

CONTACT INFORMATION (please type or print)

PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

Print Form

In accordance with <u>RCW 34.05.330</u>, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) created this form for individuals or groups who wish to petition a state agency or institution of higher education to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. You may use this form to submit your request. You also may contact agencies using other formats, such as a letter or email.

The agency or institution will give full consideration to your petition and will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your petition. For more information on the rule petition process, see Chapter 82-05 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) at http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05.

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COMPLETING AND SENDING PETITION FORM			
 Check all of the boxes that apply. 			
Provide relevant examples.			
 Include suggested language for a rule, if possible. 			
 Attach additional pages, if needed. 			
 Send your petition to the agency with authority to adopt or administer the rule. Here is a list of agencies and their rules coordinators: http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Documents/RClist.htm. 			
INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION			
Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule:			
☐ 1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.			
The subject (or purpose) of this rule is:			
The rule is needed because:			
☐ The new rule would affect the following peop	le or groups:		

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List rule number (WAC), if known:	
	To extend the fishing season for 7 lakes in Region 1, from the 4th Sat in April-Sept 30th to the 4th Sat in April-Oct 31st. These lakes include: Fish Lake (Spokane Co), Williams (Spokane Co), Badger. West Medical, Fan Lake, Fishtrap, Deer Springs (Lincoln Co)
	This change will simplify the fishing regulations for Region 1. By my count, of the lakes in Region 1 that open on the 4th Sat of April, there are 7 lakes that close Sept 30th, and 26 lakes that close Oct 31st.
∑ The effect of this rule change will be:	More simple regulations and more value for fisherman for negligible impact to WDFW management. These season extensions would not impact fish stocks significantly as planting for Catchables and Put, Grow, & Take does not occur in October.
☐ The rule is not clearly or simply stated:	
☐ 3. REPEAL RULE - I am requesting the	agency to eliminate an existing rule.
List rule number (WAC), if known:	
(Check one or more boxes)	
☐ It does not do what it was intended to d	lo.
☐ It is no longer needed because:	
☐ It imposes unreasonable costs:	
☐ The agency has no authority to make t	his rule:
☐ It is applied differently to public and pri	vate parties:
It conflicts with another federal, state, or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if know	
It duplicates another federal, state or lo List duplicate law or rule, if known:	ocal law or rule.
Other (please explain):	

 ${\color{red} igsep}$ 2. AMEND RULE - I am requesting the agency to change an existing rule.

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Request to Extend the Fishing Season for Seven Lakes in Region 1

Date: 1 Feb 2025

To the Department of Fish and Wildlife,

I am writing this letter to accompany my petition form. The objective of my petition is to extend the fishing season of seven lowland lakes in Region 1 from a Sept 30th closure to an Oct 31st closure. I believe this could be a mutually beneficial amendment for reasons I will outline in this letter.

The primary benefit of this rule change, if implemented, would be simplification of regulations. By my count, for Region 1 lowland lakes that open on the 4th Sat of April, twenty-six lakes close on Oct 31st, while seven lakes close on Sep 30th. Those lakes are: Fish Lake (Spokane Co), Williams Lake (Spokane Co), Badger Lake, West Medical Lake, Fan Lake, Fishtrap Lake, and Deer Springs (Lincoln Co). I propose that the season for these seven lakes be extended by one month to close on Oct 31st, thereby creating a uniform season for all thirty-three lowland lakes with a 4th Sat of April opener in Region 1.

This petition would have the secondary affect of adding opportunity for anglers. From the data I gathered by looking at the 2024 WDFW Stocking Plan, extending the season for the lakes in question to Oct 31st would not significantly impact fish stocks as fish planting for "Catchables" and "Put, Grow, and Take" does not occur during the month of October. In short, WA anglers would get more fishing opportunity and value from their license purchase with negligible additional WDFW management requirements.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this topic. I am hopeful the WDFW will see this petition as a chance to simplify the regulations and create a mutually beneficial outcome for fisheries management, enforcement, and WA anglers.

Respectfully,

Anthony Redder