

**WDFW Region 6 - District 17N Grays Harbor
2025 Public Fishery Suggestion Summary
as of 3/11/2025**

2/12/2025

The WDFW should abandon the concept of daily limits when there is an "opening" for salmon species. This system favors anglers who have unlimited time off. It forces all anglers to fish in a compressed time period without regard to the weather or the fact that many anglers have jobs that do not provide the necessary flexibility to fish during the openings. This leads to some anglers getting a daily limit over a number of days while others cannot fish. Of course, then the overall is reached sooner. Instead, the WDFW should implement a allotment system where each license holder is allowed X# of Chinook and X# of Coho per season. The areas can still be opened and closed to manage the species. This is in line with the procedure for other species, for example elk. This would allow anglers to decide when the angler wants to fish taking into weather and personal factors - such as employment days off. Later in the season based upon the available fish left in a quota, the WDFW could open up areas to "bonus" fish for each license holder. I realize that this will require more effort from WDFW but opening up fishing on short notice in an area and during a weekday is really unfair to many anglers

2/27/2025

Please allow bait for fishing the Grays Harbor rivers in December for salmon. Wild steelhead encounters are statistically insignificant and salmon fishing during those months is more fun and productive with bait.

3/5/2025

When there is such a large number of fish(chum) forecasted, does the Department ever consider a "bonus limit" such as has often been done for Pink salmon in Puget Sound?