

Concise Explanatory Statement

Charter Stamps

Rules proposed as part of this rulemaking:

WAC 220-69-23801

1. Background/Summary of Project:

The purpose of this rulemaking is to clarify the requirements for both fishing guides and charter-boat operators in using charter stamps and the penalties associated with not doing so. Based on a negotiated rulemaking, the department worked with industry stakeholders to establish a clear process for fishing guides and charter-boat operators to follow when they validate charter stamps for clients before commencing fishing trips.

2. Reasons for Rulemaking

In the past, some industry members abused charter stamps by re-using them rather than issuing new charter stamps to clients as required under RCW 77.32.430. This practice is illegal. Consequently, the department needed to provide a clear process for the validation of charter stamps and to ensure that any violations of this process and requirements would be appropriately penalized.

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

There is no difference between the text of the proposed rule and the text of the rule as adopted.

4. Public comments and WDFW response to comments

This was a negotiated rulemaking with the support of industry members. No other public comments were received.