



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

Print Form

In accordance with [RCW 34.05.330](#), 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/RClst.htm>.

### INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule: WDFG

**1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.**

The subject (or purpose) of this rule is: Sauk Skagit wild Steel-head CnR fishery. To reduce overwhelming pressure to system.

The rule is needed because: Extremely high fishing pressure on system. See attached affidavit.

The new rule would affect the following people or groups: Limit/exclude guides and open more of the watershed

**2. AMEND RULE - I am requesting the agency to change an existing rule.**

List rule number (WAC), if known: Catch and release fishery Sauk and Skagit Rivers

I am requesting the following change: Exclude or limit guides and open more of the watershed to relief extreme pressure

This change is needed because: Sauk and Skagit are fragile, usually the only river open, and they get overwhelmed

The effect of this rule change will be: Reduce pressure by eliminating/reducing guides and opening more water.

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: Catch and release fishery Sauk and Skagit Rivers

*(Check one or more boxes)*

It does not do what it was intended to do.

It is no longer needed because: \_\_\_\_\_

It imposes unreasonable costs: \_\_\_\_\_

The agency has no authority to make this rule: \_\_\_\_\_

It is applied differently to public and private parties: \_\_\_\_\_

It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

It duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. List duplicate law or rule, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please explain): See affidavit

WDFW

Sauk and Skagit catch and release fishery

**Moratorium on guides and Open more of the watershed**

**The added pressure to this system in the last two seasons is not sustainable.**

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To the fine managers of the Sauk and Skagit river catch and release steelhead fishery:

Some background on me: I started fishing this system in the 70's as a kid, with my grandfather and father. My family has fished this system since the 1800's. My adult children are now the 6 generation to fish this system and the Stillaguamish system, these are our home rivers. I am writing to you to preserve one of the last wild rivers on the planet. I do not want to see it shut down; I don't want it to get abused. I want to be able to enjoy this fishery along with many generations to come. My fear, with a good portion of the state closing its waters, and when this system is the only fishery open, that it will not handle the mounting pressure and the resource will suffer. I have seen great rivers crumble, including this system, within my 52 years on this rock. The knowledge and history of this great system has been passed to me by the generations that came before. I am very passionate about this subject. I also witnessed the demise of the king salmon, here and the mighty Kenai rivers.

My **first** recommendation is that the state put a moratorium on guides on this system, including but not limited to the following.

- The most restrictive would be no guides, period.
- Limit the number of guides on the system
- Limit the number of guides and the days they may fish
- Guides that do fish this system must be registered and receive training on proper catch and release techniques to ensure the safety of the wild steelhead. They will also receive training on proper river etiquette and how to lower their impact on the watershed's ecosystem.

The Kenai River has adopted all these ideas, in some shape or form. They did this because the system was overwhelmed. As of right now, anyone can buy a guide's license, an insurance certificate, and business license and fish wherever they want without any other controls in place. There is an alarming number of guides on this river, putting their clients and other fisherman at risk, due to their inexperience at fishing and the hazards associated with the Sauk. Generations of my family have fished this system, last year was out of control. So many out of area guides, and non-guided fisherman, and its only getting worse. On every trip I would pick up a bag of other people's trash and have several negative contacts with others that had no respect for the amazing steelhead.

My **second** recommendation is the state open more of the Skagit River, which will spread the fishing pressure.

- Open the Skagit all the way to the HWY 9 bridge

Closing: In a perfect world, there would be many rivers open throughout the state at the same time, which would inherently spread out the pressure and give the Sauk/Skagit some relief, but that's not the case. I hope we all can get ahead of this and not chase it from behind. I feel if we (the users of the system and the managers) don't get proactive, we may lose the best species of fish ever to swim in the PNW, and or access to them.

I am willing to donate my time to this cause, if the managers feel I am an asset. I already do riverbank clean ups, boat launch maintenance, and mentor new outdoorsman. I am willing to do more if I am called to action.

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