

# Guide Logbook Reporting Rule Revision

January 27, 2023

Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager  
Raquel Crosier, Special Assistant, Fish Program  
Kit Rosenberger, Region 6 Enforcement Lieutenant



# Agenda

- Background
- Implementation update
- What we're learning from the data
- Rule revision proposal
- Rulemaking timeline
- Public comment



# Background

WAC 220-352-245 - requires guides to fill out logbooks for each guided trip. Data recorded:

- Date
- Guide license #
- Water body fished
- Customer angler WILD ID, paid or comped
- crew members WILD ID if fishing
- species encountered - life stage, hatchery vs wild



# Implementation and Communication with Guide Industry

## 2017

- Numerous meetings with guides to discuss legislation and hear from industry on potential regulation changes

## 2019

- WAC 220-352-245 passed
- Guide Advisory Committee established
- Agency develops, tests and deploys reporting tools (mobile, web, paper)
- Info to guides during license renewal process

## 2020

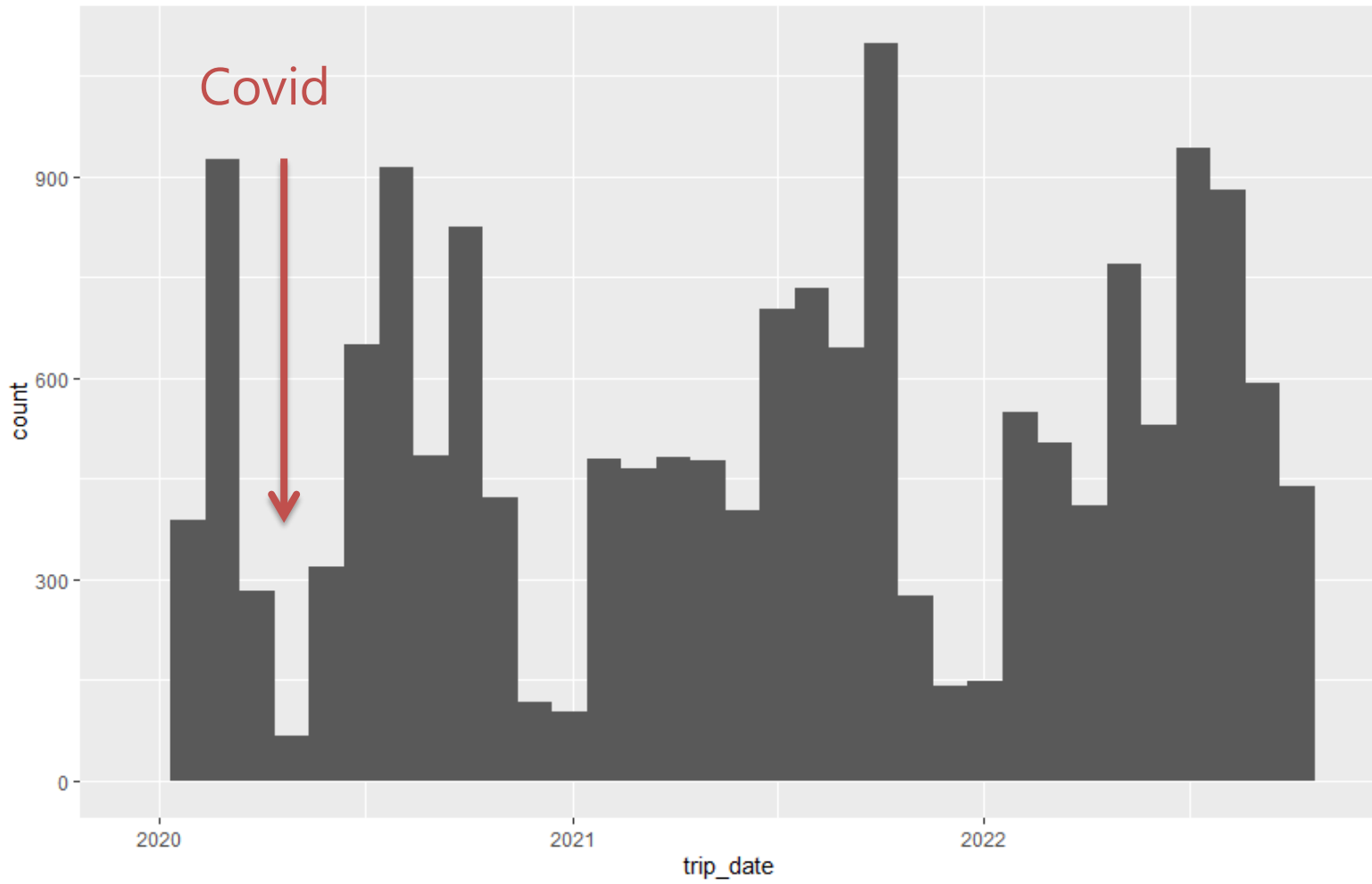
- January 2020 – rule goes into effect
- COVID guide restrictions in place
- Closures and fisheries restrictions in key guide fisheries

## 2021 - 2022

- Education and emphasis patrols to increase contacts and compliance



# Trip Trends – First 3 years



# What we're learning from the data

- Industry trends
  - Key fisheries and areas used by guides
  - Frequency at which individual guides take trips
  - Length of trips and number of trips taken by guides in a day
- Guide customer trends
  - Percentage of WA licensed anglers using guides to access fisheries
  - Prevalence of repeat customers



# What we're learning from the data

TOP 10 Waterbodies						
Waterbody	# of Trips	Avg # of Trips/Day	Highest # of Trips in a Day	Date of Highest # of Trips	Most Frequently Encountered Species	# of Encounters
Yakima River	510	2.4	15	16-Sep-21	Rainbow Trout	5463
Columbia River - 536	333	6.4	25	08-Oct-21	Chinook	1130
Snake River	332	1.7	11	12-Sep-21	Smallmouth Bass	4386
Lake Chelan	297	1.7	11	01-Oct-21	Kokanee	2403
Columbia River - 545	250	4.7	11	24-Jul-21	Sockeye	829
Sol Duc River	183	1.9	6	25-Feb-21	Coho	220
Hoh River	175	2.4	6	10-Mar-21	Steelhead	198
Roosevelt Lake	172	1.2	3	07-Oct-21	Walleye	1758
Cowlitz River	168	1.5	9	11-Sep-21	Steelhead	362
Columbia River - 531	148	1.4	5	02-Jun-21	Walleye	3308





# Logbook WAC Revision Proposal

- Require trip info to be entered at the start of fishing day
- Take out reference to vessel, boat launch to clarify that it's required by all guides
- Remove web reporting option
- Increase paper logbook return to twice monthly
  - Trips taken 1-15<sup>th</sup> day of month due 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Trips taken 16<sup>th</sup> – end of month due 14<sup>th</sup> of next month





# Logbook WAC Revision Rulemaking Timeline

## August

- August 3 - CR 101 filed

## October

- October 19 - CR 102 filed
- Public comment period open

## December

- December 9 – Presentation, public comment
- December 10 – Public comment closed
- December 11 – Public comment re-opened

## January

- January 24 – Public comment closed
- January 27 – Rescheduled presentation, public comment

## February

- Review public comment, review and approval of revised rule



# Public Comment

Comment period closes December 10<sup>th</sup>

4 public comments to date

- 3 in support of the rule change
- 1 concerned with additional time required to report





# Public Comment