



PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

Print Form

In accordance with [RCW 34.05.330](#), the Office of Financial Management (OFM) created this form for individuals or groups who wish to petition a state agency or institution of higher education to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. You may use this form to submit your request. You also may contact agencies using other formats, such as a letter or email.

The agency or institution will give full consideration to your petition and will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your petition. For more information on the rule petition process, see Chapter 82-05 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05>.

CONTACT INFORMATION *(please type or print)*

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COMPLETING AND SENDING PETITION FORM

- Check all of the boxes that apply.
- Provide relevant examples.
- Include suggested language for a rule, if possible.
- Attach additional pages, if needed.
- Send your petition to the agency with authority to adopt or administer the rule. Here is a list of agencies and their rules coordinators: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Documents/RClis.htm>.

INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.

The subject (or purpose) of this rule is: _____

The rule is needed because: _____

The new rule would affect the following people or groups: _____

2. AMEND RULE - I am requesting the agency to change an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: WAC 200-300-160 (2) (C)

I am requesting the following change: Weight may not be attached below, to, or less than 12 inches above a lure or bait,

Twitching Jigs, which have weight molded onto the hook, are being inappropriately used to intentionally snag salmon returning to spawning grounds or to hatcheries such as Minter Creek.

This change is needed because:

By adding the word "to" would ban the use of Twitching Jigs in these small creeks and reduce the amount of intensional snagging that occurs with the use of these types of lures.

The effect of this rule change will be:

The rule is not clearly or simply stated: _____

3. REPEAL RULE - I am requesting the agency to eliminate an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: _____

(Check one or more boxes)

It does not do what it was intended to do.

It is no longer needed because: _____

It imposes unreasonable costs: _____

The agency has no authority to make this rule: _____

It is applied differently to public and private parties: _____

It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if known: _____

it duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. List duplicate law or rule, if known: _____

Other (please explain): _____

Personal Statement and Observations in support of this petition to amend

WAC 200-300-160 (2) (C)

I live just 1 1/2 miles away from Minter Creek and have been going down to the creek nearly every day since it opened for salmon fishing on September 1st of this year to observe salmon returning to the hatchery and occasionally to fish for them. There may be at any given time 20 to 150 people fishing this little creek which is affected by marine tidal action.

The Anti-Snagging rule is applied to this small creek but nearly everybody uses 3/8 to 3/4 oz. Twitching Jigs to intentionally snag the fish as they attempt to move up the creek to the hatchery.

I have observed on many occasions people snagging 15 or 20 fish within a 20 minute period using Twitching Jigs before snagging one on the head so they could keep the fish. As well, I have observed many fish being retained that were foul hooked instead of being released back into the creek and on a few occasions people un-hooking a foul hooked fish and re-catching it on the head before the fish has a chance to escape back into the creek.

DFW enforcement officers can't be everywhere to check and enforce the anti-snagging rule. It seems that when an officer is around the intentional snagging subsides and then picks up again as soon as the officer leaves.

I believe that amending the anti-snagging rule to include weight added to a hook, as with Twitching Jigs, would reduce or eliminate intentional snagging in small creeks such as Minter Creek. There are many larger streams where Twitching Jigs can be and are an effective lure for catching salmon.

Signed: Dennis L Liden

Date: 10/30/2022



