

2012-13 Sportfishing Rules Amendments – Rule Action

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Presentation Overview

- Rule Process
- Adopt as Proposed
- Adopt as Amended
- Do Not Adopt
- Questions

Process Timeline

- Aug. & Oct. Met with Fish Committee
- October Met with advisory groups
Notified public (email, press release, website)
Regional public meetings (4)
- Dec. 2-3 Briefed Commission
- Jan. 2012 Public Hearing
- Jan. – Feb. Meet with Fish Committee
- **Feb. 2012** **Adopt rules**
- May 1 2012 Pamphlet —rules take effect

Adopt Rules as Proposed

Conservation

- Northern Pike Classification
- Pend Oreille Two Pole Fishery
- Lower Crab and Red Rock Creeks Chinook
- South Fork Toutle River
- Salmon Creek Closer (Clark County)
- Swift Reservoir
- Puget Sound Wild Steelhead Protection Rules

Adopt Rules as Proposed

Recreational Opportunity

- Lowland Lakes Season
- Puget Sound Stream Strategy, Additional Trout Opportunity
- Wind River Increased Open Area
- Wynoochee River Steelhead Opportunity
- Lingcod Spearfishing Season

Adopt Rules As Amended

- Puget Sound Sturgeon
 - Initial proposal closed to retention year-round
 - Substantial comment
 - Public comment opposed
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada support proposal
 - Limited retention proposal developed consistent with management actions in Columbia River
 - May 15 to June 30
 - June 1-30, September 1-October 15

Adopt Rules as Amended

- San Poil Season, Harvest, and Boundary Changes
 - Retain the walleye 8 fish daily limit

Adopt Rules as Amended

- Coastal Stream Strategy
 - Retain current season closures for Willapa (March 31) & Naselle (April 15) Rivers
 - Additional stream reaches open in Clallam, Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties for trout opportunity

Adopt Rules as Amended

- Lower Spokane Two Pole and Kokanee Fisheries
 - Retain walleye daily limit 8

Adopt Rules as Amended

- Kettle River Fishery Additions
 - Remove Selective gear restrictions for juveniles 14 years and younger
 - Retain selective gear restrictions for adults

Do Not Adopt

- Roosevelt Lake Walleye
 - Retain current regulations
 - Monitor walleye population status

Questions

