2014 Summary of Willapa Bay Summer and Fall Commercial Gillnet Fisheries

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The following are in effect for ALL commercial openers in Willapa Bay:

- **Retention of STURGEON is PROHIBITED.** ALL encounters MUST be reported to Wholesale Buyer or Quick Reporting
- **For QUICK REPORTING** (by 10am the day following landing), **NOTICE OF INTENT, and reporting GREEN STURGEON ENCOUNTERS: Fax 360-249-1229; telephone 1-866-791-1280; email harborfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov**
- **Notice of Intent to fish any opener during 2014 is REQUIRED by August 5, 2014.**
- All participants **MUST** have attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and have their department-issued certification card in their immediate possession.

Date and Time	Area	Mesh size stretched	Requirements and gear restrictions:
6:00 AM, Aug. 12 through 6 PM, Aug. 15, 2014	**2N, 2T** (except those waters north of a line from Toke Point channel marker 3 easterly through Willapa Harbor channel marker 13 (green) then northeasterly to the power transmission pole located at 46° 43.1907' N, 123° 50.83134' W), and **2U**	9-inch maximum	**RELEASE STURGEON**
7:00 PM, Aug. 25 through 7:00 AM, Aug. 26, 2014, 7:00 PM, Sept. 1 through 7:00 AM, Sept. 2, 2014, AND 7:00 PM, Sept. 7 through 7:00 AM, Sept. 8, 2014.	**2N** and **2U**	9-inch maximum	
7:00 PM, Sept. 8 through 7:00 AM, Sept. 9, 2014, 7:00 PM, Sept. 9 through 7:00 AM, Sept. 10, 2014, 7:00 PM, Sept. 10 through 7:00 AM, Sept. 11, 2014, AND 7:00 PM, Sept. 14 through 7:00 AM, Sept. 15, 2014.	**2N** and **2U**	6 ½ -inch maximum	**RELEASE ALL WILD (UNMARKED) CHINOOK AND STURGEON** Live boxes are REQUIRED to be used on-board Soak times are limited to 45 minutes (from gear entering the water until fully removed)

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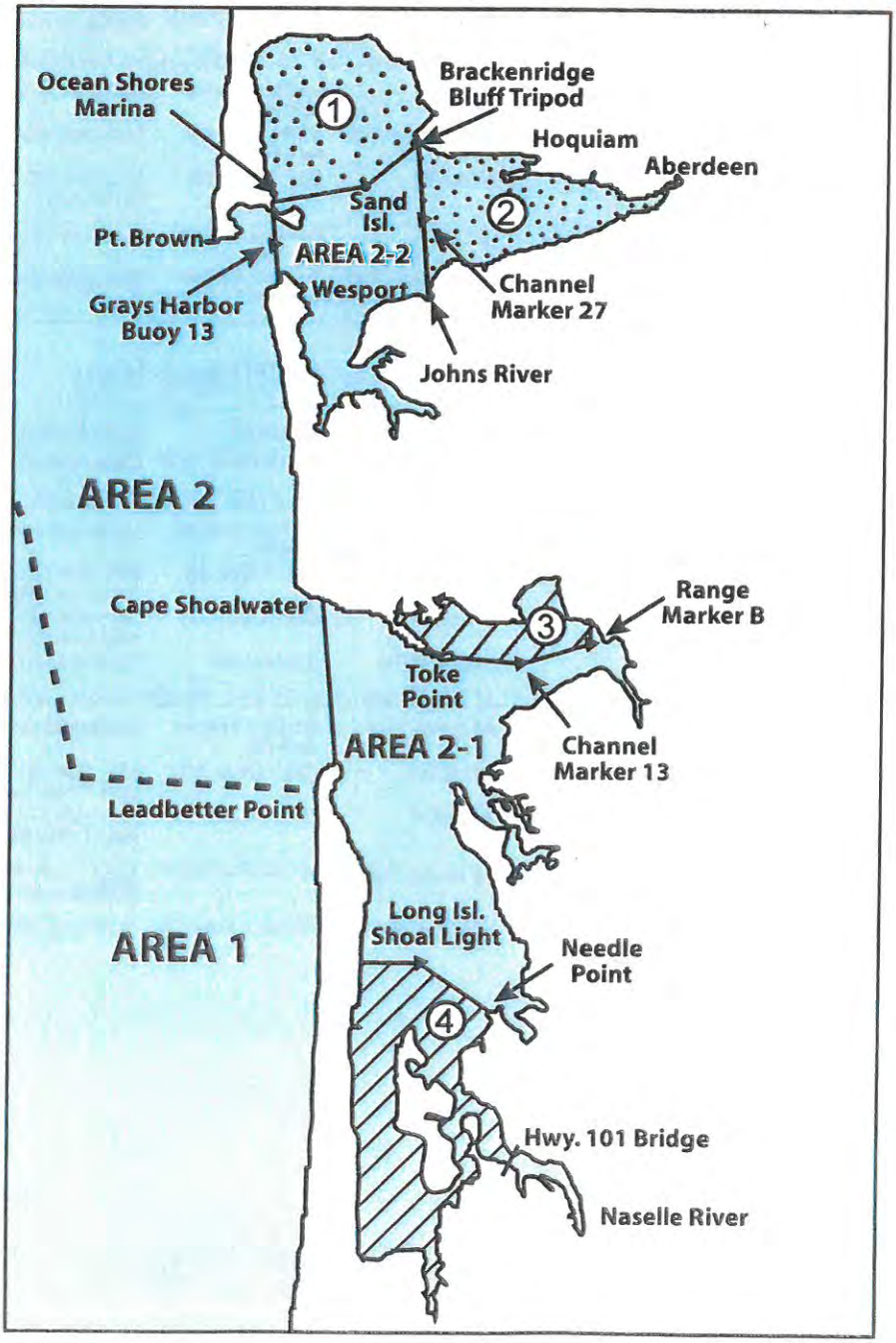
Date and Time	Area	Mesh size stretched	Requirements and gear restrictions:
6:00 PM, Sept. 15 through 6:00 PM, Sept. 19, 2014,	**2M, 2N, 2R**, and **2T** (except those waters north of a line from Toke Point channel marker 3 easterly through Willapa Harbor channel marker 13 (green) then northeasterly to the power transmission pole located at 46° 43.1907' N, 123° 50.83134' W)	6 ½ -inch maximum	**RELEASE ALL WILD (UNMARKED) CHINOOK AND STURGEON** Live boxes are REQUIRED to be used on-board Soak times are limited to 45 minutes (from gear entering the water until fully removed)
6:00 PM, Sept. 15 through 6:00 PM, Sept. 18, 2014,	**2U**	6 ½ -inch maximum	
6:00 PM, Sept. 22 through 6:00 PM, Sept. 26, 2014, AND 6:00 PM, Sept. 28 through 6:00 PM, Sept. 30, 2014	**2M, 2N, 2R**, and **2T** (except those waters north of a line from Toke Point channel marker 3 easterly through Willapa Harbor channel marker 13 (green) then northeasterly to the power transmission pole located at 46° 43.1907' N, 123° 50.83134' W)	6 ½ -inch maximum	**RELEASE STURGEON**
6:00 PM, Sept. 22 through 6:00 PM, Sept. 25, 2014, AND 6:00 PM, Sept. 28 through 6:00 PM, Oct. 2, 2014	**2U**	6 ½ -inch maximum	 **RELEASE STURGEON**
6:00 PM, Sept. 30 through 6:00 PM, Oct. 3, 2014,	**2M, 2N, 2R, and 2T**	6 ½ -inch maximum	
6:00 PM, Oct. 4 through 6:00 PM, Oct. 7, 2014, 12 AM, Midnight, Nov. 2 through 11:59 PM, Nov. 7, 2014, 12 AM, Midnight, Nov. 10 through 11:59 PM, Nov. 14, 2014 AND 12 AM, Midnight, Nov. 17 through 11:59 PM, Nov. 19, 2014.	**2M, 2N, 2R, 2T, and 2U**	6 ½ -inch maximum	

Marine Area 2 - Westport - Ocean Shores

Marine Area 2-1 (Willapa Bay) and Marine Area 2-2 (Grays Harbor)

Marine Area 2 Definition: from Leadbetter Point north to the Queets River, excluding Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor
Marine Area 2-1 (Willapa Bay) Definition: east of a line from Cape Shoalwater to Leadbetter Point
Marine Area 2-2 (Grays Harbor) Definition: east of a line from the tip of the north jetty to exposed end of the south jetty

SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
SALMON - AREA 2	May 31-June 13	CHINOOK - min. size 24". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Release COHO and wild CHINOOK. **Season may close earlier if coastwide guideline of 9,000 CHINOOK is attained.**
	June 14-Sept. 30	CHINOOK - min. size 24". COHO - min. size 16". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Only 1 CHINOOK may be retained. Release wild COHO. **Season may close earlier if quota of 68,380 hatchery COHO or 27,600 CHINOOK guideline is attained. Grays Harbor Control Zone CLOSED beginning Aug. 11, see description on next page.** See wdfw.wa.gov.
AREA 2-1 east of a line from Cape Shoalwater to Leadbetter Pt. (see map next page)	May 31-July 31	Open concurrent with the ocean (Area 2) for SALMON. Area 2 rules apply.
	Aug. 1-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6 (combined). Up to 3 adults may be retained. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM. **Anglers may fish with two poles with Two-Pole Endorsement. Aug. 1-Sept. 15: see ④ South Willapa Bay Area Closure on next page. Aug. 1-Sept. 30: see ③ North River Area Closure on next page.**



① **Humptulips North Bay Fishery**
Northerly of a line running from the south end of the eastern jetty at Ocean Shores Marina, then to a fishing boundary marker on Sand Island (46°57.52'N, 124°03.36'W) then to the Tripod Station located at 46°59.12'N, 124°00.72'W on Brackenridge Bluff.

② **East Grays Harbor Fishery**
Easterly of a projected line from the mouth of Johns River (Hwy. 105 Bridge) to the Tripod Station on Brackenridge Bluff (46°59.12'N, 124°00.72'W) through channel marker 27 (green).

③ **North River Closure**
Aug.1-Sept. 30: closed to salmon angling in waters north of a line from Toke Point channel marker 3 easterly through Willapa Harbor channel marker 13 (green) to range marker "B", then due north to landfall (near Johnson Slough).

④ **South Willapa Bay Closure**
Aug.1-Sept. 15: closed to salmon angling in waters south of a line from Needle Point northwesterly to Long Island Shoal light (green) (46°32.32'N, 123°58.59'W) then due west to landfall on the North Beach peninsula at 46°32.32'N.

Grays Harbor (continued)

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
NEWAUKUM RIVER, MIDDLE FORK (Lewis Co.) from mouth to Tauscher Rd. Bridge *(325)*	TROUT	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Min. size 14". Daily limit 2. No min. size for adipose fin clipped TROUT.
	Other Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit.
NEWAUKUM RIVER, NORTH FORK (Lewis Co.) from mouth to 400' below Chehalis City water intake *(325)*	TROUT	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Min. size 14". Daily limit 2. No min. size for adipose fin clipped TROUT.
	Other Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit.
Lucas and Mitchell creeks (Lewis Co.)	TROUT	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Catch-and-release. Selective gear rules.
	Other Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
NEWSKAH CREEK (Grays Harbor Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
JOHNS RIVER (Grays Harbor Co.) from mouth (Hwy. 105 Bridge) to Ballon Creek *(367)*	ALL SPECIES - *Aug. 16-Nov. 30: single-point barbless hooks required.*		
	TROUT	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Min. size 14". Daily limit 2. No min. size for adipose fin clipped TROUT.
	Other Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Statewide min. size/daily limit.
	SALMON	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6 of which only 1 may be an adult. Release CHINOOK.
from Ballon Creek upstream (including North and South forks) *(367)*	TROUT	First Sat. in June-Sept. 30	Min. size 14". Daily limit 2. No min. size for adipose fin clipped TROUT.
	Other Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Sept. 30	Statewide min. size/daily limit.
	TROUT	Dec. 1-Last day in Feb.	Min. size 14". Daily limit 2. No min. size for adipose fin clipped TROUT.
	Other Game Fish	Dec. 1-Last day in Feb.	Statewide min. size/daily limit.
ELK RIVER (Grays Harbor Co.) from mouth (Hwy. 105 Bridge) to the confluence of East and Middle branches *(342)*	ALL SPECIES - *Aug. 16-Nov. 30: single-point barbless hooks required.*		
	TROUT	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Min. size 14". Daily limit 2. No min. size for adipose fin clipped TROUT.
	Other Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Statewide min. size/daily limit.
	SALMON	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6 of which only 1 may be a an adult. Release CHINOOK.
from confluence of East and Middle branches upstream *(342)*	TROUT	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Min. size 14". Daily limit 2. No min. size for adipose fin clipped TROUT.
	Other Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Statewide min. size/daily limit.

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WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
CEDAR RIVER (Pacific Co.) *(312)*	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Catch-and-release. Selective gear rules.
NORTH RIVER (Pacific/Grays Harbor Co.) from Hwy. 105 Bridge to Salmon Creek (located approx. 2 miles upstream from Hwy. 101) *(382)*	ALL SPECIES - *Aug. 16-Nov. 30: night closure and single-point barbless hooks required.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which only 2 may be wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	SALMON	Dec. 1-Dec. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which only 1 may be a wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	STURGEON	Year-round	Catch-and-release.
from Salmon Creek (located approx. 2 miles upstream from Hwy. 101) to Fall River *(382)*	ALL SPECIES - *Aug. 16-Nov. 30: night closure, anti-snagging rule, and single-point barbless hooks required.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which only 2 may be wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	SALMON	Dec. 1-Dec. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which only 1 may be a wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
from Fall River upstream to Raimie Creek *(382)*	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained. Selective gear rules.
Mainstem and all forks of: **Little North River, Salmon, Vesta, and Pioneer creeks** (Grays Harbor Co.) **Lower Salmon Creek** (Grays Harbor/ Pacific Co.) **Fall River** (Pacific/Lewis Co.) **Raimie Creek** (Pacific/Grays Harbor Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.

Coastal Rivers not listed in this section are closed to fishing.

Willapa Bay (continued)

WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
SMITH CREEK near North River (Pacific Co.) from mouth to Hwy. 101 Bridge *(384)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 16-Nov. 30: night closure and single-point barbless hooks required.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which only 2 may be wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	SALMON	Dec. 1-Dec. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which only 1 may be a wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	STURGEON	Year-round	Catch-and-release.
from Hwy. 101 Bridge upstream *(384)*	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained. Selective gear rules.
Elkhorn Creek (Pacific/Grays Harbor Co.) **Butte Creek** (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
WILLAPA RIVER (Pacific Co.) from mouth (City of South Bend boat launch) to Hwy. 6 Bridge approximately 2 miles below mouth of Trap Creek *(424)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 1-Nov. 30: fishing from any floating device prohibited from second bridge on Camp One Rd. upstream to mouth of Mill Creek approximately 0.5 miles; night closure; single-point barbless hooks required; and stationary gear restriction, except stationary gear restriction not in effect from mouth to WDFW access at mouth of Ward Creek/Wilson Creek.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Aug. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which only 2 may be wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	SALMON	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which only 1 may be a wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	STURGEON	Year-round	Catch-and-release.
from Hwy. 6 Bridge to Fork Creek *(424)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *Oct. 1-Nov. 30: night closure, single-point barbless hooks required, and stationary gear restriction.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-July 15	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	All Game Fish	Oct. 1-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which only 2 may be wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	SALMON	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which only 1 may be a wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
from Fork Creek upstream *(424)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 16-Oct. 31: night closure and single-point barbless hooks required.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
Wilson Creek (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
Ward, Fairchild, and North Fork Wilson creeks (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
Mill Creek (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
Trap, Ellis, Halfmoon, Fern, and Falls creeks (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 15	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
Fork Creek (Pacific Co.) from Forks Creek Hatchery rack upstream 500' at fishing boundary sign *(424)*	**CLOSED WATERS** - *except for anglers with disabilities who permanently use a wheelchair AND who have a designated harvester companion card.* **ALL SPECIES** - *night closure. Oct. 1-Nov. 30: single-point barbless hooks required and stationary gear restriction.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-July 15	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	All Game Fish	Oct. 1-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which only 2 may be wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	SALMON	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which only 1 may be a wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
from fishing boundary sign 500' above Forks Creek Hatchery rack upstream	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
WILLAPA RIVER, SOUTH FORK (Pacific Co.) from mouth to bridge on Pehl Rd. *(422)*	**CLOSED WATERS** - *from falls/fish ladder downstream 400' in Sec. 6, T13N, R8W.* **ALL SPECIES** - *first Sat. in June-July 31: selective gear rules.* *Aug. 1-Nov. 30: night closure, anti-snagging rule and barbless hooks required.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Aug. 1-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained. Release wild CHINOOK, wild COHO, and CHUM.
from Pehl Rd. upstream *(422)*	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
Rue Creek (Pacific Co.) including West Fork	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
BONE RIVER (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.

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WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
NIAWIAKUM RIVER (Pacific Co.) from Hwy. 101 Bridge to the South Bend/Palix Rd. Bridge *(389)*	**Marine Area 2-1 (Willapa Bay) rules apply downstream of Hwy. 101 Bridge.** **ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 16-Nov. 30: night closure and single-point barbless hooks required.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Nov. 30	Statewide min. size/daily limit.
	SALMON	Sept. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release wild CHINOOK, wild COHO, and CHUM.
PALIX RIVER (Pacific Co.) from Hwy. 101 Bridge to the mouth of the Middle Fork *(390)*	**Marine Area 2-1 (Willapa Bay) rules apply downstream of Hwy. 101 Bridge.** **ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 16-Nov 30: night closure and single-point barbless hooks required.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Sept. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which only 1 may be a wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	STURGEON	Year-round	Catch-and-release.
from the confluence with the Middle Fork upstream (all forks including South Fork Palix and Canon rivers) *(390)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *First Sat. in June-Aug. 15 and Dec. 16-Mar. 31: selective gear rules. Aug. 16-Oct. 15: night closure and anti-snagging rule.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 15	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	All Game Fish	Dec. 16-Mar. 31.	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
NEMAH RIVER, NORTH (Pacific Co.) from Hwy. 101 Bridge upstream to bridge on Nemah Valley Rd. *(379)*	**Marine Area 2-1 (Willapa Bay) rules apply downstream of Hwy. 101 Bridge.** **ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 1-Nov. 30: night closure, single-point barbless hooks required, and stationary gear restriction.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Aug. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which only 2 may be wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	SALMON	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which only 1 may be a wild COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
from bridge on Nemah Valley Rd. upstream to Cruiser Creek *(379)*	**CLOSED WATERS** - *Aug. 1-Nov. 15: from bridge on Nemah Valley Rd. upstream to Nemah Hatchery.* **ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 16-Nov. 30: night closure and anti-snagging rule. Dec. 1-Mar. 31: selective gear rules.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
Williams Creek (Pacific Co.) *(380)*	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 15	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
Finn Creek (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit.
NEMAH RIVER, SOUTH (Pacific Co.) from mouth (Lynn Pt. 117 degrees true to opposite shore) to confluence with Middle Nemah *(379)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *Sept. 1-Nov. 30: night closure and single-point barbless hooks required.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Sept. 1-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release wild CHINOOK, wild COHO, and CHUM.
from confluence with Middle Nemah upstream to 2nd Hwy. 101 bridge crossing *(379)*	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained. Selective gear rules.
NEMAH RIVER, MIDDLE (Pacific Co.) from mouth upstream to the Dept. of Natural Resources' bridge on Middle Nemah A-Line Rd. *(379)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 1-Nov. 30: night closure and single-point barbless hooks required.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Sept. 1-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release wild CHINOOK, wild COHO, and CHUM.
from Dept. of Natural Resources' bridge on Middle Nemah A-Line Rd. upstream *(379)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 16-Nov. 30: night closure and anti-snagging rule.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained. Selective gear rules.
NASELLE RIVER (Pacific/Wahkiakum Co.) from Hwy. 101 Bridge to the Hwy. 4 Bridge *(375)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 1-Nov. 15: night closure, anti-snagging rule, and barbless hooks required.* *Aug. 1-Nov 15: stationary gear restriction from the South Fork upstream to the Hwy. 4 Bridge.* ***Aug. 1-Jan. 31: from Hwy. 101 Bridge upstream to Hwy. 401, anglers may fish with two poles with Two-Pole Endorsement.***		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Apr. 15	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Aug. 1-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	STURGEON	Year-round	Catch-and-release.
from the Hwy. 4 Bridge to the upstream entrance of the Naselle Hatchery Attraction Channel *(375)*	**CLOSED WATERS** - *from the upstream entrance of the hatchery attraction channel to downstream 400'.* **ALL SPECIES** - *internal combustion motors prohibited. Oct.16-Nov. 15: night closure, anti-snagging rule, barbless hooks required, and stationary gear restriction.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-July 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	All Game Fish	Oct. 16-Apr. 15	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Oct. 16-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
	STURGEON	May 1-July 31	Catch-and-release.
	STURGEON	Oct. 16-Apr. 30	Catch-and-release.
from the upstream entrance of the Naselle Hatchery Attraction Channel to the Crown Mainline (Salme) Bridge *(375)*	**CLOSED WATERS** - *from the falls in Sec. 6, T10N, R8W (Wahkiakum Co.) downstream 400'.* **CLOSED WATERS** - *Aug. 1-Oct. 15: downstream of the full spanning concrete diversion structure at the Naselle Hatchery.* **ALL SPECIES** - *internal combustion motors prohibited. Aug. 1-Nov. 15: night closure, anti-snagging rule, barbless hooks required, and stationary gear restriction.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Apr. 15	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Oct. 16-Jan. 31	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained. Release CHINOOK and CHUM.
	STURGEON	Year-round	Catch-and-release.

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WATER	SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
NASELLE RIVER (Pacific/Wahkiakum Co.) from the Crown Mainline (Salme) Bridge to the North Fork *(375)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *Aug.16-Nov. 30: night closure and anti-snagging rule.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Apr. 15	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
from the North Fork upstream *(375)*	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained. Selective gear rules.
Ellsworth Creek (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Sept. 30	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
Salmon Creek (Pacific/Wahkiakum Co.) *(377)*	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained. Selective gear rules.
Alder Creek (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
NASELLE RIVER, SOUTH (Pacific Co.) from mouth to Bean Creek *(375)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *first Sat. in June-Aug. 15: selective gear rules. Aug. 16-Nov. 30: night closure and anti-snagging rule.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Last day in Feb.	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
NASELLE RIVER, NORTH (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit. Selective gear rules.
BEAR RIVER (Pacific Co.) from mouth (Hwy. 101 Bridge) to Lime Quarry Rd. (approximately 2 river miles) *(305)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *Aug. 16-Nov. 30: night closure, anti-snagging rule and barbless hooks required.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
	SALMON	Sept. 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which only 1 may be a wild adult COHO. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM.
from Lime Quarry Rd. upstream to Longview Fiber Bridge *(305)*	**ALL SPECIES** - *selective gear rules. Aug. 16-Nov. 30: night closure.*		
	All Game Fish	First Sat. in June-Mar. 31	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
LONG BEACH PENINSULA WATERWAYS (Pacific Co.)	All Game Fish	4th Sat. in Apr.-Oct. 31	Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Spawning Phase Salmon Identification

Chinook

Body – large spots on back and both lobes of the tail.

Jaw – mouth is black with a black to grey gum line.

Coho

Body – spots on back and only upper lobe of the tail.

Jaw – mouth is black with a white gum line.

BOATER'S CHECKLIST

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

✓ **CLEAN**
Remove all aquatic plants, animals, and debris

✓ **DRAIN**
Remove water from boat including ballast and motor

✓ **DRY**
Towel-off water and let boat dry completely

Before you transport your boat or equipment

More information?
www.wdfw.wa.gov/ais

It is unlawful to possess or transport prohibited aquatic invasive species - RCW 77.15.253

Coastal Rivers not listed in this section are closed to fishing.

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-40-02700U Salmon—Willapa Bay fall fishery.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-47-027:

1) Effective immediately through 6:59 p.m. September 7, 2014, it is unlawful to fish for salmon in waters of Willapa Bay for commercial purposes.

2) Effective 7:00 p.m. September 7 through 7:00 a.m. September 8, 2014, a person may fish for salmon for commercial purposes in waters of Willapa Bay Catch Areas 2N and 2U with the following restrictions:

(a) Mesh size must not exceed six and one-half inches stretched.

(b) Each boat must have two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers on board when fishing in Willapa Bay Areas 2N, and 2U.

(i) Each box and chamber must be operating during any time the net is being retrieved or picked. The flow in the recovery box must be a minimum of 16 gallons per minute in each chamber of the box, not to exceed 20 gallons per minute.

(ii) Each chamber of the recovery box must meet the following dimensions as measured from within the box:

(A) The inside length measurement must be at or within 39-1/2 inches to 48 inches;

(B) The inside width measurements must be at or within 8 to 10 inches; and

(C) The inside height measurement must be at or within 14 to 16 inches.

(iii) Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water inlet hole between 3/4 inch and 1 inch in diameter, centered horizontally across the door or wall of the chamber and 1-3/4 inches from the floor of the chamber. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water outlet hole opposite the inflow that is at least 1-1/2 inches in diameter. The center of the outlet hole must be located a minimum of 12 inches above the floor of the box or chamber. The fisher must demonstrate to department employees, fish and wildlife enforcement officers, or other peace officers, upon request, that the pumping system is delivering the proper volume of fresh river/bay water into each chamber.

(c) All steelhead and wild (unmarked) Chinook must be placed in an operating recovery box which meets the requirements in subsection (b) of this subsection prior to being released to the river/bay as set forth in subsection (d) below.

(d) All fish placed in recovery boxes must remain until they are not lethargic and not bleeding and must be released to the river/bay prior to landing or docking.

(e) Soak time must not exceed 45 minutes. Soak time is defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gillnet web is deployed into the water until the gillnet web is fully retrieved from the water.

(f) Quick reporting is required for wholesale dealers and fishers retailing their catch under a "direct retail endorsement." According to WAC 220-69-240(14), reports must be made by 10:00 a.m. the day following landing.

(g) Retention of any species other than coho salmon, chum salmon, or hatchery Chinook marked by a healed scar at the site of the adipose fin is prohibited.

(h) It is unlawful to fish with gillnet gear in Willapa Bay unless the vessel operator has attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and has in their possession a department-issued certification card.

(i) Fishers must take department observers if requested by department staff when participating in these openings. Fishers also must provide notice of intent to participate by contacting quick reporting by phone, fax or e-mail. Notice of intent must be given prior to 12:00 p.m. on September 4, 2014.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative code is repealed effective 7:01 a.m. September 8, 2014:

WAC 220-40-02700U Willapa Bay Fall fishery.

EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

(x) That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.

( ) That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

( ) That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 or 2013 which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding: Catch of Willapa Bay natural-origin Chinook is significantly higher than anticipated and a modification of the commercial fishery is necessary to help ensure that conservation objectives are met. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules. **(14-227, 8/29/2014)**

ORDER NO. 14-270

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-40-02700W Salmon—Willapa Bay fall fishery.
Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-47-027: Effective 12:00 p.m. September 21, 2014 through 12:00 p.m. September 22, 2014, a person may fish for salmon for commercial purposes in waters of Willapa Bay Catch Areas 2N, 2U, 2T, 2R, and 2M, provided that unless otherwise amended, all permanent rules remain in effect.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative code is repealed effective 7:01 a.m. September 22, 2014:

WAC 220-40-02700W Willapa Bay Fall fishery.

EMERGENCY RULE ONLY
Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:
(x) That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
( ) That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.
( ) That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 or 2013 which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding: This 24-hour opening was included in the impact analysis and set aside as an incentive for compliance with fish-handling rules developed as part of the 2014 Willapa Bay commercial fishery package. Data collected during on-board monitoring of the 2014 Willapa Bay commercial fishery to date indicate that the overall compliance rate is greater than 90 percent by participants of this fishery. As provided in the Concise Explanatory Statement, this additional day is provided. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.
(14-270, 9/19/2014)

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-40-02700V Salmon—Willapa Bay fall fishery.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-40-027, effective 5:00 a.m. September 12, through 5:00 p.m. September 12, 2014, it is unlawful to fish in waters of Willapa Bay for commercial purposes, except:

(1) Open only in the area east of a line from Needle Point to Ramsey Point and west of the Highway 101 bridge and only for the vessel "Miss Jess".

(2) Mesh size must not exceed six and one-half inches stretched.

(3) The vessel must have two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers on board.

(a) Each box and chamber must be operating during any time the net is being retrieved or picked. The flow in the recovery box must be a minimum of 16 gallons per minute in each chamber of the box, not to exceed 20 gallons per minute.

(b) Each chamber of the recovery box must meet the following dimensions as measured from within the box:

(i) The inside length measurement must be at or within 39-1/2 inches to 48 inches;

(ii) The inside width measurements must be at or within 8 to 10 inches; and

(iii) The inside height measurement must be at or within 14 to 16 inches.

(c) Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water inlet hole between 3/4 inch and 1 inch in diameter, centered horizontally across the door or wall of the chamber and 1-3/4 inches from the floor of the chamber. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water outlet hole opposite the inflow that is at least 1-1/2 inches in diameter. The center of the outlet hole must be located a minimum of 12 inches above the floor of the box or chamber. The fisher must demonstrate to department employees, fish and wildlife enforcement officers, or other peace officers, upon request, that the pumping system is delivering the proper volume of fresh river or fresh bay water into each chamber.

(4) All steelhead and wild (unmarked) Chinook must be placed in an operating recovery box which meets the requirements in subsection 3 of this subsection prior to being released to the river/bay as set forth in subsection (9) of this section.

(5) All fish placed in recovery boxes must remain until they are not lethargic and not bleeding and must be released to the river/bay prior to landing or docking.

(6) Soak time must not exceed 45 minutes. Soak time is defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gillnet web is deployed into the water until the gillnet web is fully retrieved from the water.

(7) Quick reporting is required for wholesale dealers and fishers retailing their catch under a "direct retail endorsement." According to WAC 220-69-240(14), reports must be made by 10:00 a.m. the day following landing.

(8) It is unlawful to retain any species other than coho salmon, chum salmon, or hatchery Chinook marked by a healed scar at the site of the adipose fin.

(9) The fisher must take a department observer onboard the vessel while fishing.

(10) The vessel must stop fishing once 20 unmarked Chinook have been caught or once 200 hatchery Chinook have been caught, whichever comes first.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 5:01 p.m. September 12, 2014:

WAC 220-40-02700V Salmon—Willapa Bay fall fishery.

EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

(x) That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.

( ) That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

( ) That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal years , 2011, 2012 or 2013 which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking to collect information on wild to hatchery ratio and stock composition of Chinook salmon in the area with the highest production of hatchery Chinook, the Nemah River. This one day, one boat, research project is authorized to capture fish for the collection of this data. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

(14-251, 9/11/2014)

Fishing Rule Change

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091
Internet Address: wdfw.wa.gov

September 2, 2014

Change to boundary if North River Closure area in Willapa Bay marine area 2-1

Action: closured to recreational fishing in waters north of a line from Toke Point channel marker 3 easterly through Willapa Harbor channel marker 13 (green) then, northeasterly to the power transmission pole located at 46°43.19'N, 123°50.83'W are closed August 1 through September 30.

Location: Willapa Bay marine area 2-1.

Effective dates: August 1, 2014 to September 20, 2014.

Species affected: Salmon.

Daily limits: Daily limit six fish, of which no more than **three** may be adult salmon. Release wild Chinook.

Reason for action: Provide a boundary that is more easily identifiable for anglers.

Other information: Anglers should refer to the *Sport fishing Rules 2014/2015 pamphlet edition, FISHING IN WASHINGTON* for other ongoing fishing opportunities.

Information Contact: Information Contact: Mike Scharpf (360) 249-1205, Mike.scharpf@dfw.wa.gov or Steve Thiesfeld (360) 249-1201, Steve.Thiesfeld@dfw.wa.gov .

*Fishers must have a current Washington fishing license. Check the current WDFW "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet or the Fishing section of the WDFW webpage at **wdfw.wa.gov** for details on fishing seasons and regulations. Fishing regulations are subject to change. Check the WDFW Fishing hotline for the latest rule information at (360) 902-2500; press 2 for recreational rules; call the Shellfish Rule Change hotline toll free 1 (866) 880-5431.*

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Fishing Rule Change

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091
Internet Address: wdfw.wa.gov

September 2, 2014

Reduce retention limit to no more than two wild coho in Naselle River after November 1, 2014

Action: only two wild coho many be retained as part of the daily limit.

Location: Naselle River from Hwy 101 Bridge to the Crown Mainline (Salme) Bridge.

Effective dates: November 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015.

Species affected: Salmon.

Daily limits: Daily limit six fish. Up to **three** may be adult salmon, of which only two may be wild coho. Release wild Chinook.

Reason for action: Provide additional protection for the late wild coho.

Other information: Anglers should refer to the *Sport fishing Rules 2014/2015 pamphlet edition, FISHING IN WASHINGTON* for other ongoing fishing opportunities.

Information Contact: Information Contact: Mike Scharpf (360) 249-1205, Mike.scharpf@dfw.wa.gov or Steve Thiesfeld (360) 249-1201, Steve.Thiesfeld@dfw.wa.gov .

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FISHING RULE CHANGE

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

September 3, 2014

Chum retention allowed in Willapa Bay

Action: Retention of chum is allowed in Willapa Bay.

Location: Willapa Bay Marine Area 2-1.

Effective dates: Immediately through Jan. 31, 2015.

Species affected: Salmon.

Daily limits: Daily limit six fish, of which no more than three may be adult salmon. Release wild chinook.

Reason for action: The Sport Fishing Rules 2014/2015 pamphlet had been published prior to rules being adopted by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Other information: Anglers should refer to the Sport Fishing Rules 2014/2015 pamphlet edition, Fishing in Washington for other ongoing fishing opportunities.

Information Contact: Mike Scharpf (360) 249-1205, Mike.scharpf@dfw.wa.gov or Steve Thiesfeld (360) 249-1201, Steve.Thiesfeld@dfw.wa.gov .

Fishers must have a current Washington fishing license, appropriate to the fishery. Check the WDFW "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet for details on fishing seasons and regulations. Fishing rules are subject to change. Check the WDFW Fishing hotline for the latest rule information at (360) 902-2500, press 2 for recreational rules. For the Shellfish Rule Change hotline call (360)796-3215 or toll free 1-866-880-5431.

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FISHING RULE CHANGE

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

September 9, 2014

WDFW adds bonus hatchery chinook to daily limit on North Nemah River

Action: Allows anglers to keep one additional hatchery chinook per day.

Effective Date: Immediately through Nov. 30, 2014.

Species affected: Chinook salmon

Location: North Nemah River from Highway 101 Bridge upstream to bridge on Nemah Valley Road

Reason for action: Excess hatchery chinook are available for harvest.

Other information: Daily limit is 6 salmon. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which only 2 may be wild coho, plus one additional adult hatchery chinook. Release wild chinook.

Information contact: Mike Scharpf, (360) 249-1205

Fishers must have a current Washington fishing license, appropriate to the fishery. Check the WDFW "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet for details on fishing seasons and regulations. Fishing rules are subject to change. Check the WDFW Fishing hotline for the latest rule information at (360) 902-2500, press 2 for recreational rules. For the Shellfish Rule Change hotline call (360)796-3215 or toll free 1-866-880-5431.

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FISHING RULE CHANGE

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

September 24, 2014

Retention of chum in Willapa Bay Rivers

Action: Retention of chum is allowed as part of the daily limit when open for salmon fishing.

Effective date: Immediately

Species affected: Chum salmon.

Locations:

Bear River (from Hwy 101 Bridge to Lime Quarry Rd.),

Fork Creek (from Fork Creek Hatchery rack upstream 500?at fishing boundary sign),

Naselle River (from Hwy 101 Bridge to Crown Mainline (Salme) Bridge),

Middle Nemah River (from mouth to DNR bridge on Middle Nemah A-Line Rd.),

North Nemah River (from Hwy 101 Bridge to bridge on Nemah Valley Rd.),

South Nemah River (from mouth to confluence with Middle Nemah),

Niawiakum River (from Hwy 101 Bridge to South Bend/Palix Rd. Bridge),

North River (from Hwy 105 Bridge to Fall River),

Palix River (from Hwy 101 Bridge to mouth of the Middle Fork),

Smith Creek (from mouth to Hwy 101 Bridge),

Willapa River (from mouth to Fork Creek),

South Fork Willapa River (from mouth to bridge on Pehl Rd.)

Reason for action: The Sport Fishing Rules 2014/2015 pamphlet had been published prior to rules being adopted by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Other information: North Nemah River also allows for one additional hatchery chinook in the daily limit through November 30, 2014.

Fishers must have a current Washington fishing license, appropriate to the fishery. Check the WDFW "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet for details on fishing seasons and regulations. Fishing rules are subject to change. Check the WDFW Fishing hotline for the latest rule information at (360) 902-2500, press 2 for recreational rules. For the Shellfish Rule Change hotline call (360)796-3215 or toll free 1-866-880-5431.

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