

Sportfishing Regulations Changes 2017-2018 Amendments—Rule Action



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Presentation Outline

- Rule process & notebook materials
- Sportfishing rules recommendations
- Commission questions
- Main motion
- Amendments

Timeline & Public Involvement

- March 15-April 30 Accept Proposals
(email, press release, website)
- May-July Agency review of Proposals
- August-October Proposals posted to website
for public comment
- August Regional public meetings (3)
- November 4-5 Public Hearing
- December 9-10 Commission Action
- July 1, 2017 Rules take effect

Notebook Materials

- Summary sheet with draft main motion language
- 2017-18 Sportfishing Rule Change Proposals
- CR-102 and recommended WAC revisions

Adopt Rules as Proposed - General

Adopt as presented at the November Commission Meeting

- 1. Technical/Clerical Changes

Adopt Rules as Proposed - Shellfish

Adopt as presented at the November Commission Meeting

- 2. Possession of another's food fish or shellfish limit
- 3. Define a unit of gear for crab, crawfish, and shrimp
- 5. Tanner crab minimum size in Puget Sound
- 6. Shrimp pot mesh size
- 7. Allow squid harvest in Hood Canal
- 9. Remove bonus limits for eastern softshell clams in Skagit Bay, and for cockles in Willapa Bay

Do Not Adopt as Proposed - Shellfish

- 4. Require buoy of unattended shellfish gear to be marked with the first and last name and permanent mailing address of the person operating the gear
- 8. Restrict heating of oyster in the shell on the beach

Adopt Rules as Proposed – Marine Finfish

Adopt as presented at the November Commission Meeting

- 10. Require descending devices in Puget Sound for bottomfish and halibut
- 11. Classify Opah, Swordfish, Striped Marlin, and Dolphinfish as food fish

Questions?

Commission Action

