

Combine Guide License Concise Explanatory Statement (CES)

The following WACs was established as part of this rulemaking:

WAC 220-20-135, Combined fish guide license.

Summary of reasons for rulemaking:

Senate Bill 5824 was passed during the 2015 legislative session creating a new section in Chapter 77.65 RCW directing the department to establish, by rule, a fish guide combination license to allow holders to offer or perform the services of a food fish and a game fish guide. The department engaged in rulemaking to adhere to state law and create the combined license, as well as establish the fee for the combined license. Senate Bill 5824 (2015 c 97) became effective on July 24, 2015.

Explanation of changes in this rulemaking:

WAC 220-20-135: Combined fish guide license:

Establishes a combined guide license for \$435 for residents, and \$1,435 for non-residents. Allows individuals purchasing this license to guide for food and game fish species.

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

Rule adopted specifies that application fee and regional fishery enhancement group monies are included in the cost of the combine guide license. This changes was made for clarity and accuracy, as the original rule language said that an application fee did not apply to the licenses created by the rule when, in fact, the application fee and the regional fishery enhancement group surcharge required under RCW 77.95.090 were included in the overall cost of the license.

Summary of comments and WDFW's response to and consideration of the comments:

Over 500 guides were sent notices on the proposed new rule to create a combined fish guide license.

No one from the public testified for or against the proposed new WAC, and DFW-Licensing only received one phone call asking when the new fee would be enacted. No written comments were received.