

**Concise Explanatory Statement
Columbia River Commercial Catch Area Amendments**

Rules amended as part of this rulemaking:

WAC 220-22-010	Columbia River Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas
WAC 220-32-050	Indian Fishery

Reasons for adopting the rule:

Additions of new catch area designations are needed to manage evolving and emergent commercial fisheries, some of which are in response to the Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3620. Developing fisheries require managing sub-sections of existing catch areas and/or designation of new catch areas. Additionally, some housekeeping changes have been included which will simplify the process for adopting commercial fishing seasons set under the Columbia River Compact.

Differences between the text of the proposed rule and the rule as adopted:

The rule was adopted as proposed.

Public comments, response to comments, and consideration of comments

The Department received no public comments.