore. The proposed area would encompass about 300 feet of the park's 1445 feet of shoreline, and would run out about 1200 feet from the high tide line. The map below shows the area of the proposed closure.

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

This would close a prime area that people use when wading for crabs. Should leave this activity open. SCUBA divers don't use the intertidal area anyway. Could close the part beyond mean low tide line.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#22. Statewide Opening Day of Stream Fishing

Proposal: The Fish and Wildlife Commission requested this proposal be brought forward for public review and comment. It would change the statewide opening day for stream fishing from June 1 to the 1st Saturday in June. (NOTE: - streams with opening dates other than the current statewide June 1 are not affected by this proposal).

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club. A minor change that may benefit outward migration of anadromous species.

MY CONCERN: Not everyone has weekends off. Leave day alone or move it back to Memorial Day Weekend if you want to increase participation.

Rule #22 would have a negative effect on the hatchery summer run steelhead catch on the Skykomish River. Because of hatchery changes the department put in place, Reiter Pond fish are returning earlier. In 07 the hatchery collected over 200 fish before the season opened on June 1st. Either leave the opening date alone or consider opening it on Memorial Day weekend.

Not really in favor. Just makes you fish every year with the "hordes" because it is on a weekend.

Should spread things out by opening on different days of the week.

Either leave the season the way it is, or go to 1st Sat in June to 1st Sat in November. Don't want to lose any fishing time over something like this.

Do not change the opening day of stream fishing. The 1st of June is easy to remember and makes it easy to plan for. Changing the date is just one more regulation that the fishing population has to try to remember and we have enuf problems with the regs now. State regulators should be working to simplify the rules and not add more dates and regs or constantly changing . SIMPLIFY AND DOWNSIZE RULES AND REGS! Thanks for this opportunity to express my thoughts.

I would favor a Memorial Day opening because virtually everybody has the day off work, i.e. it would be crowded, but would not favor those who can fish in mid-week or those that can fish only on weekends.

For the sake of consistency please leave the opening date June 1. In almost all WDF+W openings and closings the openings are the 1st of the month or the 15th. People want consistency.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

#23. Increased Trout Limit on Selected Lakes

Proposal: The Fish and Wildlife Commission requested this proposal be brought forward for public review and comment. It would increase the daily limit for trout from 5 fish to 8 fish on selected lakes. These lakes are proposed to be Park and Blue lakes in Grant County, Williams and West Medical lakes in Spokane County, and Sprague Lake (Adams/Lincoln Co).

Testimony:

Proposal #23, raising the trout limit from 5 to 8 fish on certain lakes is a bad idea. It isn't going to get more people out fishing. What it will most definitely do is deplete the lakes of trout more rapidly. Five fish is a lot of food to take home from these particular lakes, which have some nice-sized fish in them. Leave the limit at five!

Blue Lake Resort Owner says it will be good for business, but only in the short term. He is against it unless more fish are planted in the lake. Has talked to several other folks who feel the same way. Two other resort owners have put their places up for sale, so they didn't come to the meeting.

This rule won't do anything but create a shorter season. People hi-grade the fish already. If they are allowed 8 fish, they will just hi-grade longer; meanwhile they are killing lots of the little fish they release because they are using bait. The birds eat lots of the smaller fish as it is. Either increase plants or require selective gear rules.

Resort owner's concern is that there are only a few good trout years on a lake between re-habs. Used to re-hab every 5 years, now it is 10. If we adopt this rule, 2-3 years down the road the fishery will die off because of all the small fish killed. So the five good years they used to get will become only three.

Could we plant the lake later to avoid the big crowds? No, water temperature is too high. We usually plant just after opening day. This misses a little of the good growing time in the spring, but avoids the impacts of the large opening day crowds catching and "releasing" the small fish.

Others in the Ephrata group stated they would not drive to a lake for 8 trout vs. 5 trout.

This is an exercise in futility. Will just deplete trout in the lakes sooner. Won't serve the intended purpose. This is like when "Free Fishing Weekend" was sold to the Commission by a legislator. It was supposed to sell licenses, but it didn't make a difference at all.

Don't like this for lakes in Region 1 – counterproductive. Won't sell licenses.

One person catches and releases 100 fish/day on Williams Lake with flies.

Would rather have 5 big trout than 8 little ones. We used to have lots of ads about the trophy trout program. Idea is OK as long as it is advertised. Most people only read the pamphlet entry for the lakes they go to, so might not notice the change unless they already fish these lakes.

There is already a problem with certain ethnic groups harvesting huge amounts of fish daily in Moses Lake.

Why jump to 8 fish right away? Should try 6, then 7, then 8 if it is working.

The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club with 135 members opposes increasing trout limits in selected waters. The current limit of five fish is more than sufficient and we do not feel that an increase to eight will bring out more anglers. The most likely result of implementing this regulation will be that existing anglers take home more fish and they will think that they can take eight fish home from other waters that have not been selected.

Please leave the bag limits for these lakes at 5. Fisheries are not ALL about the number of fish harvested.

Staff Recommendation: Do not adopt.

#24. Anti-Snagging Rule

Proposal: This proposal would replace the current non-buoyant lure restriction with a new anti-snagging rule. The anti-snagging rule requires the use of a single hook on all gear (floating or sinking, with or without bait), and requires that all salmon and steelhead be hooked in the mouth in areas where it is in effect. Other game fish may be hooked in the mouth or on the head.

Testimony:

I am opposed to rule change proposal #24. Requiring salmon and steelhead to be hooked inside the mouth is not a rule change needed for protection of wild stocks or to meet ESA protections. It in fact has a negative affect on wild stocks, because the angler harvest in rivers on non-biting salmonids will be reduced. In rivers with high turbidity, such as the Puyallup, or rivers with extreme clarity and spooky, non-biting salmon, such as the Skokomish, sport harvest is done largely by lining or flossing. In lining, the angler uses a long leader and casts across the river. As the gear drifts downriver the line swings into the salmons mouth and slides until the hook or bobber hits the fishes mouth. The angler then feels the fish and sets the hook hooking the fish either in the mouth or on the back side of the mouth. This is not snagging and in fact takes considerable skill to execute. This method allows angler harvest of hatchery fish which would otherwise not be caught.

Also many fish taken by freedrifting in the Cowlitz and other rivers and by conventional bank casting may grab a corkie or other lure but the hook may lodge outside the mouth.

Hatchery reform rules to meet wild fish conservation rules adopted by WDF&W in the wild salmon policy require only small numbers of hatchery fish to escape harvest or collection by traps at the hatchery sites. Implementation of this rule would allow more hatchery fish to escape and spawn in the wild.

Don't adopt this rule. Create a new rule to clarify the confusion with the non-buoyant lure restriction, while still allowing the effective, non-snagging methods now used by anglers.

Strong support by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club -though it won't be effective without more enforcement.

Please note my opposition to the subject Proposed Rule Change #24 -- Anti-Snagging Rule, requiring a fish to be released unless it is hooked in the inside of the mouth is the problem. Single barbless is fine and even hook size my be a better way to reduce snagging at least that part requiring all salmon and steelhead be hooked in the mouth. I believe that ethical harvest of fish is imperative and it infuriates me to see people snagging. I feel that the proposed rule change #24 will be difficult to interpret, difficult to enforce, and is totally unnecessary.

The fisheries where the snagging is taking place is in areas with an abundance of hatchery fish. (These are fish the HSRG directed us to remove from the river) If this rule is passed, many fish currently legal to retain with a selective harvest method would be returned to the river where they may co mingle with wild fish. I have heard they may even suggest gill nets by tribal fishermen to remove surplus fish. The other option is for the hatcheries to produce less fish thus less opportunity for sportsman and commercial fishermen. Many fish caught in rivers like the Puyallup are lined due to the low visibility. The line drags through the fishes mouth and is hooked outside the mouth. Many fish are simply very difficult to catch with any other method. Half of the people fishing a river like the Puyallup for humpies don't even realize these fish are lined. The people are not out trying to snag fish and in fact many situations occur where a fish my take a corky that has slid up the line only to have the hook on the outside corner of the mouth. The tactic of lining fish is difficult at best. When fishing low visibility waters fish strike and shake. This results in a higher than normal number of fish caught on the outside of the mouth. The present requirement of the hook being forward of the gill plate is sufficient to establish that the fish was striking the bait and not snagged.

Enforcement of fishing regulation is done by the public when the rules and regulations are reasonable. I have witnessed fishermen employing illegal tactics being chased off the river by law abiding fishermen. I

think we want to encourage this type of attitude and promote the notion that we must all protect the resource we value so much. Simple rules that are easily interpreted and make sense will be endorsed by the public.

I hope you and others see the reason we should not pass rule 24.

I totally agree with Mark Gabriel (see comment directly above) that Rule 24 should not pass. While my blood boils when I see people snagging fish I believe that many fish are "lined" or "flossed" particularly in colored water. Migratory salmon & steelhead with a hook on the inside or just outside of the mouth should be legal to keep. My guess is that most fishermen don't realize that their fish didn't actually bite...I'd guess that 75% of the fall salmon caught in the Carbon & Puyallup are flossed.

I oppose incorporating Rule 24. My understanding the ESA guidelines limits the number of hatchery fish allowed. If Rule 24 is incorporated it eliminates one method of catching non-biting salmon in many rivers thus increasing unharvested hatchery salmon which must be harvested to meet ESA guidelines. Flossing these salmon is way to control the number of hatchery Salmon from our rivers to protect the wild runs.

I am opposed to the subject Proposed Rule Change #24 -- Anti-Snagging Rule, at least that part requiring all salmon and steelhead be hooked in the mouth. I support the provision requiring use of single barbless hooks with or without bait.

I do support efforts for anti-snagging. This rule will not decrease the snagging. It is difficult to spot a fish that is foul hooked by the proposed rule because a fish hook in the side of the mouth can only be observed up close. Foul hooked fish not in the head are generally easily spotted by the person fishing and others in the general area. There are other ways to achieve the same or similar results. Limit the length of the leader, size of hook etc.

The majority of the rivers where this new rule is proposed are rivers with healthy hatcheries. The hatchery fish will need to be caught by recreational anglers or commercial fisherman to avoid excess.

Bottom line: Drop further consideration of proposed rule change #24; Increase enforcement, and promote more peer group pressure against snagging through sports club supported public education. Increasing the fines for snagging may help too.

Maybe you should just close the season down completely, this whole thing is ridiculous:

I've fished for Salmon in the Columbia in every way, pulling plugs, jigging, throwing spoons and using bait. The salmon (not the Steelhead as much) will hook themselves when they slap at the lure. I was fishing last weekend at the Lyle, WA when a fisherman was casting and retrieving a plug foul hooked a fish that he had to release. We are getting to many rules, not even the enforcement officers can keep them straight. Lets come up with a simple solution.

Reduce the daily catch limit to 1 Salmon and a yearly limit of 6 (Separate limits for spring and fall). You can also require barbless hooks like they do on the Snake River. Allow fisherman to purchase for \$25 a foul hooked catch card, but his annual limit is still 6. Require that all salmon caught must be kept. It's the releasing of the fish after a big fight (especially salmon) that creates a problem. This way you catch one fish and you are done. No questions, easy enforcement and more money in the state coffers.

The way it is now the "purists" complain because a fish is foul hooked, but they fight a fish for an hour and release it. You still have to have rules against abuse, but fisherman will monitor that to a degree.

The fact is fisherman pay a lot of money for gear, travel, licenses, etc to travel to the Columbia River to catch a salmon. We should make it easier not more difficult to catch a fish. I know from my prospective I will probably stop fishing for salmon if this goes through. My self a boat owner and my friends just spent around \$2,500 for licenses, food, lodging, gear and fuel traveling to fish the Columbia near Lyle. We brought home 3 salmon and fished very hard. We caught 10 but had to release 7 because they were foul hooked. We trolled, jigged and bait fished. We foul hooked fish both trolling and jigging and hooked nothing bait fishing. We caught more fish than anyone there. All I'm saying is you make the rules, change the rules and soon no one wants to buy licenses any longer.

Thank you for allowing us to give our opinion.

I have no problem replacing the current non-buoyant lure restriction where there is a salmon and steelhead season in place to ease enforcement issues. To apply this to all locations and species would be overly restrictive and completely change the face of fishing in freshwater.

It does no good to make new snagging laws when you do not enforce the ones you have. I sit at the bench on the white salmon river and watch the snaggers on a daily basis at the mouth of the river or up in the river. you can also view these fine fishermen at Drano lake. Thursday evening I counted 26 people ripping lead wts and or crippled herrings with large treble hooks thru the water. some use their fish finders to locate them then rip thru them jigging at an angle as the boat trolls. You need to rack these people and make it too expensive to get drunk and screw up the fishing. We went by the White Salmon today and it was stacked with snaggers in boats and some on the bank and in the river with 2oz sinkers, corkies and treble hooks trying to snag the jumping fish. It's great you see the problem but I am not sure wasting time making new laws to not enforce is the answer.

I am writing to express my opposition to proposed rule #24, the Anti-Snagging Rule, as written. If implemented, it will eliminate salmon fishing by sportsmen in many rivers, especially turbid rivers such as the Puyallup. It will also decrease the effectiveness of sportfishers catching hatchery steelhead by freedrifted in many rivers such as the Cowlitz.

This rule, because it hampers sportfishing success, does not support the HSRG's recommendations to remove as many hatchery fish from areas where they might mingle with wild fish. In many rivers, lining and freedrifted are the only successful angling methods for legally harvesting non-biting salmon and steelhead. I oppose intentional snagging and find it destructive and repulsive. Snagging can seriously injure a fish whereas fish hooked forward of the gillplate (as the current rules allow) are rarely injured. Passing this rule as written serves no conservation objectives and is detrimental to the aims of the HSRG.

I read Joseph Madrono's e-mail to you (see paragraph above) and my wife and I totally agree with his input. Please carry the same message forward to the fisheries from me and my wife Irene. We are very involved in habitat restoration and other sports fishing activities such as kids fishing derbies, river clean up, cast for kids, etc. We appreciate that the department is listening more to the sport fishing community on such important proposed rule changes. Thank you for listening.

I'm writing to get a clarification on the new anti snagging rule, which initially seems equally as confusing as the non-buoyant lure restriction, which depending on where your lure floats or not you can either use treble hooks, or single hooks. If I am reading the proposed rule correctly, treble hooks would not be legal in all the areas listed. If this is correct, I am completely against this proposed rule. Many of the larger rivers currently listed are fished with plugs, the plugs are much more effective at hooking fish, when they are used with treble hooks. And following the WDFW stance on hatchery fish, which is to remove as many as possible from the river I do not see how making it more difficult for anglers to catch and retain these fish falls in line with that plan. It is already illegal to snag fish, I do not see why we need a new rule. What I would like to see in the regs is under a river or marine area a checklist of what is legal to use for gear. See below.

For example

Snoqualmie River

Salmon sept 1 - dec 16 Daily limit 2 coho only

Bait (Yes) Number of hooks (1) Barbs (NO) Treble Hooks (NO)

Duwamish waterway

Salmon sept 16th - Oct 1 Daily limit 3 coho only

Bait (YES) Number of hooks (2) Barbs (Yes) Treble Hooks (YES)

I believe if some type of information like this were in the regs, then there would be much less confusion. This new rule will not help to prevent snagging, by eliminating treble hooks, plenty of people effectively snag fish with single barbless hooks, I have seen it on numerous rivers, because trebles are already banned there. Eliminating the use of treble hooks, will definitely hamper angler effectiveness to retain hatchery fish, and do little to prevent snagging. Fisherman that snag and retain those fish already know

they are breaking the law, simply adding another rule will not stop those people, only more enforcement will.

MY CONCERN: This rule is fine with me as long as WDFW in the future exempts squid. So far no current area under a non-buoyant lure closure has a squid jigging fishery.

I'm opposed to modifying this rule. If the intent is to reduce snagging, I don't see why I shouldn't be allowed to run treble hooks on my plugs. It is nearly impossible to snag a fish with a floating plug. If the rule is too confusing as is, maybe it should be changed to single hooks on everything except floating plugs.

Triple hooks, just ban them. All these separate regulations will only serve for confusion and fisherman wasting tax dollars and man time disputing them in court and winning.

Please record my opposition to the subject Proposed Rule Change #24 -- Anti-Snagging Rule, at least that part requiring all salmon and steelhead be hooked in the mouth. However, I support the provision requiring use of single barbless hooks with or without bait.

While I strongly oppose snagging, this is not the way to achieve the objective of gaining clarification of the "non-buoyant lure restriction." That is simply requires a public education initiative by WDFW. Most sports fishing organization would be willing to help the department with such an initiative. It makes no sense to "throw the baby out with the bathwater" in a miss-guided attempt to deal with a public education issue. I can't believe those WDFW staff advocating this rule have ever fished rivers for salmon. Rigorous enforcement of the current rule allowing retention of salmon and steelhead hooked in the head pretty much would achieve the anti-snagging objective. Peer angler pressure can be pretty effective too based on my observations of fisheries in the Skokomish, Puyallup and Nisqually rivers.

Most river salmon fisheries are focused on excess returns of hatchery salmon where WDFW and the HSRG are concerned about adverse genetic impacts from cross breeding with wild salmon. Adopting Rule Change #24 will most likely result in significant reduction in hatchery fish removal as fewer anglers will fish and much fewer hatchery fish will be retained by selective means -- contrary to ESA recovery objectives. Federal court rulings suggest that increased tribal non-selective gill net fisheries may result -- under the foregone opportunity doctrine -- if non-tribal fisheries can not accomplish adequate removal of excess hatchery. This would simply kill more wild salmon and steelhead, an unintended consequence of adopting Rule Change #24. Or, more likely, hatchery salmon production would have to be significantly reduced or eliminated. This would acerbate the ongoing decline in sport fishing and reduce badly needed license fee revenues.

Bottom line: Drop further consideration of proposed rule change #24. Increase enforcement, and promote more peer group pressure against snagging through sports club supported public education. Increasing the fines for snagging may help too.

I am concerned with the Proposed Rule Change #24 -- Anti-Snagging Rule, requiring all salmon and steelhead be hooked in the mouth. As a "hook and line" sport fisherman, I greatly appreciate the current ruling of retaining a salmon / steelhead hooked forward of the gill plate. The methods used by sport fisherman to catch these great fish have been honed over many years. There are those times when a hooked fish is not hooked directly in the mouth. Weather the fish missed the strike or the line worked its way into the mouth during the drift, it is difficult to predict. Either way the fish was hooked fairly. Please do not allow this change to take effect. All hook and line fisherman should be able to retain fish hooked forward of the gill plate. I am not in support of purposely snagging fish, please don't misunderstand. In fact purposely snagging fish is a crime and should be matched with stiff penalties. That is why I am in favor of single barbless hooks. Wouldn't it be a "great day" if all non-sport fisherman (commercial and tribal) did the same. Just think of how great our fishery would be then.....

Please note my opposition to the subject Proposed Rule Change #24 --Anti-Snagging Rule, requiring a fish to be released unless it is hooked in the inside of the mouth is the problem. Single barbless is fine and even hook size may be a better way to reduce snagging at least that part requiring all salmon and steelhead

be hooked in the mouth. While it infuriates me to see people snagging this is not the best way to gain clarification for the no buoyant lure restriction. That is simply requires a public education initiative by WDFW. As the President of the SOF chapter of PSA I feel rule 24 would be a huge mistake. The fisheries where the snagging is taking place is in areas with abundance of hatchery fish. (Fish the HSRG directed us to remove from the river) If this rule is passed many fish, currently legal to retain with a selective harvest method, would returned to the river where they may co mingle with wild fish. I have heard they may even suggest gill nets by tribal to remove surplus fish. The other option is for the hatcheries to produce less fish thus less opportunity for sportsman and commercial. Many fish caught in rivers like the Puyallup are lined due to the low visibility. The line drags through the fishes mouth and is hooked outside the mouth. Many fish are simply very difficult with any other method. Half the people fishing river like the Puyallup for humpies don't even realize these fish are lined. The people are not out trying to snag fish and in fact many situations occur where a fish my take a corky that has slid up the line only to have the hook on the outside corner of the mouth. I hope you and others see the reason we should not pass rule 24.

I saw the proposed rule change # 24 today and would like to register my opinion. I am definitely against this change. I fish in many of the rivers that would be affected by this change. I understand wanting to maintain the wild fish spawning and understand that the hatchery fish can intermingle with them rather than return to the hatchery. I believe we sportfishermen should be allowed to use the technique of lining or free drifting to catch these hatchery fish and reduce the chance of them spawning in the rivers with the wild stock. These fish do not bite and therefore letting us continue to use the method we have used for a long time will solve the problem without retreating to the drastic measures mentioned in your proposal. We do want to maintain the hatcheries to enhance the fishing for sportfishermen. Hooking the salmon in the head should be allowed rather than hooking only inside the mouth, seeing as they do not "bite". Hatchery reform has some good ideas, but this would drastically affect our fishing in the future if rule change # 24 were allowed to be passed. I would like to make sure that we have an opportunity to continue fishing in these rivers. Please consider deleting this proposed change to our successful hatchery program. Allow us to continue to solve the problem by allowing us to harvest these hatchery fish by giving us the ability to hook them in the head. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

While many of my colleagues oppose this rule, I am of a different opinion. The rule as written is anti sports and pro fish. I am not in favor of any proposal that diminishes the sports take or reduction in opportunity, however in saying that I am in favor of preventing the illegal snagging by the few that choose to practice this act. I suggest a restriction on leader length, to something in the neighborhood of twenty four inches and no more. I suggest keeping the right to retain all fish as long as the hooking is only forward of the gill plates as is now the rule. The practice of "lining" is in my opinion un-sportsmen like and has no place in legal fishing practice. "Lining" employees a leader some thing longer than 4 feet and with my proposed regulated leader length, the intent of the rule #24 can be revised and implemented.

Salmon and steelhead will take a blade bait, even if you say you are fishing for warmwater fish.

Have no problem with the rule as it is. This rule isn't simpler. Shop owner explains the old rule to people all the time. This is more complicated.

Why do you want to apply this to buoyant lures too? They are not used for snagging. All the gear manufacturers are not going to change their hooks for this rule

In shallow water (Hood Canal streams) you can snag fish with a buoyant lure.

There was a lot of enforcement of the NBL rule on the Okanogan last year.

What about salmon fishers who want 2 hooks for cut-plug herring?

This rule is really a compromise between snagging protection and allowing warm-water fishers to use their gear on the mainstem Columbia.

Should restrict hook size also.

Circle hooks wouldn't work on most lures.

This proposal would make salmon fishing impossible in the Puyallup – it's too muddy for the fish to see the bait.

Most anglers at the Spokane meeting were OK with the rule. Some expressed the opinion that they expected the area in the Columbia to expand every year.

This rule won't stop snagging. Things we need to add to the proposal: 1) don't allow corkies below the hook. 2) don't allow weight below the hook. Otherwise anglers create a "rake" with two weights and the hooks and corkies in-between. This is pulled through the water to snag the fish.

I would like to thank WDFW for the opportunity to comment on the anti-snagging regulations proposal. First, although I believe the intent of this law is good, there have been anti-snagging regulations in place for over fifty years, and there continues to be issues in certain areas with snagging. Passing this regulation will not change that. As salmon mature and enter river systems, they go through hormonal changes that cause them to stop feeding. Many of the best techniques for catching river salmon revolve around the use of lures, such as spoons, spinners, and plugs that elicit an aggressive response from salmon. Oftentimes, when salmon go to strike these lures, they are hooked outside of the mouth: in the head, under the chin, and from the outside of the mouth pointing in. The proposed regulation change would make retaining one of these fish illegal. In addition, the proposed regulation change would make it illegal to use more than one, single point hook. Many of the lures used to catch salmon legitimately in rivers are designed by the factory to run with more than one hook (as well as treble hooks), and removing hooks causes them to be "out of tune" and are not as effective at catching salmon.

The existing regulation has been in place by many years and is understood by most experienced anglers. New anglers are often confused with the non-buoyant lure restriction, but I feel this could be explained better in the regulation pamphlet, rather than passing new regulations that further restrict legitimate sport fisherman. For example, one of the biggest sources of confusion is whether or not a standard "corkie and yarn" drift fishing rig is a non-buoyant lure or not, since the corkie itself floats, yet often when rigged with the hook and yarn the whole setup will sink, depending on the combination of corkie, yarn, and hook. Clarification of this in the pamphlet would eliminate the vast majority of question by the general angling public, and allow anglers to be in compliance with this rule.

An example of how to present this in the pamphlet, under the already existing non-buoyant lure restriction in the pamphlet:

Spoons and Spinners: Sinking lure

Floating drift rigs such as corkies" Buoyant lure

Plugs: Buoyant lure

Flies and jigs: Sinking lure

Eggs, Baitfish, Worms, and Shrimp: Buoyant lure (to allow herring and egg fishermen the traditional two single hook rigs)

Currently, most river systems with hatcheries have surplus salmon returning with great fishing opportunities that are accessible to those without boats, that are paid for by sport fishing license sales. Passing this proposal will further restrict the legitimate sport fisherman from harvesting their fair share of salmon, while commercial and tribal fisherman continues their use of non-selective nylon monofilament gill nets. I believe a more pragmatic approach is to manage the snagging issue on a watershed-by-watershed basis, rather than a blanket rule that affects all areas that already have the non-buoyant restriction (which is most of the rivers that offer salmon harvest opportunities). If there are specific areas that are problems, enact rules or closures specific for that fishery (and enforce them), rather than restricting all river salmon fishermen.

Passing Rule #24, the Anti-Snagging Rule, serves no conservation objectives and is detrimental to the aims of the HSRG. The HSRG recommended that as many hatchery salmon and steelhead as possible be removed from rivers before they have a chance to mingle with wild fish. In many rivers, lining and freedrifted are the *only* successful methods for legally harvesting non-biting salmon and steelhead. Rule #24 would eliminate lining for salmon in turbid rivers like the Puyallup. It would also eliminate freedrifted on the Cowlitz, Skykomish, Lewis, and other major rivers, reducing the success of many amateur anglers and almost every professional salmon and steelhead fishing guide in Western Washington. The G Loomis 1141 fishing rod was designed specifically for freedrifted and remains their most popular rod in their salmon/steelhead line. Saltwater sportsmen often troll erratically moving baits with double hooks. The bottom hook frequently hooks salmon in the head. Under this rule, these fish would have to be released as well.

This is a bad rule. Intentional snagging is illegal today and should continue to be enforced. But fish hooked forward of the gill plate (as the current rules allow) are rarely injured. Please don't criminalize accepted angling techniques that are often the only way to harvest non-biting fish. (3 identical letters)

I oppose rule #24, the Anti-Snagging Rule, as it is currently written. It would eliminate lining for salmon by sportsmen in turbid rivers like the Puyallup. It would eliminate freedrifted on the Cowlitz. Many salmon are harvested in saltwater when trolled barbless hooks on erratically moving bait hook a fish in the head or gillplate. These fish would have to be released, lowering the harvest of hatchery salmon.

This rule, because it reduces sports harvest, does not support the HSRG's recommendations to remove as many hatchery fish before they have a chance to mingle with wild fish. In many rivers, lining and freedrifted are the only successful angling methods for legally harvesting non-biting salmon and steelhead. I oppose intentional snagging and find it destructive and repulsive. Snagging can seriously injure a fish, but fish hooked forward of the gillplate (as the current rules allow) are rarely injured. Passing this rule as written serves no conservation objectives and is detrimental to the aims of the HSRG. I urge you to not approve this rule as written.

I am writing to express my opposition to proposed rule #24, the Anti-Snagging Rule, as written. If implemented, it will eliminate salmon fishing by sportsmen in many rivers, especially turbid rivers such as the Puyallup. It will also decrease the effectiveness of sportfishers catching hatchery steelhead by freedrifted in many rivers such as the Cowlitz.

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Rule #24, the Anti-Snagging Rule, is a bad rule. I think intentional snagging should still be illegal because it's very harmful to fish. But fish hooked forward of the gillplate (as the current rules allow) are rarely injured. Please don't criminalize accepted angling techniques that are often the only way to harvest non-biting fish.

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Don't pass Rule #24, the Anti-Snagging Rule! It serves no conservation objectives and is detrimental to the aims of the HSRG. They recommended that hatchery salmon and steelhead be removed from rivers before they have a chance to mingle with wild fish. In many rivers, lining and freedrifting are the *only* successful angling methods for legally harvesting non-biting salmon and steelhead.

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I am responding to an opportunity you have given fishermen to comment on new regulations, particularly snagging. First, I want to say that I believe that it goes on a lot more than many officials are aware of. I fish a lot, around 100 days a year. I fish rivers like the Skykomish, Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Stillaguamish, and Skagit. I witness lots of snagging, especially for Silvers and Pinks all during the season and these people that do the snagging have no conscience. Sometimes it appears that more fowl hooked fish are caught than fair hooked ones! This needs to stop.

My ideas are to enforce the laws, whatever that takes. Snaggers are not on the honor system. Don't make laws that can't be enforced properly. Also post the laws and the consequential fines that will result in violation at tackle stores, in the regulation pamphlet (front page) and even fishing locations. Promote awareness of the rules and shame to those who violate them. Maybe even put up posters in sporting goods stores with a message like, "There is no honor in snagging fish" or " Snagging fish carries a fine of \$125.00 ". Anyway, good luck with this stuff, and thanks for the opportunity,

Why not take a different approach to the snagging issues on the rivers. Take the Quilcene for example. There is a 4 fish limit and they must be hooked in the mouth by a single barbless hook. There are fishermen shoulder to shoulder in places on that river. Tensions run high and everyone gets aggravated. Why not allow snagging, which nearly everyone does anyway and make it a one or two fish limit. That way people get in there, get their fish and get out. The summer chum can still be protected because people would be able to individually target the coho on sight, much like the difference between shooting a doe vs. a buck. Then you can take strict enforcement against those who target chum and fishermen can have a chance at catching fish on a river that happens to be a terminal coho fishery.

I do find #24 a problematic issue. I haven't seen any draft wording for the WAC so it is hard for me to look at it from an enforcement perspective. I understand what is trying to be done, but it looks like it could be hard to explain to folks.

I oppose this proposal and really oppose snagging. However, the "flossing" technique is very productive and can be a non-invasive method of reducing surplus hatchery production in our rivers. The HSRG has made it clear that removing hatchery fish from interacting with wild fish is a critical tool to increasing wild fish genetics. This method of fishing generally hooks fish in the mouth or just outside the mouth and doesn't do significant harm to wild fish which are encountered. It is not at all like the general perception associated with "snagging".

Will hurt guides on Cowlitz – fish are hooked on the outside of the mouth. Lining is not snagging. Should change the definition of snagging – these 2 rules are tied together. If you want to harvest hatchery fish per HSRG – you need to be able to hook outside the mouth. Should prohibit people who are constantly jerking the line trying to snag fish. What about a hook and a corkie – fish grabs it and gets hooked on the outside of the mouth? Allow folks to retain salmon hooked in the head. Another compromise would be within 1 inch of the mouth instead of forward of the gill plate. Will preclude all the good fishing. Guides, sport clubs and WDFW employees asked him to speak to this. The nature of fishery management these days is to be complicated. No problem with single pointed hook. Can modify plugs to use them. Non-buoyant lure rule was "difficult." Not a big problem on the Puyallup – should only use where it is really bad.

I have some comments to make after reflecting on our discussions last night on rule proposal #24. (See comment above). I am opposed to rule #24 but am also opposed to the current snagging definition for the reasons below.

Snagging in my definition is the repeated jerking of your fishing line and use of hooks and weights to foul hook a fish in any part of the body and haul it in usually taking a long time and causing stress or physical damage to the fish even if released. This definition should also be changed to allow the lining fishing method.

The present method used by many fishermen to catch mature non-biting Salmon nowadays (lining) is to use a long leader and lure (usually a corkie) and hook which when cast across the stream and swung downstream in the current lodges in the fishes mouth and slides the lure and hook to the mouth whereby the angler feels the fish throbbing and sets the hook, hooking the fish sometimes in the mouth, but often in the head in front of the gillplate. Catching a fish this way takes considerable skill, in fact more skill than hooking a fish in the mouth with bait. I personally can't catch many fish this way because I don't have a sensitive enough feel to sense the line going into the fishes mouth but I still respect the young anglers who are good at it. This method is used from the bank and in freedrifting large rivers such as the Cowlitz, Lewis, or Snake.

Lining or flossing is used in just about all the major Salmon river in WA and also for steelhead via freedrifting. These salmon rivers in my opinion are used by the majority of the anglers fishing for salmon and Steelhead (more fishermen do this than fish in the salt and we move gradually to fishing near or in the river of origin to avoid mixed stock fisheries. Most of the younger fishermen; your clients of today and tomorrow do this. There are typically 1000 anglers on the Puyallup, Skokomish, Cowlitz and Toutle rivers every day during Salmon season fishing this way for example.

Some view this as unethical or unsporting. It is new, but definitely ethical and very sporting.

Some view this as anti-conservation. Wrong, because HSRG requires the excess hatchery fish be culled out to avoid crossing with wild, more fit fish. Banning this would hurt the wild stocks. It has been my experience that when a wild fish is caught by this method, the angler in almost all cases releases the fish carefully.

When I discussed this with you last night we talked about the classes of rivers where you have to do this to catch fish.

#1 Type- Quilcene tidewater-Low, clear and nonbiting fish where sight fishing is employed to swing a fly or lure into the fishes mouth or head in front of the gillplate.

#2 type-Puyallup Dirty river where fish cannot even see the lure and the only way to catch fish is by lining.

#3 type Cowlitz where freedrifting with 6 foot leaders is used by guides and private boaters.

#4 type Low & clear river with non-biting fish where the only way to catch fish in most cases is to line the fish.

There are very few rivers on the whole list where this rule would not preclude most Salmon angling. Enforcement- I see no problem with enforcement now. The snaggers are easy to identify now and are being caught now and prosecuted. I saw this happen on the Skokomish this year and Craig cited an example where the true snaggers were caught and prosecuted on the Wind.

Does WDF&W want to stop river Salmon angling?

Do you want to let more hatchery fish stray and spawn with the wild fish and degrade the wild genetics?

Do you want to lose angler support and revenue?

Do you want to make a global change with no real impact to enforcement? In fact it may even complicate enforcement because the enforcement must rush over to each angler to see where in the head the fish was hooked before the hook is removed requiring more officers which you don't have now and will not get?

Then by all means implement this rule.

My comments reflect the positions of sportsmen, fish clubs, guides, and hatchery managers and biologists. You received more comments against this change than any other in the cycle.

You should stop this change now and spend some time rethinking the goals of conservation, and ethics and public opinion and either drop it now or hold off until the next major cycle and craft a regulation change with input from advisors that will achieve the goals without killing the fishery.

No on Dumb, Dumb, Dumb Proposed Rule #24. If anything, after reading all the negative responses on the subject proposed rule, I am even more hard over against its adoption in any form. See my written comments already provided to you during the prior public process.

Following is an addendum to my comments to just make sure it is part of the written record. I called Craig Burleigh on November 13 at 8:15 a.m. and shared the same opposition message. Also, I advised that if WDFW persisted in trying to get this rule approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission we would talk to the commissioners before they acted on the rules to persuade them to reject #24. Craig agreed to share my input with you and the other key WDFW players on this issue.

Again, to be very clear, none of us opposing #24 are for snagging and speak out against that practice when we occasionally see someone appearing to be doing that. We and other anglers call out where a fish is hooked to put pressure on anyone considering keeping an illegally hooked fish to release that fish as safely as possible.

Modification: Terminal gear limited to one single point hook unless fishing from a floating device, when two single point hooks may be used. Hooks must be $\frac{3}{4}$ " gap or less and attached to or below lure or bait. Weights may not be attached below or less than 12" above the lure or bait.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as modified.

#25. Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend Stream Openers

Proposal: The Fish and Wildlife Commission requested this proposal be brought forward for public review and comment. It would open some areas to fishing the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend rather than the statewide opening date in June. The areas are: Roosevelt Lake tributaries between Grand Coulee Dam and State Highway Bridge at Northport except Barnaby Ck, Nancy Ck and tributaries and tributaries listed in Special Rules; Colville River from bridge at the town of Valley upstream and all tributaries, Kettle River, Roosevelt Lake Kettle Arm, and the Little Pend Oreille River.

Testimony:

Supported by Conservation Committee of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.

Don't like the idea. Will just clog up places with campers and fishers and create bottlenecks on the roads.

Would be good in region 4.

Good idea, but be sure to fix the walleye closure in the Kettle Arm to match.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt as proposed.

Testimony on all proposals: Sorry I was unable to attend the meeting. After reviewing the comments you provided, as well as the Departments earlier explanations, I find no reason to disagree with the Departments reasoning in proposing implementation of the rules. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Clint Muns

Director of Resource Management

State Board of Puget Sound Anglers

Columbia River Sturgeon Rules

On December 12, 2008 the Commission adopted The Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Management Policy. On December 18, 2008 a joint state meeting was held where staff from WDFW and ODFW considered how to craft fisheries to implement this policy. Fishing schedules were presented to the public and comments were taken on two different options for the white sturgeon fishery above Wauna and three different options for the fishery below Wauna. These options are detailed below.

Above Wauna (Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, all adjacent Washington tributaries, and the lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel)

Option 1: January 1 – July 31 and October 1 – December 31, 2009

Retention allowed Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only

Option 2: January 1 – September 30 and October 1-December 31, 2009

Retention allowed Fridays and Saturdays only during January-September

Retention allowed Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during October-December

Below Wauna (Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries)

Option 1: January 1 – April 30, May 9 – July 2

Option 2: January 1-April 30, May 9-June 28, and July 2-5

Option 3: January 1 – April 30, May 9 – June 21, June 25-28, July 2-5, July 10-11

Comments: A total of ten people commented on the options provided by staff. In some cases the constituents indicated their preference, but also stated what their second choice would be.

For the fishery above Wauna, eight people provided comments, two of which favored Option 1, one favored Option 2 and five which favored a season other than that recommended by staff.

For the fishery below Wauna, nine people provided comments, seven of which seven supported option 1, one favored Option 2 and one favored Option 3.

Proposal:

- **Buoy 10 to the Wauna powerlines:** Fishing for retention of white sturgeon open seven days per week from Jan. 1 to April 30, from May 9 to June 28, and from July 2-5 or until the harvest guideline is reached. From Jan. 1 to April 30, the fork length of retained sturgeon must be a minimum of 38 inches and a maximum of 54 inches. From May 9 to June 28 and from July 2-5, the fork length of retained sturgeon must be a minimum of 41 inches and a maximum of 54 inches. Catch-and-release fishing allowed May 1-8, June 29 to July 1, and July 6 to Dec. 31.

- **Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam:** Fishing for retention of white sturgeon open three days per week (Thursday through Saturday) Jan. 1 through July 31 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. The fork length of retained sturgeon must be a minimum of 38 inches and a maximum of 54 inches. Catch-and-release fishing allowed Aug. 1 through Sept. 30 and on days when retention is prohibited. All fishing for sturgeon will be closed from May through July in the sturgeon spawning sanctuary downriver from Bonneville Dam 5.5 miles to Navigation Marker 85.

Staff Recommendation: adopt as proposed.

OTHER ISSUES

I know that the rules are in place to protect the species as well as to deter illegal fishing practices. But a recent rule change on the Columbia River that was installed this year has really made a good local spot almost unbearable to fish. The rule change was to deter "foul hooking" or "snagging" of summer and fall run Chinook and keep people from using restricted lures at night. The rule is from Rocky Reach Dam to the furthest point north of Turtle Rock is a non-buoyant lure restriction and night closure. I'm not too concerned about the non buoyant lure restriction more than the night closure. Being an avid fisherman I like to get the chance to drive out to this fishing hole after a long day of work to try my luck at getting the "big one" but as the summer days wear on the night closure makes it almost impossible to have more than a hour of so of fishing or even getting a chance to get a fall runner, not to mention that in years past 90% of the fish that I caught were right around 10:00 at night. This is now impossibility due to the night closure. I fish this hole 2-3 times a week (even more some weeks) and I make sure that I let anglers know of the non-buoyant rule, nothing is more irritating than waiting 30-45 min. for someone to land a foul hook King so that you can legally get one in the mouth and land it in a far less time period. The fact of the matter is that when I first started fishing this hole I was so fed up with the practices and negative attitude of those type of snaggers (I can't even consider them fishermen) I moved down river towards the dam, but I can't even do that anymore since the PUD has made it a trespassing offense to fish below the hatchery creek. So the last few years I've been kind of a steward to this hole, letting people know of the fines and penalties of trying to snag and keeping of snagged fish. This still doesn't mean that a few disregard these rules, but that it is just a personality defect. I have talked to Graham Grant a couple of times when he has visited this particular area, and I can understand that he "doesn't want to babysit this hole." But it really is frustrating to see the irresponsibility of a few ruin the chances for the many. One thing that I did notice this year is that half way through the season the number of anglers coming to this spot is down dramatically. I think that the treble hook snaggers got the clue that they can't snag easily with one hook and only the true anglers were still able to catch fish with just one. Those chinook still can throw a single far more than they can throw a treble, I just makes for more practice and skill. :-)) I hope I haven't take too much of your time or bored you with my rant, but a consideration of removing the night closure would be greatly appreciated by this true fisherman.

Hi how are you doing today? I just wanted to have a little input on one river. That would be the lower section of the Green (Duwamish) River. The section from 1st Ave. South Bridge to Old Hwy. 99/Tukwila Intl. Blvd. For the past few years that has opened on Sept. 1st for silver fishing and last year for kings as well. This year its not opening till Sept. 16th for silvers only. That is all fine with me, except for the fact that the Muckleshoot Indians start netting that same section of the river right about the 15th or 16th. And I don't know if you have ever seen that lower section of the river once they start netting. It is almost impossible to get around in your boat little lone fish. So once they start netting that section is almost unfishable for the sportfishers. So in the past at least the sportfishers would get about 2 weeks to fish before they put all their nets in. Now this year that section doesn't open till the 16th so we aren't going to

be able to fish that section at all from a boat and the bank access in that area is VERY limited. So I and I know a lot of others would like to see that section open on Sept. 1st again or even if it does open on Sept. 16th, could there be an agreement with the Muckleshoot Indians to not start netting for a couple weeks. Thank you for your time and help.

I would like to add a possible change to my local Forks peninsula rivers in that the Bait ban would be lifted as it used to be only two years ago. Really I find it confusing that you allow the take of wild King salmon in our rivers yet do not allow bait to be fished until November 1 for them! The no bait window for most of the rivers below the upper boundaries are now September 1-October 31! I'm not sure what they are trying to protect with that window. I would be interested to know who this rule came from so I can find out why. Please consider this for future proposal to bring the old rules 2006 back. Here is the current rule for one of many rivers I fish.

BOGACHIEL RIVER (Clallam Co.) from mouth to Hwy. 101 Bridge (398)

Wild STEELHEAD retention allowed Dec. 1-Apr. 30. See Wild STEELHEAD RETENTION RULES, p. 37.

TROUT June 1-Apr. 30 Min. size 14". Daily limit 2, except Nov. 1-Feb. 28: up to 3 hatchery

STEELHEAD may be retained.

Other Game Fish June 1-Apr. 30 Statewide min. size/daily limit.

SALMON July 1-Aug. 31 Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release wild adult CHINOOK and wild adult COHO.

SALMON Sept. 1-Oct. 31 Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained. Up to 2 adults may be CHINOOK. Release wild adult COHO. Selective gear rules.

SALMON Nov. 1-Nov. 30 Min size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained. A total of 2 adults may be CHINOOK

Well one thing I wish they could change is, instead of a person salmon/ steelhead limit, I wish they changed it to a boat limit! And maybe let the boat have it's own rod. Example 2 guys went fishing, they got to fish 3 rods. Or just let every one fish 2 rod like most other states!

I have a proposal to close fishing in area 2-2. The sunken part of the Ocean Shores Jetty is a target spot for ling cod when the season is closed. It is one of the last locations that provides a good habitat in 2-2 between the jetties. It needs to be closed to all fishing to protect spawning females of all species of bottomfish. The area needs to be designated a spawning area and closed to fishing to help rejuvenate the populations of all bottom fish.

Stop all netting of sturgeon they kill more fish then they keep. the fish are dead before they can get them out of the nets to let them go. just because they have lot of money to lobby we let them kill are fish. the sport fisherman pay good money to fish and we get the short end of the deal you count all fish we catch even if we let them go the gill nett boat sell the fish before you can even get a count on them. STOP ALL NETS IN ARE RIVERS. STOP WASTING ARE MONEY AND SAVE ARE FISH!!! LET THEM NET OUT IN THE OCEAN

All 10 pages would take me a week to read it all. Why don't you tell me about it when we are fishing. The percentage of catching does not look encouraging according to the Fish Report, however, there are some good or lucky anglers. Which one are we?

Would it be possible to adopt the same type of 2 pole permit as Idaho has? A 2 pole permit for \$10-15 would allow single fishermen like myself to be able to "pattern" what the fish are biting on more efficiently. Right now it can take hours, if not days, for a single fisherman to figure out what the fish are biting on and by that time the pattern can change to something else. It would also bring in extra revenue to aid in the upkeep of parks or pay for personnel. I know the boat dock at Confluence state park in Wenatchee sure could use replacement. Please consider this request. Thank you.

Are you currently looking at a two rod permit on select lakes in Washington, similar to Idaho and Montana? The limits would stay the same and what a revenue maker it would be. This should be looked at.

I would like a 2 pole license with the same bag limit. This would give added revenue to the department and give anglers opportunity to try different methods.

Wild Fish Conservancy provides the following comments on the proposed changes to the 2009-2010 state fishing regulations. (Kurt Beardslee, Executive Director)

We bring to your attention the failure of the proposed changes to address the threat of harassment, indirect take and poaching of migratory bull trout in Icicle Creek (tributary to the Wenatchee River). These threats were brought to the attention of Region 2 staff in late September 2007 by Wild Fish Conservancy and by staff of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Wenatchee office. A meeting of WFC and USFWS staffs with Mr. Joe Miller, Director of WDFW Region 2 was held in Leavenworth in early October 2007 to discuss this threat. In addition, in October 2007 the USFWS provided written comments and recommendations for 2008 rule changes. The concerns and recommendations expressed by both WFC and the Service were ignored in the 2008 rules and continue to be ignored in the proposed changes for 2009-2010.

Bull trout are listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act and state fishing regulations prohibit directly angling for bull trout. The Icicle Creek bull trout population has been identified in the Upper Columbia Bull Trout Recovery Plan as a significant local population, one of seven that make up the Wenatchee core area population. The target annual spawning escapement for each of the seven local populations that is necessary to minimize the risk of extinction that has been identified for each of the seven local populations by the Recovery Plan is 100 spawning pair of migratory-sized (≥ 14 ") bull trout.

As a result of the blockage of migratory fish passage in the vicinity of the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery due to the structures and operations of the Hatchery located in the lower 5 miles of the Icicle basin, until recently migratory bull trout have been excluded from more than 30 miles of prime rearing and spawning habitat in the Icicle Basin and major tributaries upstream of the Hatchery. This has resulted in the largest tributary basin in the entire Wenatchee River basin having the smallest bull trout population of all seven local populations. The overwhelming majority of bull trout that comprise the Icicle population are small bodied (less than 8 inches) resident bull trout the mature, reproductive age members of which are estimated to number fewer than 100. Recent operating changes at the Hatchery since 2002 have contributed to a few large migratory bull trout being able to migrate past the Hatchery and enter the upper basin. The operational changes are minimal with regard to the migrational requirements of large bull trout in the Icicle and Wenatchee River basins and improvements to operations and structures at the hatchery that are affecting native fish migration are the subject of ongoing collaborative processes involving the Department, USFWS, NMFS, WFC, and the Yakama Nation, and of legal actions against USFWS brought by WFC under the ESA. Nonetheless, the first steps in the process of the recolonization of the Icicle basin by migratory bull trout has recently begun.

In 2007 and 2008 fewer than 10 (most likely fewer than 5) migratory sized bull trout have entered the upper Icicle basin by August in an attempt to locate mates and spawn in late September and October. These fish were subject to risk of direct (poaching) and indirect take by recreational anglers in the upper Icicle basin. In August 2007 WFC staff conducting an annual snorkel survey of the mainstem of Icicle Creek observed two migratory-sized bull trout in a plunge pool at the base of a small waterfall located immediately upstream of the Chatter Creek Gorge Trail bridge -- a prominent hiking trail frequented by thousands of hikers during July, August, and September. Between the last week of August and the third week of September hundreds of hikers witnessed two or three large bull trout attempting to jump the falls during a prolonged period of low water. In

late September WFC shot several hours of underwater video documenting these fish. WFC and others also observed anglers with nontrout fishing gear (i.e., gear more suited to steelhead angling) in the vicinity of these falls. Requests to WDFW (Joe Miller) from both WFC and USFWS for an emergency closure of at least this one highly visible location were rejected.

As a result of WFC's documentation of the bull trout at Chatter Gorge Falls in 2007, staff from the Service's fisheries Resources Office in Leavenworth angled at the Falls in late July 2008 to attempt to catch migratory bull trout for the purpose of implanting radio tags to track the fish throughout the basin. One fish was caught and tagged and one other was seen but not caught. This fish was subsequently tracked to a major tributary in further upstream and observed to spawn with a small resident male in early October, then tracked back down to the mainstem in the vicinity of the Chatter Gorge Falls.

In early October 2008 WFC staff conducted several bull trout spawning surveys in the upper reaches of the Icicle and major tributaries. A total of two migratory bull trout-sized redds were identified, separated from one another by more than 4 miles. While hiking back during the first of these surveys staff observed two groups of several anglers each, both equipped the spinning gear appropriate to steelhead and inappropriate for the resident rainbow trout that constitute the principal angling interest in the icicle, whose average size is 6 - 8 inches. One was angling in the large pool below the Rock Island Campground bridge. The other was walking up the Icicle Creek road to the Chatter Gorge Falls from the parking area near the road washout upstream of Ida Creek Campground.

For the past three summers and falls Wild Fish Conservancy has been conducting an intensive field study of the ecology of rainbow trout in the upper Icicle basin. From July through October we have documented feeding habitats, patterns of water temperature, and levels of fish activity at several study reaches throughout the basin, and have conducted regular day and night snorkel survey of our study reaches. Fly angling has been our primary method of getting fish to hand for non-lethal sampling. We have identified a clear seasonal pattern in the activity level of rainbow trout in Icicle Creek. As water temperatures decline and reach 50 degrees Fahrenheit feeding activity drops rapidly and fish begin to hide during the day. This usually occurs by or before Labor Day. By September 10 fishing is poor at best.

The rapid decline in daytime activity and specifically feeding of rainbow is directly relevant to the protection of bull trout in the Icicle basin upstream of the Hatchery facilities. Migratory bull trout need to be protected from poaching and from incidental encounters by responsible trout anglers throughout the entire period of the pre-spawning migration in the upper basin (June - September) as well as during the spawning season (September-October) and during their post-spawning downstream migration.

Short of a complete angling closure, this protection requires two significant changes to the current angling regulations:

1. Complete closure of all known and potential holding/resting pools within the upper basin migration corridor from the Boulder Field at river mile 5.6 to Rock Island Campground bridge. At a minimum this would include the Falls pool immediately upstream of the Chatter Creek Gorge Trail bridge. Other locations include the pools adjacent to Bridge Creek Campground immediately upstream of the cascade reach that begins at the lower end of the campground, and the Rock Island Campground pool immediately downstream of the bridge.
2. Complete angling closure in the Icicle and all of its tributaries upstream of the Boulder Field at RM 5.6 starting September 11. This would require a simple change from the current season that runs through October 31.

We note and emphasize to the Commission that there is no signage regarding bull trout status and angling closure, nor information on how to identify bull trout of all size/age classes that is regularly posted and maintained throughout the Icicle basin. Neither is there any regular or prominent enforcement activity by WDFW in the icicle basin. Both failures place the few migratory bull trout that are leading the recolonization of the Icicle Creek basin at significant risk. Even with appropriate signage and some enforcement presence the risk of poaching is clear and is unlikely to be deterred by these measures that otherwise would be appropriate for the responsible majority of the recreational angling public.

Clearly, this is a large and complex basin, and enforcement staff is limited and stretched very thin throughout the region. But unless WDFW is capable of adequately enforcing angling regulations that themselves appropriately protect listed species from unnecessary take it must employ additional measures, such as area and seasonal closures.

We believe the two measures we have described are necessary and minimal and we urge the Department and the Commission to adopt them and incorporate them into the 2009-2010 regulations. Secondly, we note that implementing the two measures would have little if any practical impact on the angling success of the responsible angling public that regularly fishes upper Icicle Creek. There is plenty of productive rainbow trout water in the immediate vicinity of the campgrounds that would be affected by the suggested measures and there is no significant, consistent, angling for rainbow trout to be had in the basin after September 10.

Wild Fish Conservancy is eager and willing to work with WDFW staff between now and the February 2009 Commission meeting at which the proposed changes and modifications thereto will be adopted to identify and appropriate set of modifications to the current regulations governing Icicle Creek. While we cannot speak for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, based upon recent email exchanges between WFC staff and USFWS staff in the Wenatchee office, we expect that USFWS staff from that office would also be willing to assist in this endeavor.

The normal practice in fish resource management is to limit fishing mortality to those areas and times where there is a reasonable expectation of harvestable surplus. However, since the Commission and Department (WDFW) have decided to continue to manage trout fishing in streams through the OPEN UNLESS CLOSED format – a fundamental technical error- then it at least should be done correctly. WDFW public documents state that “conservation concerns” will be addressed during a “minor cycle” for fishing regulation changes.

One basic mistake is illustrated in your new proposal for Chambers Creek. This is a 149 square mile watershed with many named and unnamed tributaries (mainly Clover, Flett, leach, and Spanaway creeks). None of these tributaries are identified in your proposal so they would continue to be open under BASIC REGULATIONS even though they present the same resource conservation problem that is identified for the Chambers Creek main stem.

Unfortunately, this same basic mistake has been made in existing regulations for a very high percentage of trout streams throughout the State. Only a very small percentage is currently done correctly. For example, one area that is currently done correctly under existing regulations reads as follows: “**Middle Fork Snoqualmie from mouth upstream and all tributaries except Pratt and Taylor rivers.**” For the anadromous trout waters of the Puget Sound basin alone, there are 103 stream reaches where needed protection has not been extended to tributaries – 56 stream reaches with a 14 inch minimum size limit, 24 stream reaches with catch-and-release, and 23 stream reaches that are closed to fishing.

The harvest management responsibility at hand is to manage trout populations in **stream systems**, not stream reaches. This has been the basic foundation for wild trout management throughout North America for at least 50 years. The existing mistake can be corrected in two possible ways – one very hare and one very easy. The hard way would be to expand every existing description

under SPECIAL RULES to include all tributaries unless noted otherwise. The easy way would be to set a new basic regulation stating that all stream reaches identified in SPECIAL RULES include all tributaries unless noted otherwise. Either of these changes would allow WDFW to actually enforce the regulations in practice. Under the existing system, anyone caught with illegal fish can simply claim that they were caught in the nearest tributary system.

The changes suggested for tributary protection **would not** solve the fishing mortality conservation problem created by allowing trout fishing with bait – 30 to 50% mortality per encounter. Currently, 51 of the 56 anadromous trout stream reaches in the Puget Sound Basin with a 14 inch minimum size limit allow trout fishing with bait. The only other area addressed in your proposals is Ohop Creek and this is only included because there will be an estimated 600,000 visitors per year to a new park. However, research in Idaho during the early 1970s demonstrated that 70 to 100% of juvenile steelhead could be removed from each 400 feet of stream with four angler hours of effort. This is a problem that exists wherever people have access to a stream.

Rockfish Conservation in the Strait of Juan de Fuca

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments addressing conservation issues associated with WDFW's and the state of Washington's current sportfishing regulations.

I am providing these comments because I have very serious concerns about the sustainability and biological basis for the current regulations associated with rockfish take in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

I would like to focus my specific comments on two rockfish species in particular at this time: Tiger Rockfish and China Rockfish.

Tiger rockfish live to over 115 years of age. 115 years. Their life history and slow reproduction / recruitment rates make them an inappropriate target for recreational fishing. They are territorial—once they have been removed from an area it may be a long time before new individuals return.



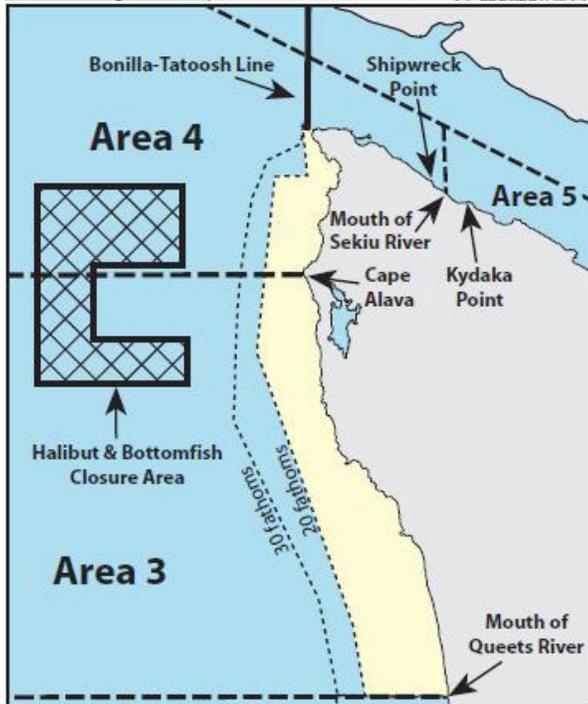
China Rockfish live to at least 75 years of age. China rockfish are a solitary species and territorial species. A study off of Vancouver Island showed that China Rockfish usually move 10 meters (33 feet) or less within their territories.



The follow are excerpts from the current regulations, taken from Page 10 of the current year fishing pamphlet:

Marine Area 4 (*From Cape Alava north and inside Juan de Fuca Strait to the Sekiu River*):

ROCKFISH Year-round No min. size. Daily limit 10. No CANARY or YELLOWEYE may be retained. No retention or possession of rockfish seaward of a line approximating 20 fathoms May 21-Sept. 30 (except when HALIBUT is open). See 20 fathom restriction on previous page.



I am most familiar with the rockfish associated with the portion of Marine Area 4 between Neah Bay and Tatoosh Island (Bonilla-Tatoosh Line). I am a member of the Pacific Northwest Advanced Assessment Team for the NGO REEF (www.reef.org). I am certified as an expert marine fish identifier and underwater surveyor. I was selected to participate in a week long assessment of fish populations in the area between Neah Bay and Tatoosh Island this past August. The team of 8 divers spent 5 days conducting boat dives in this area. I dove two or three sites per day for 5 days.

During the entire 5 day/13 dive site survey effort I detected a total of two Tiger Rockfish, 3 China Rockfish and 2 Canary Rockfish.

This is in strong contrast to the rockfish populations detected in this area only 6 years ago. This is an excerpt from a website describing one of the dive sites we surveyed this year, written back in 2002:

“So what did we find at this site? Tons of critters to keep us entertained. The most noticeable of which were dozens of beautiful cream and black striped Tiger Rockfish accented in red that

use the countless hideouts on the reef to their advantage. As no one knows the name of this ridge, I aptly refer to it as Tiger Ridge. ... But the shy Tiger rockfish weren't the only attraction. ... I usually have no problem identifying at least eight species of rockfish when diving here. *In addition to the Tiger Rockfish, we always encounter brilliant yellow and black [China Rockfish](#) that have taken up sentry position through many portions of the reef, and both [Quillback](#) and [Copper Rockfish](#) hovering in current dead-spots. Huge schools of Black and [Blue Rockfish](#) are a certainty. [Yellowtail Rockfish](#) can sometimes be found schooling, and more often in isolation hiding in a crack or crevice. On every dive here so far, I have also encountered the always spectacular orange and white [Canary Rockfish](#) (a protected species) along this reef. I usually find Canary Rockfish swimming just off the bottom at the base of the ridge in small, loosely organized schools. I feel as though I could dive this site every day. In fact, when I visit Neah Bay, I do dive it every day!"* <http://www.seaotter.com/marine/html/tiger.html>

What a contrast to what is there today, only 6 years later. Two Tiger Rockfish. Not the dozens he detected. One China rockfish, not the many encountered only six years earlier. Very few Copper, Quillback and Yellowtail Rockfish.

In 5 days of surveys in the area Neah Bay to Tatoosh Island I detected a TOTAL of 2 Tiger Rockfish, 3 China Rockfish and 2 Canary Rockfish.

I found Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish more abundant, but their numbers were down to about 5% of their populations from 2002.

Considering the long lives of individual rockfish of these species, their rates of reproduction and survival are quite low. The rates of take allowed by WDFW should be less than replacement rate for each population. Furthermore, rebuilding these populations to their levels of just 6 years ago, even if human predation were stopped, will take a long time.

Permitting and encouraging excessive take of a slow-reproducing species based on the state sportfishing regulations makes no sense whatever. I believe the logic was to transfer some of the fishing pressure off of salmon and on to these species, but that makes no biological or wildlife management sense. These fish are simply being sacrificed, and after they are gone, fisheries managers will be faced with the same problem...

Rockfish, as a major recognizable member of coastal bottom communities, are sought by non-fishing recreational divers. Neah Bay is being developed as a world class cold water diving destination. The Makah tribe and surrounding communities can profit by encouraging and catering to this segment of the diving community.

- **Please exclude Tiger Rockfish and China Rockfish from being allowable target species. Their life history and current population levels can not sustain continued fishing pressure.**
- **Please give serious consideration to managing that portion of Marine Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line to the eastern boundary of the Olympic Coast National Marine as a Marine Watchable Wildlife Area.**

