

**Lake Roosevelt Regulation Update – (Briefing/Public Hearing)**

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## Summary

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**Meeting dates:** August 5-6, 2016 Olympia, WA

**Agenda item:** Lake Roosevelt Regulation Update – (Briefing/Public Hearing)

**Presenter(s):** Chris Donley, Region One, Fish Program Manager

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### **Background summary:**

The Fish and Wildlife Commission received a petition from the Colville Tribe to reduce harvest impacts on wild Redband Rainbow Trout in Lake Roosevelt. The Commission deferred the petition, and asked WDFW staff to develop rule options and take public comment on the rule options. The intent of deferral was to address the petition request, while providing a rule that is acceptable to fishery users. Staff will brief the Commission on the proposed rule options and the public comment that has been received to date.

The rule options include:

- Option 1: No Action. This option maintains the current regulation, which includes a daily limit of five trout, with no more than two over 20 inches in length. The Sanpoil River arm of the reservoir is closed Feb. 1 through March 31.
- Option 2: This option increases the daily limit in Lake Roosevelt to 10 trout with no more than one wild trout, which must be 18 inches or greater in length. The Sanpoil River arm would be closed to fishing for trout and other game fish Feb. 1 to May 31.
- Option 3: Anglers fishing Lake Roosevelt from Grand Coulee Dam upstream to Northport Bridge have a daily limit of five hatchery trout (adipose-fin-clipped) and must release all wild trout. Anglers fishing from the Northport Bridge to Canadian border have a daily limit of two trout, with a minimum size of 18 inches.

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### **Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:**

N/A, briefing only

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### **Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

Public comment was solicited through the WDFW website with outreach through social media to encourage commenting. Additionally, a public meeting was held in Spokane on June 30 with 2 members of the public in attendance. There will also be a public testimony portion during this Commission meeting. Comments taken in from the public regarding this petition have ranged from no change desired to protection wild trout resource is of paramount importance. Based on public comment to date, a rule change that is more protective of wild trout in Lake Roosevelt would be palatable to most fishery users.

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### **Action requested:**

None at this time, briefing only.

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### **Draft motion language:**

None at this time, briefing only.

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### **Justification for Commission action:**

None at this time, briefing only.

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### **Communications Plan:**

N/A, briefing only.

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# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 16-02-119 _____ ; or | <input type="checkbox"/> Original Notice                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____ ; or                | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Notice to WSR _____              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuance of WSR 16-11-099 _____ |

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (Describe Subject) Changes to WDFW's freshwater fishing rules resulting from stakeholder recommendations made during North of Falcon meetings and a petition filed by the Colville tribes:

WAC 220-310-195 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.

**Hearing location(s):**  
Natural Resources Building, Room 259  
1111 Washington St., SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

**Date:** Friday –Saturday, August 5-6, 2016 Time: 8AM

**Submit written comments to:**  
Name: Scott Bird WDFW Rules Coordinator  
Address: 600 Capitol Way N  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

e-mail Rules.Coordinator@dfw.wa.gov  
fax (360) 902-2155 by July 25, 2016

**Assistance for persons with disabilities:** Contact

**Date of intended adoption:** On or after August 5, 2016  
(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Dolores Noyes by August 2, 2016  
TTY (360) 902-2207 or (360) 902-2349

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**  
The Fish and Wildlife Commission will hold a public hearing at the August 5-6 Commission meeting for proposed amendments WAC 220-310-195 regarding sportfishing rules for Lake Roosevelt and tributaries. The agency is continuing the proposed date of intended adoption and the deadline for written comments for WAC 220-310-195 only.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.32.470 ,77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047

**Statute being implemented:** RCW 77.32.470 ,77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047

**Is rule necessary because of a:**  
Federal Law?  Yes  No  
Federal Court Decision?  Yes  No  
State Court Decision?  Yes  No  
If yes, CITATION:

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**DATE:** June 24, 2016

**TIME:** 8:42 AM

**WSR 16-14-014**

**DATE**  
June 24, 2016

**NAME** (type or print)  
Scott Bird

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**  
Rules Coordinator

(COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE)

**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:**

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization)

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

Name	Office Location	Phone
Drafting.....		
Implementation....		
Enforcement.....		

**Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?**

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?**

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

No: Please explain:

- (302) **Renner Lake (Ferry County):** Open the fourth Saturday in April through October 31.
- (303) **Rigley Lake (Stevens County):**
- (a) Open the fourth Saturday in April through October 31.
  - (b) Selective gear rules apply.
  - (c) It is unlawful to fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor.
  - (d) Trout: Limit two, minimum length twelve inches.
- (304) **Rimrock Lake (Reservoir) (Yakima County):**
- (a) It is permissible to fish using two poles, so long as the angler possesses a valid two-pole endorsement.
  - (b) Chumming is permissible.
  - (c) Kokanee: Limit sixteen; kokanee do not count toward the trout limit.
- (305) **Roaring Creek (Entiat River Tributary) and all tributaries (Chelan County):** From the mouth of Roaring Creek upstream:
- (a) Open the Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31.
  - (b) Selective gear rules apply.
  - (c) Trout:
    - (i) Rainbow trout are catch and release only.
    - (ii) The eastern brook trout limit of 5 fish does not count toward the trout limit. However, once the limit of trout other than eastern brook trout is reached, the limit for all species of trout is reached and the angler must cease fishing for trout.
- (306) **Rock Creek (Adams/Whitman counties):**
- (a) From the mouth to Endicott West Road: Open year-round.
  - (b) From Endicott West Road to the bridge on Jordan Knott Road at Revere:
    - (i) Open the Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31.
    - (ii) Selective gear rules apply.
    - (iii) Catch and release only.
  - (c) From the bridge on Jordan Knott Road upstream: Open year-round.
- (307) **Rock Creek (Chelan County):**
- (a) Open the Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31.
  - (b) Selective gear rules apply.
- (308) **Rock Creek (Klickitat County):**
- (a) From Army Corps of Engineers Park upstream to the source: Closed waters.
  - (b) Open year-round from the mouth to the Army Corps of Engineers Park. Limits, size restrictions and gear restrictions are the same as those in the adjacent portion of the Columbia River.
- (309) **Rock Island Pool (Col.R.) tributaries (Chelan/Douglas County):** Open the Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31 from Rock Island Dam to Rocky Reach Dam, except the Wenatchee River.
- (310) **Rocky Ford Creek and Ponds (Grant County):**
- (a) Open to fly fishing and fishing from the bank only (no wading).
  - (b) Catch and release only.
- (311) **Rocky Lake (Stevens County):**
- (a) Open the fourth Saturday in April through October 31.
  - (b) From June 1 through October 31:
    - (i) Selective gear rules apply.
    - (ii) It is unlawful to fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor.
    - (iii) Catch and release only.
- (312) **Roosevelt Lake (Grant/Ferry/Lincoln/Stevens counties):**

(a) The following areas are closed:

(i) From the Little Dalles power line crossing upstream approximately one mile to the marked rock point, and from Northport power line crossing upstream to the most upstream point of Steamboat Rock, from March 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day.

(ii) The Kettle arm upstream to Barstow Bridge from April 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day.

(b) Carp: It is unlawful to fish for carp with bow and arrow.

(c) From Grand Coulee Dam to the Northport Bridge:

(i) Kokanee: Limit 6; no more than 2 with intact adipose fins may be retained.

((d)) (ii) Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

((e)) (iii) Trout (except kokanee): Limit 5; it is unlawful to retain ((more than 2 over 20 inches in length)) trout with an intact adipose fin.

((f)) (iv) Walleye: No size restrictions; limit 16 fish.

(d) From Northport Bridge to the Canadian Border:

(i) Kokanee: Limit 6; no more than 2 with intact adipose fins may be retained.

(ii) Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

(iii) Trout (except kokanee): Limit 2; it is unlawful to retain trout less than 18 inches in length.

(iv) Walleye: No size restrictions; limit 16 fish.

(313) **Round Lake (Okanogan County):** Open the fourth Saturday in April through October 31.

(314) **Rowland Lake, North (Klickitat County):** Open the fourth Saturday in April through the last day in February, except closed the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through Thanksgiving Day.

(315) **Royal Lake (Adams County):** Closed.

(316) **Royal Slough (including Marsh Unit IV impoundments) (Adams County):** Closed.

(317) **Ruby Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille County):**

(a) Open the Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31.

(b) Eastern brook trout: Limit 10; once an angler retains 2 trout other than eastern brook trout, the entire trout limit has been taken and the angler must cease fishing for trout.

(318) **Rufus Woods Lake (Douglas/Okanogan counties):**

(a) From Grand Coulee Dam downstream to State Route 155 Bridge: Closed.

(b) Trout: Limit 2; only uninjured trout caught using artificial lures or flies with single-point barbless hooks may be released.

(c) Tributaries to Rufus Woods Lake: Open the Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31.

(319) **Sacheen Lake (Pend Oreille County):** Open the fourth Saturday in April through October 31.

(320) **Saddle Mountain Lake (Grant County):** Closed.

(321) **Sago Lake (Grant County):** Open April 1 through September 30.

(322) **Salmon Creek, mainstem (Okanogan County):**

(a) Open the Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31.

(b) Selective gear rules apply.

(c) It is unlawful to fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor.

(d) Trout: Catch and release only.

(323) **Salmon Creek, North Fork and West Fork from mouth to South Fork (Okanogan County):**

(a) Open the Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31.

(b) Selective gear rules apply.

(c) It is unlawful to fish from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor.

**(324) San Poil River (Ferry County):**

(a) From the western shoreline at the mouth of the San Poil Arm (as marked by a regulatory buoy) directly eastward across the San Poil Arm to the eastern shoreline of the San Poil Arm (as marked by a regulatory buoy) upstream to the north shore of the outlet of French Johns Lake (Manila Creek) northeast across the San Poil Arm to the north shore of the outlet of Dick Creek:

(i) Open April 1 through January 31 for kokanee, smallmouth bass, trout, and walleye:

(A) Kokanee: Limit 2 fish in addition to the trout limit; no minimum size requirement.

(B) Smallmouth bass: Limit 10; it is unlawful to retain more than one over 14 inches.

(C) Trout:

(I) Limit 5 (~~(; it is unlawful to retain more than 2 trout over 20 inches)~~).

(II) Release rainbow trout with adipose fin((s)) intact.

(D) Walleye: Limit 16; no size restrictions.

(ii) Open year-round for other game fish, salmon, and carp:

(A) Carp: It is unlawful to fish for carp with bow and arrow.

(B) Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

(b) From the north shore of the outlet of French Johns Lake (Manila Creek) northeast across the San Poil Arm to the north shore of the outlet of Dick Creek to approximately 5 miles upstream from the outlet of French Johns Lake, as marked by regulatory buoys:

(i) It is unlawful to fish for or retain trout.

(ii) Open April 1 through January 31 for walleye and smallmouth bass:

(A) Smallmouth bass: Limit 10; it is unlawful to retain more than one over 14 inches.

(B) Walleye: Limit 16; no size restrictions.

(iii) Open year-round for other game fish, salmon, and carp:

(A) Carp: It is unlawful to fish for carp with bow and arrow.

(B) Salmon: Landlocked salmon rules apply.

(c) The waters from approximately 5 miles upstream from the outlet of French Johns Lake, as marked by regulatory buoys, to all waters north of the regulatory buoy line at or above 1,310 feet mean sea level elevation are managed under the regulatory authority of the Colville Confederated Tribe of Indians.

(d) From above the Colville Confederated Tribe of Indians Reservation northern boundary, upstream to the headwaters, including tributaries: Open the Saturday before Memorial day through October 31.

**(325) Sand Hollow Creek (Grant County) including all tributaries:** Open April 1 through September 30 from State Route 243 upstream.

**(326) Sarg Hubbard Park Pond (Reflection Pond) (Yakima County):** Open to juvenile anglers and anglers with a disability who possess a designated harvester companion card only.

**(327) Schaefer Lake (Chelan County):**

(a) Trout limit sixteen, except eastern brook trout. Eastern brook trout do not count towards the trout limit.

(b) Eastern brook trout: No minimum size and no limit.

**(328) Scooteney Reservoir (Franklin County):** Walleye limit 8; minimum size 12 inches. It is unlawful to retain more than one walleye over 22 inches in length.