

Sport Fishing Rules Pamphlet Corrections and Updates/Clarifications July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

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General Rules

Page 4, You May Not - Fish for, retain, or possess CANARY rockfish (except in Marine Areas 1-3 and 4 West of Bonilla-Tatoosh line) YELLOWEYE rockfish, SIXGILL, SEVENGILL, or THRESHER sharks, PYGMY WHITEFISH, MARGINED SCULPIN, or OLYMPIC MUDMINNOW.

Freshwater Rules

STEELHEAD is Closed within the following waters:

- Page 46, Chelan River – Chelan Co.
- Pages 55-56, Columbia River from Priest Rapids Dam to Chief Joseph Dam
- Page 59, Entiat River – Chelan Co. from mouth to Entiat Falls
- Page 62, Icicle River and Tributaries – Chelan Co. from mouth to the Icicle Peshastin Irrigation Footbridge
- Page 67, Methow River – Okanogan Co. and all tributaries, including: Twisp, Chewuch, and Lost rivers
- Page 68, Okanogan River – Okanogan Co. and all tributaries, including: Salmon Creek and the Similkameen River
- Page 74, Wenatchee River from mouth to Icicle Rd. Bridge
- Page 83, Swift Reservoir – Skamania Co.
- Page 94, Wenatchee Lake - Chelan Co.

Page 22, DEWATTO RIVER – Mason Co. – from mouth to Dewatto-Holly Rd. Bridge STEELHEAD (Hatchery) Year-round Sat. before Memorial Day-Aug. 15: Catch-and-release. Oct. 1- Oct. 31: Catch-and-release.

Page 23, ELWHA RIVER – Clallam/Jefferson Co. – including all tributaries - ALL SPECIES CLOSED WATERS.

Page 32, ROSS LAKE TRIBUTARY STREAMS - Whatcom Co. - (Additional section) and their tributaries from mouths to 1 mile upstream (except Ruby and Big Beaver creeks) - ALL SPECIES CLOSED WATERS.

Page 34, SKAGIT RIVER – Skagit Co. – from mouth (the mouth is defined by a line projected from terminus (end) of the jetty with McGlenn Island to the white monument on east end of Ika Island, then to the white monument on east end of Craft Island, then to the white monument near corner of the levee on the west side of Dry Slough, and then to the white monument on the east side of Tom Moore Slough) to Hwy. 536 at Mt. Vernon (Memorial Hwy. Bridge) - ALL SPECIES Mar. 1-Aug. 31: Selective gear rules, except anglers fishing for STURGEON must use bait. Hooks must measure 1/2" or less from point to shank, except anglers fishing for sturgeon may use single-point barbless hooks of any size. DOLLY VARDEN/ BULL TROUT Mar. 1-Jan. 31: Min. size 20". May be retained as part of TROUT daily limit. OTHER TROUT Mar. 1-Jan. 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit, except CUTTHROAT TROUT and wild RAINBOW TROUT: min. size 14". OTHER GAME FISH Mar. 1-Jan. 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit. SALMON Sept. 1-Dec. 31: Min. size 12". Daily limit 2. Release CHINOOK and CHUM.

Page 35, SKYKOMISH RIVER - Snohomish Co. – (Additional section) from boat ramp below Lewis St. Bridge at Monroe to Lewis St. Bridge - ALL SPECIES Aug. 1-Nov. 30: Night closure. Anti-snagging rule. DOLLY VARDEN/ BULL TROUT Sat. before Memorial Day-Jan. 31: Min. size 20". May be retained as part of TROUT daily limit. OTHER TROUT Sat. before Memorial Day-Jan. 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit, except CUTTHROAT TROUT and wild RAINBOW TROUT: min. size 14". OTHER GAME FISH Sat. before Memorial Day-Jan. 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit. SALMON June 1-July 31: Min. size 12". Daily limit 4 hatchery CHINOOK only of which 2 may be adults. Sept. 16-Nov. 15: Min. size 12". Daily limit 2. Release CHINOOK and CHUM.

Page 40, WALLACE RIVER - Snohomish Co. – from 363rd Ave. SE/Reece Rd. (Dike Rd.) to 200' upstream downstream of water intake of salmon hatchery - ALL SPECIES Sept. 16-Nov. 30: Night closure. Anti-snagging rule. Nov. 1-Feb. 15: Fishing from any floating device prohibited. DOLLY VARDEN/ BULL TROUT Sept. 16-Feb. 15: Min. size 20". May be retained as part of TROUT daily limit. OTHER TROUT Sept. 16-Feb. 15: Statewide min. size/daily limit, except CUTTHROAT TROUT and wild RAINBOW TROUT: min. size 14". OTHER GAME FISH Sept. 16-Feb. 15: Statewide min. size/daily limit. SALMON Sept. 16-Nov. 15: Min. size 12". Daily limit 2. Release CHINOOK and CHUM.

Page 40, WHATCOM CREEK – Whatcom Co. – from foot bridge below Dupont St. in Bellingham to stone bridge at Whatcom Falls Park – TROUT First Sat. in June-Oct. 31 Sat. before Memorial Day-Oct. 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit, except CUTTHROAT TROUT and wild RAINBOW TROUT: min. size 14". OTHER GAME FISH First Sat. in June-Oct. 31 Sat. before Memorial Day-Oct. 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Page 42, WYNOOCHEE RIVER – Grays Harbor Co. – 400' downstream from barrier dam near Grisdale to the dam – ALL SPECIES CLOSED WATERS.

From confluence of Wynoochee Reservoir upstream to Wynoochee Falls – ALL SPECIES Selective gear rules. TROUT Sat. before Memorial Day-Mar. 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit except CUTTHROAT TROUT and wild RAINBOW TROUT: MIN. SIZE 14". OTHER GAME FISH Sat. before Memorial Day-Mar. 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Page 59, FALLS CREEK - Okanogon Co. - from the mouth upstream to the falls approx. 0.15 mile - ALL SPECIES CLOSED WATERS.

Page 71, SPRUCE CREEK - Yakima Co. (South Fork Tieton River) from bridge on USFS Rd. 1070 upstream and all tributaries except Bear and Spruce creeks - ALL SPECIES CLOSED WATERS.

Page 72, TILTON RIVER - Lewis Co. – from mouth to West Fork - Col. R. Salmon/Steelhead Endorsement, and Barbless hooks required for Salmon/Steelhead. ALL SPECIES Year-round: CLOSED WATERS - within posted "CLOSED WATERS" signs around the adult fish release site. Sept. 1-Oct. 31: Night Closure. Anti-snagging rule. TROUT Sat. before Memorial Day-Oct. 31 Year-round: Statewide min. size/daily limit, except release wild CUTTHROAT TROUT and wild RAINBOW TROUT. OTHER GAME FISH Sat. before Memorial Day-Oct. 31 Year-round: Statewide min. size/daily limit. SALMON Year-round: Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 may be adults. Only hatchery CHINOOK and hatchery COHO may be retained.

Page 72, TOUCHET RIVER - Walla Walla Co. from mouth to the confluence of North and South Forks - Col. R. Salmon/Steelhead Endorsement. ALL GAME FISH Sat. before Memorial Day-July 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit. STEELHEAD (Hatchery) Aug. 1-Apr. 15: Min. size 20". Daily limit 3. Barbless hooks required. OTHER GAME FISH Aug. 1-Sept. 30: Statewide min. size/daily limit. Nov. 1-Apr. 15: Catch-and-release.

Page 73, Tucannon River - Columbia/Garfield Co. - from mouth [the mouth is defined as water south of a line of sight from a sign with an orange triangle along the shoulder of Highway 261 (northwest of the Tucannon River), southeast across to the eastern, unsubmerged shoreline of the Tucannon River. (The embayment between the eastern shoreline of the Tucannon River and the rock bluff to the east that has an affixed orange channel navigation marker, along the south shore of the Snake River, is considered part of the Snake River.)] upstream to Tucannon Hatchery Rd. Bridge - Col. R. Salmon/Steelhead Endorsement, and Barbless hooks required for Salmon/Steelhead. STEELHEAD (Hatchery) Aug. 1-Apr. 15: Min. size 20". Daily limit 3. Sat. before Memorial Day-July 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit. OTHER GAME FISH Sat. before Memorial Day-Oct. 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit. Nov. 1-Apr. 15: Catch-and-release.

Page 74, WALLA WALLA RIVER - Walla Walla Co. – from mouth to Washington/Oregon state4 line - Col. R. Salmon/Steelhead Endorsement, and Barbless hooks required for Salmon/Steelhead. TROUT Sat. before Memorial Day-Oct. 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit. STEELHEAD (Hatchery) Sat. before Memorial Day-July 31: Statewide min. size/daily limit. Aug. 1-Apr. 15: Min. size 20". Daily limit 3. Barbless hooks required. OTHER GAME FISH Year-round: Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Page 74, WASHOUGAL RIVER - Clark Co. – from the Mt. Norway Bridge to the bridge at Salmon Falls - Col. R. Salmon/Steelhead Endorsement, and Barbless hooks required for Salmon/Steelhead. ALL SPECIES CLOSED WATERS - from 1,000' (or posted markers) below to 200' above the temporary weir while the weir is installed in river. Aug. 1-Oct. 31: Night Closure. Anti-snagging rule. TROUT Sat. before Memorial Day-~~Oct. 31~~ Mar. 15: Min. size 14". Daily limit 2. STEELHEAD (Hatchery) Sat. before Memorial Day-~~Oct. 31~~ Mar. 15: Min. size 20". Daily limit 3. OTHER GAME FISH Sat. before Memorial Day-~~Oct. 31~~ Mar. 15: Statewide min. size/daily limit. SALMON Aug. 1-Dec. 31 Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 may be adults. Only hatchery CHINOOK and hatchery COHO may be retained.

Pages 79-80, Drano Lake - Skamania Co. SALMON & STEELHEAD Aug. 1-Dec. 31: SALMON Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adult SALMON and no more than 1 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be a hatchery STEELHEAD.

Page 92, ROOSEVELT LAKE - Ferry/Grant Lincoln/Okanogan/Stevens Co. – Grand Coulee Dam to Little Dalles power line crossing including Hawk Creek downstream of the falls at Hawk Creek Campground and the Spokane arm downstream of SR 25 Bridge River up to 400' below Little Falls Dam - KOKANEE Year-round: No min. size. Daily limit 6. No more than 2 with intact adipose fins. TROUT Year-round: No min. size. Daily limit 5. Only adipose fin-clipped TROUT may be retained. WALLEYE Year-round: Daily limit 16. No size restriction. OTHER GAME FISH Year-round: Statewide min. size/daily limit. SALMON Year-round: Landlocked Salmon Rules. STURGEON Year-round: Closed.

Marine Area Rules

Page 98, LANDING A FISH - A club or dipnet (landing net) may be used to assist landing a legal fish taken by legal gear. A gaff may only be used to land a legally hooked LINGCOD (in Marine Areas 1-3 and 4 West of Bonilla-Tatoosh line), HALIBUT, TUNA, or DOGFISH SHARK that will be retained. HALIBUT may be shot or harpooned while landing.

Page 103, 20 Fathom Restriction BOTTOMFISH - (check the WDFW website at wdfw.wa.gov or call (360) 902-2700 in April 2019 for effective dates). May 9-Labor Day: Fishing for or possession of BOTTOMFISH (except LINGCOD, SABLEFISH, and PACIFIC COD when halibut is open) is prohibited seaward of a line approximating 20 fathoms from the Bonilla-Tatoosh line south to the Queets River, (Marine Area 3 and 4) as described by the following coordinates:

48°23.90' N, 124°44.20' W,
48°23.60' N, 124°44.90' W,
48°18.60' N, 124°43.60' W,
48°18.60' N, 124°48.20' W,
48°10.00' N, 124°48.80' W,
48°02.40' N, 124°49.30' W,
47°37.60' N, 124°34.30' W,
47°31.70' N, 124°32.40' W.

Page 106, Kydaka Point Closure – July 1-Sept. 3: waters south of a line from Kydaka Point westerly approximately 4 miles to Shipwreck Point CLOSED to fishing for SALMON.

Page 107, Marine Area 6 SALMON – ENTIRE AREA - Feb. 1-Apr. 15: CHINOOK – min. size 22". Other SALMON species – no min. size. Daily limit 2 1. Release wild COHO and wild CHINOOK. See Dungeness Bay Fishery and Closure below.

Page 115, Marine Area 9 SALMON – Hood Canal Fishery – July 16-Aug. 15: CLOSED. Jan. 1-Apr. 15: CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2. Only 1 hatchery CHINOOK may be retained. Release COHO and wild CHINOOK. Season may close earlier if CHINOOK guideline is attained. Aug. 16-Sept. 30: No min. size. Daily limit 2. Release CHINOOK, CHUM, and wild COHO. Shoreline fishing only. Fishing from a floating device prohibited. See Port Gamble Closure on previous page.

Page 117, Marine Area 10 SALMON–

- July 16-Aug. 31: CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2. Only 1 hatchery CHINOOK may be retained. Release CHUM and wild CHINOOK. See Harbor Island (Duwamish Waterways) Special Rules, Shilshole Bay Closure, Elliott Bay Closure, and Sinclair Inlet Fishery on previous page. Season may close earlier if CHINOOK quota is attained.
- Jan. 1-Mar. 31: CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2. Release wild CHINOOK. See Agate Pass Area on previous page. Season may close earlier if CHINOOK guideline is attained.

Page 121, Marine Area 12 SALMON South of Ayock Point – July 1-Sept. 30: CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 4. Up to 2 hatchery CHINOOK may be retained. Release CHUM and wild CHINOOK.