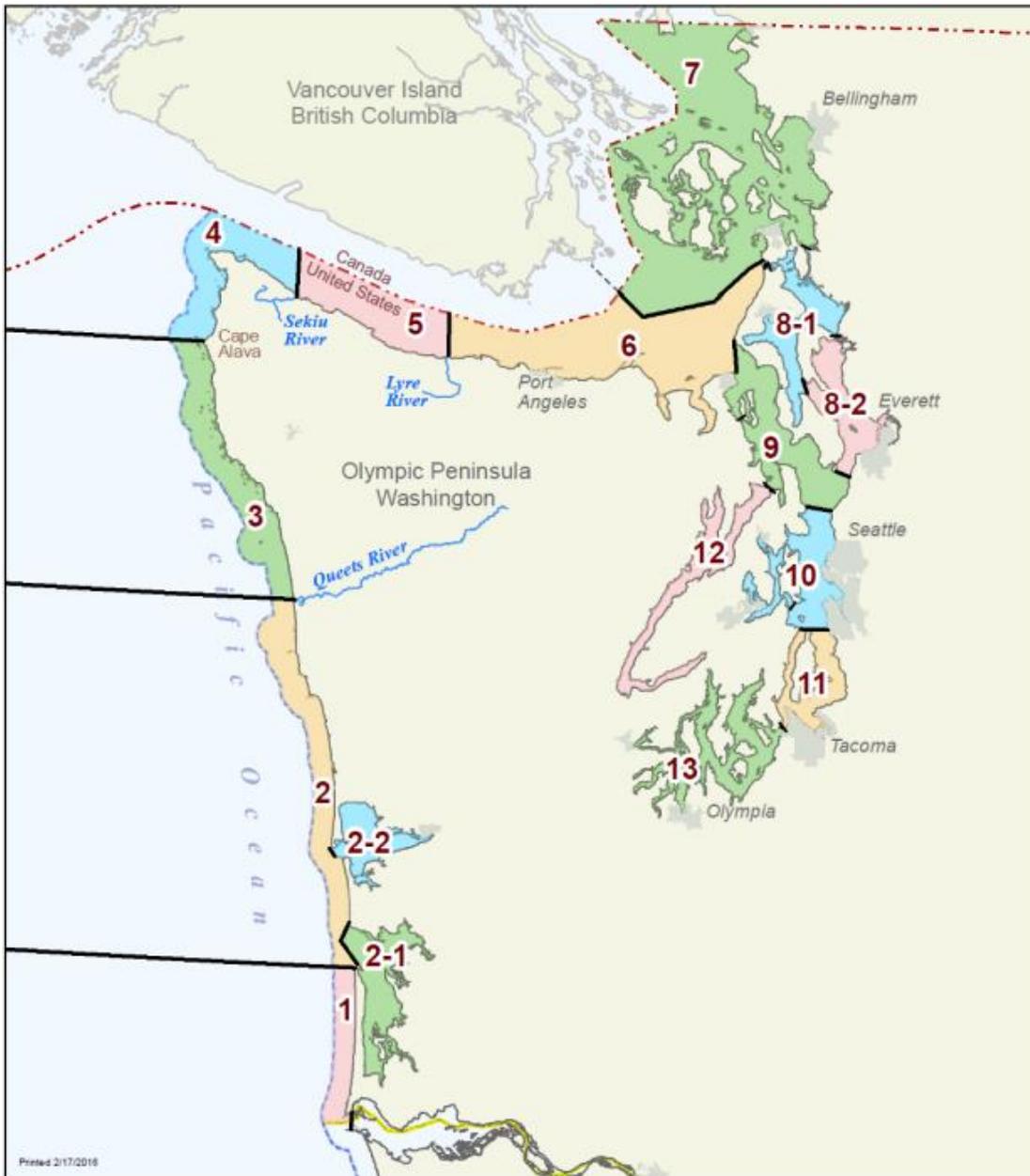


Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2016 Rulemaking process for sport rules that take effect July 1, 2017 with the 2017-2018 Sport Fish Pamphlet**

**Rule Proposal Submission Guidelines**

The department's goal in undertaking this rule-making is to ensure conservation objectives are maintained while simplifying rules and providing for recreational sport fishing opportunity for marine finfish, forage fish, and shellfish in saltwater areas of Puget Sound and coastal Washington.



**Rule types that will not be considered during this process.**

The department will not be accepting proposals for license types and fees, or fisheries managed internationally or federally as part of this rulemaking. These are currently addressed in other rulemaking processes (see below for more information).

**License types and fees** : These are set by the Washington State Legislature, and require legislative action for changes. You can contact your state legislators by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

***Salmon***: Salmon seasons are set through the Pacific Fisheries Management Council/North of Falcon process. This process adopts a cohesive set of rules for sport and commercial salmon fisheries, from ocean fisheries to those inside Puget Sound including freshwater fisheries each year during March and April. <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/northfalcon/>. For more information, call (360) 902-2808.

***Coastal Bottomfish***: The Pacific Fishery Management Council adopts rules for recreational fishing for bottomfish in coastal waters every two years. These rules can include catch quotas, season length, daily limits, and size limits. State rules are generally adopted to match these rules <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/bottomfish/>. For more information, call (360) 249-1202.

***Pacific halibut***: The Pacific Fishery Management Council, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the International Pacific Halibut Commission have the primary responsibility for regulating this fishery <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/creel/halibut/>. For more information on this process, please call (360) 249-1202.

***Albacore Tuna (and other tuna-like species)***: The Pacific Fishery Management Council adopts rules for recreational fishing in coastal waters. These rules can include season length, daily limits, and size limits. State rules are generally adopted to match these rules <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/tuna/>. Contact (360) 249-1223.

**Please note:** in 2017 the department will undergo sport rule simplification for freshwater gamefish statewide.