

# Geographic Split of WAC 232-28-619

Agenda Item # 10

# Overview

- Background
- Request from Code Reviser and issues with Emergency Rules
- The WAC Overhaul
- The Approach
- What the new rules look like

# Background

- WAC 232-28-619
- History – Why is the rule in title 232 WAC?
- Why the rule is problematic:
  - It's VERY long
  - Organized alphabetically with no regard to geographic area
  - Paragraph based – unclear and difficult to read or cite to

# Code Reviser & Emergency Rules

- Code Reviser requested we break the rule apart as it's difficult to work with and amended frequently
- Emergency rules
  - Emergency rules are numbered alphabetically
  - EX: WAC 232-28-61900A
  - Finite amount of letters to use
  - We run risks of running out of room for new emergency rules and ability to effectively manage and enforce rules

# The WAC Overhaul

- The ongoing WAC Overhaul Project targeted WAC 232-28-619 to be split prior to Code Reviser request
- The Project provided a window of opportunity to make the necessary changes
- Renumbering/Reorganization is occurring soon – allows new rules to be placed with the new numbering system in mind

# The Approach

- Some reformatting within the rule was accomplished last sport rules cycle
- Broad changes were needed
- Took a statewide approach consulting with Regional biologists

# The Approach

- Repealing WAC 232-28-619
- Creating a new chapter – 220-310, Personal use fishery
  - A proactive move
  - All recreational fishing rules will be in chapter 220-310 after the WAC Overhaul is complete
- Made new sections within that chapter using the provisions of WAC 232-28-619

# The Approach

- Split the rule based on geography vs. lumping all water bodies in the state in one rule
- Accomplished internal formatting
  - Added subsections
  - Unraveled paragraph-style provisions
  - Put water body names in bold
- Made technical language changes for clarity while preserving the effect of the rules



# What the New Rules Look Like

- WAC 220-310-175 – General rules
- WAC 220-310-180 – Coastal water bodies
- WAC 220-310-185 – Southwest
- WAC 220-310-190 – Puget Sound
- WAC 220-310-195 – Eastside
- WAC 220-310-200 – Columbia River Mainstem

# Walk-through of the rule changes

Questions?