

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **WDFW issues corrections to the 2010-11 Sportfishing Rules pamphlet**

OLYMPIA — The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has issued corrections to the 2010-2011 “Fishing in Washington” Sportfishing Rules Pamphlet.

Anglers are advised to update their copies of the fishing rules pamphlet, which became effective May 1, 2010. The pamphlet is available on WDFW’s website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/>

WDFW will provide additional updates and corrections as needed. For more information regarding these changes, call Fish Program Customer Service at (360) 902-2700.

### **CORRECTIONS**

**Page 36 – Baker River (Skagit Co.)** from fish barrier dam to headwaters and all tributaries and their tributaries except Channel Creek.

**Error:** The pamphlet incorrectly lists an “All species” season.

**Correction:** The season should be listed as “All Game Fish.”

**Page 36 – Channel Creek (Whatcom Co.)**

**Error:** The pamphlet incorrectly lists an “All species” season.

**Correction:** The season should be listed as “All Game Fish.”

**Page 37 – Pilchuck Creek (Snohomish Co.)** from Pilchuck Falls upstream including all tributaries and their tributaries, including tributaries to Lake Cavanaugh.

**Error:** The pamphlet incorrectly lists an “All species” season.

**Correction:** The season should be listed as “All Game Fish.”

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**Error:** The pamphlet incorrectly lists an “All species” season.

**Correction:** The season should be listed as “All Game Fish.”

**Page 38 – Canyon Creek (Snohomish Co.) (South Fork Stillaguamish)**

**Error:** The open section of the creek was not designated.

**Correction:** The Creek should be listed as: Canyon Creek (Snohomish Co.) (South Fork Stillaguamish) from mouth to forks.

**Page 42 – Puyallup River (Pierce Co.)** from City of Puyallup outfall structure across the river from the junction of Freeman Rd. and N. Levee Rd. to Carbon River.

**Error:** The pamphlet incorrectly lists ALL SPECIES – Aug. 16-Nov. 30: night closure, anti-snagging rule, and barbless hooks required.

**Correction:** The rule takes effect on Aug. 1. It should read: ALL SPECIES – Aug. 1- Nov. 30: night closure, anti-snagging rule, and barbless hooks required.

**Page 45 – Dewatto River (Mason Co.)** from mouth to Dewatto-Holly Rd. Bridge.

**Error:** The Oct. 1-Oct. 31 All Game Fish season was omitted from the pamphlet.

**Correction:** The correct All Game Fish seasons are: First Sat. in June-Aug. 15, and Oct. 1-Oct. 31. Catch-and-release. Selective gear rules. Internal combustion motors prohibited.

**Page 50 – Chehalis River (Grays Harbor Co.)** from mouth (Hwy. 101 Bridge in Aberdeen) to Fuller Bridge.

**Error:** The SALMON season is incorrect.

**Correction:** The correct SALMON seasons are:

- SALMON: Sept. 16-Oct. 31. Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release CHINOOK and CHUM.
- SALMON: Nov. 1-Jan. 31. Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release CHINOOK, wild COHO, and CHUM.

**Page 54 – Joe Creek (Grays Harbor Co.)** (Pacific Beach) from State Hwy. 109 Bridge to Ocean Beach Rd. Bridge.

**Error:** The pamphlet incorrectly lists the season as All Game Fish.

**Correction:** The correct season should have been listed as Other Game Fish.

**Page 61 - Wishkah River (Grays Harbor Co.)** from weir upstream.

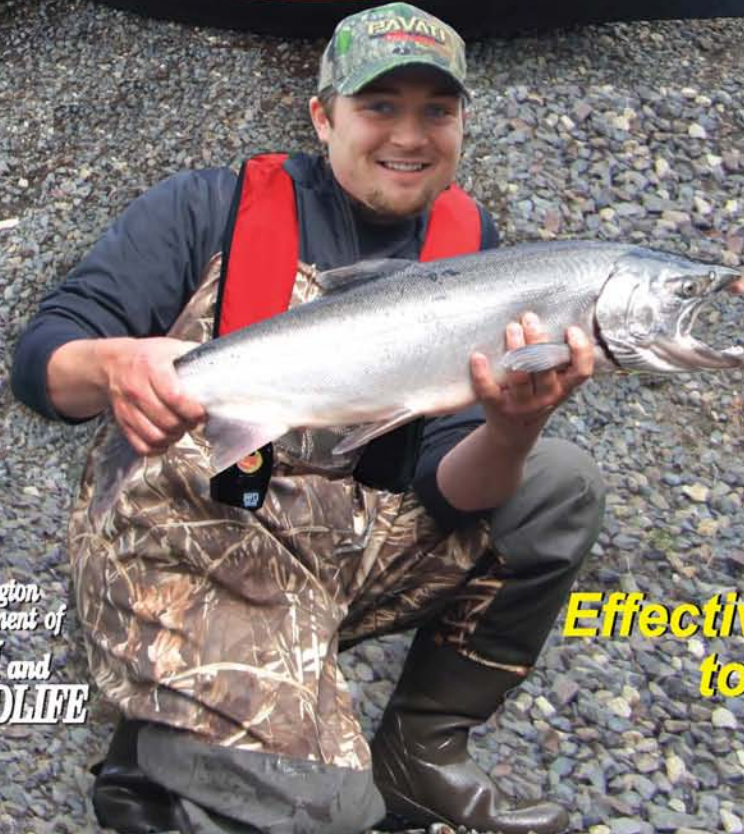
**Error:** A TROUT season was incorrectly omitted from the pamphlet. The listing of the All Game Fish season is also incorrect.

**Correction:** The correct seasons should have been listed as: Trout: First Sat. in June-Oct. 31. Min. size 14". Daily limit 2. Other Game Fish: First Sat. in June-Oct. 31. Statewide min. size/daily limit.

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## **2010/2011 SPORTFISHING RULES PAMPHLET**

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or [www.doh.wa.gov/shellfishsafety.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/shellfishsafety.htm)

### Fishing & Shellfishing Rules in State and National Parks, Federal Lands, Indian Reservations and Canada

Contact Olympic National Park at (360) 565-3000 or [www.nps.gov/olymp/fishing.htm](http://www.nps.gov/olymp/fishing.htm), Gifford Pinchot National Forest at (360) 891-5009 or [www.fs.fed.us/gpnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf), Mt. Rainier National Park at (360) 569-2211, or North Cascades National Park at (360) 854-7200. For rules and other information that apply within the parks, call State Parks (360) 902-8500.

State licenses and rules apply on National Forest lands.

Before fishing on Indian reservations, contact the tribe for the necessary permits and rules. Quinault Indian Nation (360) 276-8211; Colville Confederated Tribes (509) 634-2110; Puyallup Tribe of Indians (253) 845-9225 Puyallup Tribal shellfish permits and rules (253) 573-7909; Yakama Nation (509) 865-5121; Lummi Tribe (360) 384-1489; Swinomish Tribal Community (360) 466-7200; Makah Tribe (360) 645-2201; Kalispell Tribe (509) 445-1147.

An access permit is required to fish waters on the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Reservation. Call: (253) 967-6277.

For Joint Base Lewis-McChord fishing information, call (253) 982-3913.

General inquiries about Canadian fishing regulations and licensing, call (604) 666-0384 or fax (604) 666-1847.

This publication is available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact (360) 902-2200 or TTY (800) 833-6388.

This pamphlet is also available online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/erules/>

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# A Message From the Director and Commission Chair



*Phil Anderson,  
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of Fish and Wildlife*

Welcome to another fantastic year of sportfishing in Washington. We hope you can participate in one or more of the many fisheries our state has to offer.

Prospects look good throughout the state, and we encourage anglers to do their part as responsible stewards of fish and wildlife wherever they are fishing. That will go a long way to help ensure that our state's world-class fishing opportunities are available for generations to come.

Please take the time to review this pamphlet for specific rules and seasons. We also ask that you follow these basic tenets of informed sportsmanship:

- Handle all fish with care.
- Use the proper tackle for the species you are targeting.
- Limit your harvest to ensure future fishing opportunities.
- Understand and follow fishing regulations.
- Respect the rights of anglers, other outdoor enthusiasts and property owners.
- Never litter.

Good sportsmanship also extends to boating practices. We encourage anglers to follow boating regulations, as well as guidelines for operating vessels

when whales are nearby. Reducing your speed to less than 7 knots when within 400 yards of the nearest whale and keeping clear of the whale's path helps reduce the risk of disturbing these animals.

Of course, some of our state's salmon stocks, as well as steelhead populations, also require our protection. State policy calls for our salmon and steelhead fisheries to target hatchery fish and minimize impacts to weak populations.

But our commitment to conservation doesn't stop at protecting salmon and steelhead. For example, some species of rockfish are in decline in Puget Sound, where we recently adopted new sportfishing rules designed to provide additional protection for these fish.

These changes, such as restricting the depth anglers can fish for bottomfish and prohibiting the retention of rockfish in most of the Sound, are key components of a Puget Sound Rockfish Conservation Plan that the department is scheduled to finalize this year. If you plan to fish in Puget Sound, please review these new regulations, which can be found in the Marine Area Rules section of this pamphlet.

Anglers once again have a wide range of fishing opportunities throughout the state. From fly-fishing for bass and trout in eastern Washington to trolling for salmon along the coast and in Puget Sound, our state offers anglers unique sportfishing opportunities year-round.

Shellfish harvesters also have numerous opportunities this season. Dungeness crab, shrimp, clams and oysters are all available throughout Puget Sound, while razor clams provide a memorable digging opportunity along the coast.

Not surprisingly, many anglers are encouraged by the abundant return of fall Chinook expected to make its way through Washington's ocean waters bound for the Columbia River. This salmon run should provide anglers some great fishing opportunities this season in the ocean and the Columbia River.

We feel fortunate to live in an area with such abundant opportunity for superlative outdoor recreation. Please help us by demonstrating your commitment to good sportsmanship and to keeping this state a terrific place to fish.

Have a great year and enjoy fishing in Washington's waters.



*Miranda Wecker, Chair,  
Washington Fish and  
Wildlife Commission*

## Get Hooked on Washington Fishing!

Join with the Fish Program and . . .

- Battle the mighty King Salmon
- Dig fast and deep for Razor Clams
- Get pinched by the treacherous Dungeness Crab

Double your Fun - the Two-Pole Endorsement for trout and warmwater species!



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# General Information


## New for 2010

### STATEWIDE RULE CHANGES

All freshwater areas are **CLOSED** to the harvest of any fish not classified as a food fish or game fish (see definitions page 18).

**New Stream Strategy** - With the aim of offering more protection to juvenile salmonids rearing in our streams, a more conservative stream management strategy has been put in place in all streams that drain into Puget Sound or the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The basic premise is to close all rivers, streams, and beaver ponds to fishing except as listed in the Rules Pamphlet. Beginning on page 31 you will find the full explanation of these changes, including a map of the watersheds affected and an alphabetical listing of streams. The remaining westside rivers and all of the eastside rivers are listed in the conventional format and still fall under the standard 1st Saturday in June through October 31 game fish season unless otherwise noted.

**Columbia River Endorsement** - Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5421 mandates this endorsement as a pilot program with the goal of increasing recreational selective fishing opportunities on the Columbia River and its tributaries. The endorsement is required when fishing for salmon or steelhead in the Columbia River and its tributaries from the Rocky Point-Tongue Point line to Chief Joseph Dam (for more information see [wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/crss\\_endorsement](http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/crss_endorsement)). These areas are identified in this pamphlet with the following text: **Col. R. Salmon/Steelhead Endorsement**

**Two-Pole Endorsement** - Substitute House Bill 1778 authorizes the Department to sell a two-pole endorsement, which allows anglers to use up to 2 lines while fishing in all lakes statewide, except lakes identified in this pamphlet with the following icon: 

### MARINE

**\$10 Penalty for Not Returning Crab Catch Record Cards** - A \$10.00 penalty will be added to the cost of your next Puget Sound crab endorsement if you fail to either return your cards by mail or report your catch information on the Internet by the deadlines printed on the card. This penalty is associated to both summer and winter cards. You have the option to decline the winter catch card if you do not plan to crab after Labor Day.

**No Harvest of Unclassified Marine Invertebrates** - We are committed to conserving all marine life including species such as sea stars, shore crab, and Pacific graceful crab. To protect these resources, harvest is no longer permitted. You can still continue to collect and remove relic shells, but you cannot remove oyster shells from the beach.

**Rockfish and other bottomfish in Puget Sound** - Big changes have occurred in the regulations regarding fishing for bottomfish, especially rockfish, in Puget Sound. These changes are a result of our efforts to conserve resources and provide fishing opportunities in the future.

Many species of rockfish are in decline throughout Puget Sound, for example three species of rockfish - yelloweye, canary and bocaccio - are being considered for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act. Additionally, we are providing further protection to lingcod in Puget Sound.

Rockfish - fishing for, or retention of, any species of rockfish is now prohibited in most of Puget Sound (Marine Areas 5-13). The only exception is the area west of Slip Point and East of Cape Flattery where a small fishery for black rockfish and blue rockfish is allowed.

Lingcod - fishing seasons remain the same as last year but the size limits have been changed. The minimum size remains at 26 inches but the maximum size is now 36 inches. These size limits also apply to spearfishing for lingcod.

Bottomfish - fishing for bottomfish (including lingcod) in waters deeper than 120 feet is now prohibited. The reason for this restriction is the need to reduce the catch of rockfish from deep water. Studies have shown that rockfish caught and released from waters deeper than 120 feet suffer high rates of mortality. This depth restriction does not apply when fishing for salmon or halibut; however any bottomfish you catch must be returned to the water.

### SALMON

**Ocean Mark Selective Chinook Fishing Opportunity** - The Columbia River fall Chinook forecast is very strong this year. Ocean Chinook fisheries are expected to be good. Anglers will also have additional opportunity in the ocean this year as the first ever ocean mark selective Chinook fishery is scheduled from June 12-30 (or until the quota is reached) in Marine Areas 1 through 4.

**Skokomish Summer Chinook Mark Selective Fishery** - An additional section, from the mouth to the Lewis St. Bridge, has been added to this fishery. The fishery is now open from the mouth to the Wallace River.

**Willapa Bay Mark Selective Fisheries** - To help meet new conservation objectives, Area 2-1 and various tributaries will be mark selective Chinook and coho fisheries this year. Anglers will be required to release wild Chinook and wild coho.

**Barbless Hook Rules in Marine Areas 2-1 & 2-2** - To increase consistency of regulations between marine areas, new wild fish release requirements, and to help meet conservation objectives, barbless hooks will be required in these areas.

**Skokomish River Fishery** - Major changes were made to the Skokomish River this year. To meet a new, more stringent conservation objective, the August and September Chinook fishery will be a mark selective fishery and anglers will be required to release wild Chinook. On a trial basis, the recreational fishery is closed from Hwy. 106 Bridge to Hwy. 101 Bridge on Mondays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and September 13, to reduce and assess potential conflict between anglers and tribal fishers. To help reduce snagging, anglers will be required to release any salmon that is not hooked inside the mouth. Anglers will also be required to retain the first 2 salmon, if legal to do so, and stop fishing. This regulation will help meet Hatchery Reform goals and help reduce crowding on the river while maintaining recreational opportunity.

**Keep It Clean** - Trash, human and pet waste are a problem in some areas. To avoid loss of recreational opportunity resulting from pollution, please remember to clean up after yourself and your pets. Refer to Human and Pet Waste Advisory on page 18.

**Puyallup River Changes** - There will be an earlier opening (August 1st) upstream of Freeman Rd. this year. However, downstream of Freeman Rd. will open August 16 and be closed on August 22, 29, 30, and September 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14. These changes will help maintain opportunity for recreational anglers and tribal fishers, and increase safety.

**Nooksack River Changes** - Additional fishing time has been added, additional areas are now open for retention of hatchery Chinook, and the hatchery coho limit has been increased.

**Skagit River Changes** - The summer Chinook forecast is too low to allow a directed fishery this year. Therefore, there will not be a summer Chinook fishery this year. However, the coho forecast is strong and anglers will have an opportunity to retain up to 3 coho.

For more information on rule changes, check online at:  
[http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/rule\\_proposals/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/rule_proposals/)

# General Information

## HOW TO USE THIS PAMPHLET

This pamphlet is effective May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011 and contains information you need to legally fish throughout Washington State (see WAC summary information below).

- 1 • • • • • Read the General Information Pages.**  
Read the Licensing and Catch Record Card information. Read the Selective Fishing and Fish Handling information (page 21). Also be sure to look at the "New for 2010."
- 2 • • • • • Read the Statewide General Rules (page 20).**
- 3 • • • • • Read the Freshwater, Marine Area, or Shellfish/Seaweed Section.**  
Read Statewide General Rules pertaining to the section in which you intend to fish.
- 4 • • • • • Read the Special Rules for Area and Species You Intend to Fish.**  
These rule modifications supersede the General Rules and are listed as they apply to specific areas or species.  
  
This pamphlet is a summary of WDFW regulations. Before fishing in a National Park or on an Indian reservation, contact the Park or Tribe to check their regulations (see page 9 for contact information).

**NOTE: Emergency rules may occur throughout the year and will supersede the rules contained in this pamphlet. Changes can be found by calling the WDFW Fishing Hotline (360) 902-2500 or Shellfish Rule Change Hotline (866) 880-5431, contacting statewide customer service (360) 902-2700 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.), or by visiting the WDFW website <http://wdfw.wa.gov>.**

## Sportfishing Rule Development for 2012-2013

The next Sportfishing Rule Development process will not begin until the spring of 2011. If you have participated before, you will be notified by e-mail or postcard in early April 2011, and be directed to our website <http://wdfw.wa.gov> where we will post all the information on how to be involved in the process.

If you haven't participated before, but would like to, call (360) 902-2700, e-mail [sportfishing.rules@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:sportfishing.rules@dfw.wa.gov), or write to the Olympia office at 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia WA 98501, and ask to be added to the mailing list.

### Interested in working with us?

WDFW's goal is to support and facilitate efforts to attract, develop and retain a productive and diverse workforce capable of delivering quality services under our mandate (RCW 77.04.012). For more information, please visit our website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/employment/>

### The Land and Landowners

A true resource enthusiast respects the land and demonstrates this respect and appreciation while in the field. Remember to obtain permission from the landowner before entering upon his or her land to hunt or fish. While in the field, conduct yourself in a way that will ensure a welcome to those who follow after you. **Please Do Not Litter!**

**REMEMBER: A fishing license is not a license to trespass on private property!**

### Wildlife Area Users and Hydraulic Project Approval Applicants

WDFW is developing two Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) for species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. One plan will cover activities that require a Hydraulic Project Approval issued by the agency and the other HCP will cover recreational activities occurring on WDFW Wildlife Areas.

Find out more about how this could affect your use of the Wildlife Areas and the Hydraulic Project Approval program and how you can be involved. [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/hcp/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/hcp/) and <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/hcp/>

#### WAC Summary Information

This pamphlet is a summary of fishing regulations (Chapters 220-12, 220-16, 220-20, 220-55, 220-56, 232-12, and 232-28 of the Washington Administrative Code, adopted by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission; and Title 77 of the Revised Code of Washington, adopted by the Legislature). This pamphlet does not contain nor is it intended to contain all Department regulations.

This program receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It is the policy of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to adhere to the following: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The U.S. Department of the Interior and its bureaus prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability and sex (in educational programs). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, please contact the WDFW ADA Coordinator at 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091, or write to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Civil Rights Coordinator for Public Access 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: WSFR-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

# General Information

## Emergency Incident Hotline

Call toll-free at (877) 933-9847, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Program encourages any citizen who witnesses a fish or wildlife offense, who has knowledge of a fish or wildlife offense, or who has an encounter with dangerous wildlife, to report the violation/incident. This is not an informational hotline. This number is for emergencies only. To report a violation outside the hours listed above, call the nearest Washington State Patrol office listed below. The State Patrol has direct contact with Fish and Wildlife officers. Leave a message or ask that an enforcement officer contact you.

Bremerton.....	(360) 478-4646	Marysville .....	(360) 658-2588
Seattle .....	(206) 464-6610	Spokane .....	(509) 456-4101
Tacoma .....	(253) 536-6210	Vancouver .....	(360) 260-6333
Wenatchee.....	(509) 663-9721	Yakima .....	(509) 575-2320
Bellevue.....	(425) 649-4370		

## License Suspensions and Property Forfeitures

Washington State's Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Code (Revised Code of Washington Chapter 77.15) requires the **mandatory** suspension of a person's fishing privileges, for up to five years, if a person is convicted of one of the following violations:

- assaulting a Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Officer, or an employee or agent of the Department performing official duties
- first degree waste of fish and wildlife
- harvesting endangered fish or wildlife
- unlawfully purchasing or using a license

In addition, repeat offenders (any person with three convictions for any kind of violation within ten years) receive a mandatory two-year suspension of all fishing and hunting privileges. The law treats an uncontested notice of infraction, a bail forfeiture (payment of the fine on a citation), or a guilty plea as a conviction that will be counted. You will permanently lose your fishing and hunting privileges if you hunt or fish on a suspended license or demonstrate a willful or wanton disregard for the conservation of fish or wildlife. Furthermore, property that is used to violate any fishing and hunting regulations, or that is held with the intention of committing a violation, may be seized for evidence and may ultimately be forfeited to the state.

## Heightened Security

After the events of September 11, 2001, security has been heightened around the nation. Please be aware that there are 500-yard Naval Vessel Protective Zones around all naval vessels. Also, most military installations on the water have exclusionary zones around them. Consult <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov> or the local base commander or Coast Guard office for more details.

## Fish Tagging

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has released millions of Chinook and coho salmon with microscopic coded-wire tags implanted in their heads. The majority of coded-wire tags are implanted in hatchery fish at the juvenile stage, before release from the hatchery. These fish are eventually caught in fisheries, sampled on spawning grounds or used for broodstock when they return to the hatchery. WDFW samplers use electronic wands to detect the coded-wire tags, which provide fishery managers and biologists with information about fishery distribution, survival and composition of spawning ground population.

Several state and federal agencies (including WDFW), universities and Indian tribes also have released salmon, steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout with small acoustic tags in their body cavities. These tags transmit signals that are picked up by special receivers, allowing fishery managers to track the fish. Anglers who find a tag while cleaning their catch should call (360) 902-2700 to report the tag number, species of fish, date and location of their catch.



## Boat Safely and Live to Fish Again

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife supports and encourages safe boating, and urges anglers to be careful and responsible on Washington's waterways. Recreational fishing accounts for about half of this state's boating fatalities. WDFW reminds anglers to always wear U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejackets, understand and be alert for weather and tide changes, carry all required safety equipment, and never "push your luck" when it comes to safety on the water. If you have never taken a boating safety course, contact the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, or Washington State Parks Boating Program, for information on mandatory education classes and home-study courses. (<http://www.parks.wa.gov/boating.asp>)

## Derelict Fishing Gear

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is collecting information, statewide, on the locations of derelict fishing gear, such as gillnets and crab pots. To report the location of derelict gear, call (800) 477-6224 or visit <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/derelict/>. Qualified organizations will remove derelict gear based on information collected.

## Prohibited Aquatic Species

It is illegal to transport, introduce, or use prohibited aquatic animal and plant species in the state. WDFW encourages citizens to be vigilant in preventing the introduction or spread of prohibited and other non-native species. To report sightings and learn more about what you can do, please call (360) 902-2700 or visit [http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/fisheries\\_management/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/fisheries_management/) and click on the "Aquatic Nuisance Species" link.

## Public Conduct Rules on WDFW Lands WAC 232-13

As the number of users and types of use continue to increase on WDFW lands, the new rules provide a fair and sensible approach to protecting both fish and wildlife habitats and recreational values consistent with healthy wildlife populations.

These rules, which only apply on WDFW lands, are now in effect. The complete public conduct rule package is available on WDFW's website at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/public\\_conduct.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/public_conduct.html). Although some conduct rules remain in place and have not changed, the new WAC chapter compiles them in one location for easy reference.

The rules address behavior and conduct, parking, camping, campfires, dumping and littering, target shooting, fireworks, pets, building blinds and tree stands, access, commercial and noncommercial use, and enforcement.

A Washington State fishing guide license qualifies as a permit to use WDFW water access sites for the purpose of guiding licensed anglers.

With the new public conduct rules in place, WDFW public lands will continue to provide safe, beautiful wildlands for all users to enjoy now and in the future.





# License Information

LICENSES VALID FROM APRIL 1, 2010-MARCH 31, 2011

## License Types

**Combination License:**\* Allows you to fish in freshwater and saltwater, and harvest shellfish (including razor clams) and seaweed (optional catch record card included; catch record card requirements on page 16).

**Freshwater License:** Allows you to fish in freshwater areas only (optional catch record card included; catch record card requirements on page 16).

**Saltwater License:** Allows you to fish in saltwater areas only (optional catch record card included; catch record card requirements on page 16).


**Shellfish/Seaweed License:** Allows you to harvest razor clams, red rock, coastal Dungeness crab, goose barnacles, mussels, octopus, oysters, scallops, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, shrimp, softshell and hardshell clams, squid, and seaweed. No catch record card is required.

**1-5 Day Combination Licenses:** These short-term licenses work just like a combination license. This license is NOT valid for game fish (see: page 27) for the 8-day period beginning the last Saturday in April, unless you are an active duty resident military personnel.

**Razor Clam License:** This license (available as an annual or 3-day temporary license) allows you to harvest razor clams. You do not need this license if you already have a shellfish/seaweed or combination license. No catch record card is required.

**Puget Sound Dungeness Crab Endorsement:** This endorsement can be added to a Combination or Shellfish/Seaweed license for a fee of \$2.50 and allows you to harvest Puget Sound Dungeness crab (a \$.50 fee will allow you to add this endorsement to a 1-5 Day Combination License). Separate catch record cards are required and come free with the endorsement (see: catch record card requirements on page 16). There is no fee for juveniles age 14 and under but the endorsement is still required.

**New for 2010 Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement:** All anglers 15 and older fishing for salmon or steelhead on the Columbia River or its tributaries must have this endorsement. Check stream listings in special rules identified with **Col. R. Salmon/Steelhead Endorsement** or see [wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/crss\\_endorsement](http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/crss_endorsement) for map.

**New for 2010 Two-Pole Endorsement:** This endorsement allows you to use two fishing poles on most freshwater lakes, ponds, and reservoirs. You must have a fishing license in addition to the endorsement. There are about 145 lakes where you can NOT use two poles; visit [wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/twopole/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/twopole/) to see the list of lakes where a two-pole endorsement is not valid, or look for this icon  next to the lake listings.

\*There are three areas where anglers may legally fish with either a freshwater, saltwater, or combination license. These are Grays Harbor (Marine Area 2-2), Willapa Bay (Marine Area 2-1), and the Columbia River between a line from Rocky Point on the Washington shore to Tongue Point on the Oregon shore and the Buoy 10 line.

## 3 Ways to Buy your License:

### Dealer Outlets

Get your license TODAY at any of our 600 licensed dealers. Find a nearby dealer at:



<http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/vendors/>

### Online



Visit: <http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov>

### Telephone



Toll-free: (866) 246-9453  
Available 24 Hours a Day  
(Note: If you buy online or over the phone, it may take 7-10 business days to receive your license in the mail)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who needs a fishing license?

Everyone age 15 and up. You do not need a license if you are fishing for common carp, crawfish, bullfrogs, smelt, or to collect relic shells.

### Why do you need my social security number?

Federal and state law require everyone 15 and older to provide their social security number before getting any license.

### What's a catch record card and do I need one?

You use a catch record card (CRC) to track how many salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, halibut, or Puget Sound Dungeness crab you have harvested. You must have the CRC on your person while fishing (including youth).

## License Fees

Annual Fishing Licenses	Resident 16+	Non-Res	Senior Res 70+	Age 15/Disabled***
Combination (includes a VUP)	\$48.20	\$91.40	not available	\$11.00
Freshwater (includes a VUP)	\$24.00	\$50.00	\$8.00	n/a
Saltwater (includes a VUP)	\$22.20	\$45.80	\$8.60	n/a
Shellfish/Seaweed	\$12.00	\$29.60	\$11.60	n/a
Razor Clam	\$11.00	\$17.60	\$11.00	n/a
Temporary Fishing Licenses	Resident 16+	Non-Res	Senior Res 70+	Age 15/Disabled
1 Day Combination	\$10.18	\$17.82	\$10.18	\$10.18
2 Day Combination	\$13.46	\$24.36	\$13.46	n/a
3 Day Combination	\$16.73	\$30.91	\$16.73	n/a
4 Day Combination	\$18.91	\$35.27	\$18.91	n/a
5 Day Combination	\$21.09	\$39.64	\$21.09	n/a
3 Day Razor Clam	\$7.40	\$7.40	\$7.40	\$7.40
Other Items	Resident 16+	Non-Res	Senior Res 70+	Age 15/Disabled
Columbia River Salmon/Steelhead Endorsement	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.75
Two-Pole Endorsement	\$24.50	\$24.50	\$6.50	\$24.50
Puget Sound Crab Endorsement to use with an annual license	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Puget Sound Crab Endorsement to use with a temporary license	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Catch Record Card	Free*	Free*	Free*	Free*
Vehicle Use Permit (VUP)	\$14.00**	\$14.00**	\$14.00**	\$14.00**
Watchable Wildlife Decal	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00

\*Your first Catch Record Card is free. Replacements are \$12.00.

\*\*Replacements are \$8.00.

\*\*\*Refer to page 15 criteria for reduced fees.

Prices shown include all applicable fees. Prices subject to change.

# License Information

## Residency

To qualify as a Washington resident you must provide one of the following:

- Washington driver's license;
- Washington identification card; or
- Military ID with a copy of orders showing Washington as your duty station.

If you do not have the above, you may need to contact WDFW Licensing to provide other documentation (See definition of "Resident" on page 19 for more information).

## Contact WDFW Licensing

Call: (360) 902-2464

E-mail: [licensing@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:licensing@dfw.wa.gov)

Visit us on the web at

<http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov>

or write:

WDFW Licensing  
600 Capitol Way N  
Olympia, WA  
98501-1091

## Free Fishing Weekend

June 12-13, 2010, is "Free Fishing Weekend" in Washington. On those two days, fishing licenses are not required. Catch Record Cards are required to fish for salmon, sturgeon, steelhead, Puget Sound Dungeness crab, and halibut. Free fishing days are valid for everyone. All other rules apply, including area and lure or bait restrictions and size and catch limits. A Vehicle Use Permit is not required. **Each year, the Free Fishing Weekend will be the first weekend in June, after the first Monday in June.**

## Reduced Fees Persons with Disabilities

You may qualify for reduced fees if you are a:

- Resident veteran with a service-connected disability of 30% or more
- Resident veteran 65 years of age or older with a service-connected disability
- Resident who permanently uses a wheelchair
- Resident who is blind or visually impaired
- Resident with a developmental disability



These and other permanent disabilities may be qualifiers for a Designated Harvester Card, which allows another licensed person to help you fish.

You will need to complete a Disability Application (and provide any supporting documentation) in order to qualify for reduced fees or a Designated Harvester Card. Applications must be processed through a Department of Fish and Wildlife office.

To request an application or for more information, contact: WDFW Licensing Division, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501-1091; call (360) 902-2464; or visit us on the web at <http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov>.

## Vehicle Use Permit

You must clearly display a Vehicle Use Permit (VUP) to park a vehicle at all posted WDFW wildlife areas and water access sites. The VUP must be visible from outside the vehicle (they can be placed on the dash or hung from the rear-view mirror) and can be switched between two vehicles. You can get a rear-view mirror hanger from your local license dealer. VUPs are free with an annual Combination, Saltwater, or Freshwater license, or may be purchased separately. For a list of locations requiring the VUP, visit [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/) or visit a WDFW regional office.

New Vehicle Use Permit    Rear-view Mirror Hanger



## Washington State Fishing Guide Licenses

Commercial use of WDFW land requires a permit. A Washington State fishing guide license qualifies as a permit to use WDFW water access sites. For more information about rules governing conduct on WDFW land, see WAC 232-13 or contact the Wildlife Program at (360) 902-2515.

## Lifetime License Drawing

### Hunt and Fish Free for Life!

WDFW offers you a fantastic opportunity to hunt and fish free for life. We are offering Lifetime Hunting & Fishing Privileges to lucky winners of one of our 4 drawings each year.

You can purchase as many applications as you wish and each ticket is good for 365 days and will be included in 4 drawings. Purchase your application at any license dealer or online at <http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov>

## Fishing Contests

**Adult** - An adult fishing contest exists when six or more licensed anglers (15 years old and above) fish competitively for game fish (i.e., trout, bass, walleye, etc.) and determine winners, regardless of the prize value. A permit is required.

**Juvenile** - A juvenile fishing event is restricted to anglers 14 years old and under. A juvenile fishing event exists when 10 or more juveniles fish competitively for game fish (i.e., trout, bass, walleye, etc.) and determine winners, regardless of the prize value. Approval to conduct a juvenile fishing event must be obtained from the WDFW regional office in the region in which the event will occur.

Adult fishing contests or juvenile fishing events that target food fish (i.e., salmon, sturgeon, halibut, etc.) do not need a permit and do not need to notify the agency.

For more information, or to request an application for a permit to conduct a fishing contest, contact the WDFW Fish Program at (360) 902-2700. There is a \$24 application fee.



# Catch Record Cards

The Catch Record Card is an important management tool for estimating the recreational catch of sturgeon, steelhead, salmon, halibut, and Puget Sound Dungeness crab. A catch record card must be in your possession to fish for these species. **Washington Administrative Code (WAC 220-56-175, WAC 220-69-236) requires all kept sturgeon, steelhead, salmon, halibut, and Puget Sound Dungeness Crab to be recorded on your Catch Record Card, and requires all anglers to return their Catch Record Card by April 30, or for Dungeness crab by the date indicated on the card, even if nothing is caught or you did not fish.** Please use the instruction sheet issued with your card. Please return Catch Record Cards to: WDFW CRC UNIT, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia WA 98501-1091. Use examples below to help complete card correctly.

**FOR CATCH AREA CODES, REFER TO THE NEXT PAGE OR THE INSTRUCTION SHEET RECEIVED WITH YOUR CATCH RECORD CARD, OR REFER TO THE WESTSIDE AND EASTSIDE RIVERS SPECIAL RULES SECTIONS WITHIN THIS PAMPHLET**

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER RETAINING THE SPECIES BELOW AND BEFORE FISHING AGAIN, RECORD CATCH INFORMATION IN INK.**

## STURGEON

Did you fish for Sturgeon?  Yes  No

Do Not Record Released Sturgeon

A 50" white sturgeon kept from Lower Columbia Buoy 10 section on June 15 with a vent behind pelvic fins, would be entered as:

CATCH AREA CODE	MO (1-12)	DAY (1-31)	SPECIES CODE	FORK LENGTH
519	6	15	W	50

Species Codes:

**W** = White Sturgeon (barbels near snout tip, vent behind pelvic fins)

**GREEN STURGEON MAY NOT BE RETAINED**

Green Sturgeon (barbels near mouth, vent between pelvic fins)



Location of vent



Immediately after retaining a white sturgeon and before fishing again, record catch information **in ink**. The annual limit is 5 fish, even if an angler possesses both a Washington and an Oregon license and catch record card. Anglers may continue to catch and release after retaining 5 white sturgeon in waters of the Columbia River forming the Oregon/Washington boundary.

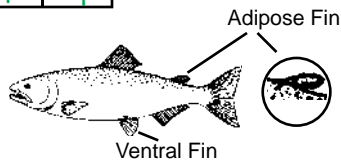
## STEELHEAD

Did you fish for Steelhead?  Yes  No

One Wild Steelhead Allowed On This Card

	CATCH AREA CODE	MO (1-12)	DAY (1-31)
Record Wild Fish Here only:	30	830	12 2
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A **hatchery** steelhead kept from the Skagit River on Dec. 2 and a **wild** steelhead kept from the Bogachiel River on Jan. 9 would be entered as above.



Hatchery Fish (adipose or ventral fin clipped and a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin)

Wild Fish (adipose and ventral fins intact)

Immediately after retaining a steelhead and before fishing again, record catch information **in ink**. Additional Catch Cards are available for hatchery steelhead only.

## HALIBUT

Did you fish for Halibut?  Yes  No

Do Not Record Released Halibut

A halibut kept from Area 5 on May 28 caught from a private boat would be entered as:

CATCH AREA CODE	MO (1-12)	DAY (1-31)	CHARTER PRIVATE*
5	5	28	c P

Circle boat type: C= Charter P= Private

All halibut kept are required to be recorded on your catch record card in ALL MARINE AREAS. Immediately after retaining a halibut and before fishing again, record catch information **in ink**.

## SALMON

Did you fish for Salmon?  Yes  No

Do Not Record Released Salmon

A 19" Chinook salmon kept from the Cowlitz River below Mayfield Dam on Sept. 15 with clipped adipose fin would be entered as:

CATCH AREA CODE	MO (1-12)	DAY (1-31)	Check One Box Per Line For Species Kept						CLIP TYPE	
			CHIN	COHO	CHUM	PINK	SOCK	CHIN JACK		COHO JACK
561	9	15							✓	W

**H** = Hatchery (adipose fin clipped and a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin)

**W** = Wild (adipose fin intact)

Marine Areas and Adults in Freshwater

**CHIN** = Chinook/King

**COHO** = Coho/Silver

**CHUM** = Chum/Dog

**PINK** = Pink/Humpy

**SOCK** = Sockeye/Red

**Jacks in Freshwater, Willapa Bay (area 2-1) and Grays Harbor (area 2-2).**

**CHIN JACK** = King jacks or Chinook jacks (12 to less than 24 inches)

**COHO JACK** = Silver jacks or Coho jacks (12 to less than 20 inches)

Salmon caught under landlocked salmon rules should **not** be recorded.

Immediately after retaining a salmon and before fishing again, record catch information **in ink**.

## DUNGENESS CRAB

Did you fish for Crab?  Yes  No

Do Not Record Released Crab

Three male Dungeness crab kept from Hood Canal on July 16 would be entered as:

MARINE AREA	MONTH	DAY	CHECK (✓) ONE BOX FOR EACH CRAB KEPT				CRAB KEPT PER DAY
12	7	16	✓	✓	✓		3

When you purchase a Puget Sound Dungeness crab endorsement you will be issued a Catch Record Card for the summer reporting period which runs through Labor Day. Catch Record Cards for the winter period which begins the day after Labor Day are optional and are available at any time. All Puget Sound Dungeness crab kept are required to be recorded on your Catch Record Card immediately after capture and before fishing again. Record catch information **in ink**. Be sure to make a check mark for each crab kept. The check mark is used by field enforcement officers to ensure each crab kept is immediately recorded. At the end of the fishing trip, or prior to moving to a new marine area, enter the total number of check marks in the **CRAB KEPT PER DAY** column. The number should equal the number of checkmarks on that line.

**A \$10.00 penalty will be added to the cost of your next Puget Sound crab endorsement if you fail to either return your cards by mail or report your catch information on the Internet (<http://fishunt.dfw.wa.gov>) by the deadlines printed on the card.**



### REMINDER!

**Return your Catch Record Cards by the date printed on the card "With or Without Catch"**

Send to:

WDFW CRC Unit, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

For more information regarding the purpose of the crab Catch Record Card, how the catch information is used, and the public's role in providing the necessary data, please visit our webpage at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfish/crab/crc.html>.

# Catch Record Card Codes

## Puget Sound Region

824 Baker River  
 784 Berry Creek  
 708 Burley Creek (Kitsap Co.)  
 710 California Creek  
 866 Canyon Creek (Stillaguamish Sys.)  
 727 Capitol Lake  
 802 Carbon River  
 826 Cascade River  
 712 Cedar River (King Co.)  
 714 Chambers Creek  
 718 Clallam River  
 722 Curley Creek (Kitsap Co.)  
 724 Dakota Creek (Whatcom Co.)  
 726 Deep Creek (Clallam Co.)  
 728 Deschutes River  
 732 Dewatto River  
 734 Dosewallips River  
 736 Duckabush River  
 738 Dungeness River  
 742 Elwha River  
 746 Green/Duwamish River (King Co.)  
 752 Hoko River  
 754 Kennedy Creek  
 763 Lake Sammamish  
 762 Lake Washington  
 766 Little Quilcene River  
 768 Lyre River  
 770 McAllister Creek (Thurston Co.)  
 774 McLane Creek (Thurston Co.)  
 778 Minter Creek (Pierce/Kitsap Co.)  
 782 Morse Creek (Clallam Co.)  
 786 Nisqually River  
 794 Nooksack River (below North Fork)  
 790 Nooksack River, North Fork  
 788 Nooksack River, Middle Fork  
 792 Nooksack River, South Fork  
 870 Pilchuck Creek (Stillaguamish Sys.)  
 840 Pilchuck River (Snohomish Sys.)  
 804 Puyallup River  
 810 Pysht River  
 812 Quilcene River  
 842 Raging River  
 814 Salt Creek (Clallam Co.)  
 816 Samish River  
 828 Sauk River  
 818 Sekiu River  
 830 Skagit River  
 834 Skokomish River (Mason Co.)  
 844 Skykomish River (below forks)  
 846 Skykomish River, North Fork  
 848 Skykomish River, South Fork  
 850 Snohomish River  
 852 Snoqualmie River  
 748 Soos Creek  
 876 Stillaguamish River (below forks)  
 872 Stillaguamish River, North Fork  
 874 Stillaguamish River, South Fork  
 832 Suiattle River  
 854 Sultan River  
 878 Tahuya River  
 856 Tokul Creek  
 858 Tolt River  
 880 Union River  
 860 Wallace River  
 882 West Twin River  
 884 Whatcom Creek  
 808 White (Stuck) River  
 862 Woods Creek

## Columbia River Region

501 Abernathy Creek  
 508 Big White Salmon River  
 507 Blue Creek (Lewis Co.)  
 609 Cedar Creek (Clark Co.)  
 515 Chinook River  
 555 Cispus River  
 517 Coal Creek (Cowlitz Co.)  
 519 Columbia R. Buoy 10 to Rocky Pt.-Tongue Pt. line  
 521 Columbia R. Rocky Pt.-Tongue Pt. line to Longview Br.  
 523 Columbia R. Longview Br. to I-5 Br.  
 525 Columbia R. I-5 Br. to Bonneville Dam  
 527 Columbia R. Bonneville to The Dalles Dam  
 529 Columbia R. The Dalles to John Day Dam  
 531 Columbia R. John Day to McNary Dam  
 533 Columbia R. McNary Dam to Hwy. 395 Br. at Pasco  
 535 Columbia R. Hwy. 395 Br. to Priest Rapids Dam  
 537 Columbia R. Priest Rapids to Wanapum Dam  
 539 Columbia R. Wanapum to Rock Island Dam  
 541 Columbia R. Rock Island to Rocky Reach Dam  
 543 Columbia R. Rocky Reach to Wells Dam  
 545 Columbia R. Wells to Chief Joseph Dam  
 557 Coweeman River  
 561 Cowlitz R. below Mayfield Dam  
 563 Cowlitz R. between Mayfield Dam and Cowlitz Falls Dam  
 559 Cowlitz R. above Cowlitz Falls Dam and Lake Scanewa  
 580 Deep River (Wahkiakum Co.)  
 618 Drano Lake  
 583 Elochoman River  
 586 Entiat River  
 589 Germany Creek  
 600 Gobar Creek  
 592 Grande Ronde River  
 595 Grays River  
 596 Grays River, West Fork  
 565 Green River (Cowlitz Co.)  
 598 Hamilton Creek  
 672 Icicle River (Creek)  
 604 Kalama River below Kalama Falls Hatchery  
 602 Kalama River above Kalama Falls Hatchery  
 607 Klickitat River below #5 fishway  
 608 Klickitat River above #5 fishway  
 567 Lacamas Creek (Lewis Co.)  
 563 Lake Mayfield  
 559 Lake Scanewa  
 670 Lake Wenatchee  
 611 Lewis River (below East Fork)  
 613 Lewis River, East Fork  
 615 Lewis River, North Fork  
 661 Little Washougal River  
 618 Little White Salmon River and Drano Lake  
 621 Methow River  
 624 Mill Creek (Cowlitz Co.)  
 625 Mill Creek (Lewis Co.)  
 655 Mill Creek (Walla Walla Co.)  
 627 Okanogan River  
 569 Olequa Creek (Lewis Co.)  
 563 Riffe Lake  
 632 Rock Creek (Skamania Co.)  
 635 Salmon Creek (Clark Co.)  
 629 Similkameen River  
 638 Skamokawa Creek  
 640 Snake R. below Ice Harbor Dam  
 642 Snake R. Ice Harbor to Lower Monumental Dam  
 644 Snake R. Lower Monumental to Little Goose Dam  
 646 Snake R. Little Goose to Lower Granite Dam  
 648 Snake R. Lower Granite to Interstate Bridge  
 650 Snake R. upstream of the Interstate Bridge, Clarkston  
 571 Tilton River  
 657 Touchet River  
 573 Toutle River (below forks)  
 575 Toutle River, No. Fork  
 577 Toutle River, So. Fork  
 653 Tucannon River  
 659 Walla Walla River  
 667 Washougal River  
 665 Washougal River, North and West Forks  
 674 Wenatchee River  
 680 Wind River below Shipherd Falls  
 677 Wind River above Shipherd Falls  
 690 Yakima River

## Coastal Region

305 Bear River (Pacific Co.)  
 386 Big River (Clallam Co.)  
 398 Bogachiel River  
 400 Calawah River  
 308 Cedar Creek (Grays Harbor Co.)  
 311 Cedar Creek (Jefferson Co.)  
 312 Cedar River (Pacific Co.)  
 317 Chehalis R. below Black R.  
 315 Chehalis R. above Black R.  
 319 Chehalis River, South Fork  
 392 Clearwater River  
 321 Cloquallam Creek  
 408 Cook Creek  
 339 Copalis River  
 402 Dickey River (Clallam Co.)  
 342 Elk River (Grays Harbor Co.)  
 345 Goodman Creek (Jefferson Co.)  
 350 Hoh River below Hwy. 101  
 348 Hoh River above Hwy. 101  
 352 Hoh River, South Fork  
 355 Hoquiam River  
 358 Humptulips River (below forks)  
 361 Humptulips River, East Fork  
 362 Humptulips River, West Fork  
 323 Joe Creek  
 367 Johns River  
 369 Kalaloch Creek  
 371 Moclips River  
 373 Mosquito Creek (Jefferson Co.)  
 375 Naselle River  
 379 Nemah River  
 325 Newaukum River  
 389 Niawiakum River  
 382 North River  
 388 Ozette River  
 390 Paix River  
 394 Queets River  
 370 Quigg Lake (Grays Harbor Co.)  
 404 Quillayute River  
 327 Quinault Lake  
 410 Quinault R. Lower (below L. Quinault, not Cook Cr.)  
 412 Quinault R. Upper (above L. Quinault)  
 414 Raft River  
 377 Salmon Creek (Pacific Co.)  
 396 Salmon River (Jefferson Co.)  
 329 Satsop River, below forks and East Fork  
 331 Satsop River, Middle and West Forks  
 333 Skookumchuck River  
 384 Smith Creek (Pacific Co.)  
 406 Sol Duc River  
 418 Sooes River (Clallam Co.)  
 364 Stevens Creek  
 419 Van Winkle Creek (Grays Harbor Co.)  
 420 Waatch River  
 424 Willapa River  
 422 Willapa River, South Fork  
 380 Williams Creek  
 335 Wishkah River  
 337 Wynoochee River

## Marine Area Codes

1 Ilwaco  
 2 Westport-Ocean Shores  
 2-1 Willapa Bay  
 2-2 Grays Harbor  
 3 LaPush  
 4 Neah Bay  
 5 Sekiu and Pillar Point  
 6 East Juan de Fuca Strait  
 7 San Juan Islands  
 8-1 Deception Pass, Hope Island, and Skagit Bay  
 8-2 Ports Susan and Gardner  
 9 Admiralty Inlet  
 10 Seattle-Bremerton  
 11 Tacoma-Vashon Island  
 12 Hood Canal  
 13 South Puget Sound

See map and descriptions in the Marine Section for area definitions.

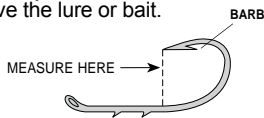
# Definitions of Terms used throughout the Pamphlet

**Adult Salmon** In freshwater and Marine Areas 2-1 and 2-2, Chinook 24" or more in length; coho 20" or more in length; and pink, chum, and sockeye salmon 12" or more in length, are adults.

**Angling (Hook & Line Fishing)** Fishing for personal use (not for sale or barter) with a line attached to a pole capable of being held in hand while landing fish, or a hand-operated line without a rod or reel.

**Annual Limit** The number of fish that may be taken, statewide, during the license year (April 1-March 31).

**Anti-Snagging Rule** Except when fishing with a buoyant lure (with no weights added to the line or lure), or trolling from a vessel or floating device, terminal fishing gear is restricted to a lure or bait with one single-point hook. Hooks must measure  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch or less from point to shank, and must be attached to or below the lure or bait. Weights may not be attached below or less than 12" above the lure or bait.



**Bait** Anything that attracts fish or shellfish by scent and/or flavor. This includes any device made of feathers, hair, fiber, wood, metal, glass, cork, leather, rubber, or plastic, which uses scent and/or flavoring to attract fish or wildlife.

**Bass** When used in the fishing pamphlet, the term "bass" includes largemouth and smallmouth bass.

**Bottomfish** Includes Pacific cod, Pacific tomcod, Pacific hake (or whiting), walleye pollock, all species of dabs, sole and flounders (except Pacific halibut), lingcod, ratfish, sablefish, cabezon, greenling, buffalo sculpin, great sculpin, red Irish lord, brown Irish lord, Pacific staghorn sculpin, wolfeel, giant wrymouth, plainfin midshipman, all species of shark, skate, rockfish, rattail, and surf perches excluding shiner perch.

**Bouyant Lure** A lure that floats on the surface of fresh water when no additional weight is applied to the line or lure, and when not being retrieved by a line.

**Bow-and-Arrow Fishing** Taking fish with a line attached to an arrow and propelled by a bow. Does not include the use of crossbows.

**Catch-and-Release Fishing** A type of fishing where all of the fish caught are immediately released back into the water.

**Chumming** Scattering feed or other materials to attract fish to a location.

**Closed Waters** A body of water where fishing is prohibited.

**Daily Limit** The maximum number or pounds of fish, shellfish, or seaweed of a given species and size which a person may legally keep in a single day.

**Designated Harvester Card** This card allows the licensed person with a disability to receive assistance from another licensed individual for fishing or harvesting shellfish. The designated harvester must have their license and the Designated Harvester Card in their possession when assisting a person with a disability.

**Emergency Rule (RCW 34.05.350)** A rule filed by an agency when the agency determines that immediate action is necessary to change a permanent rule.

**Equipped with a motor** A motor is attached to the floating device, regardless of whether the motor is in the water.

**Fathom Line (20 or 30)** It is unlawful to fish for or possess bottomfish or lingcod seaward of a line approximating 20 or 30 fathoms when fathom restrictions are in place. Halibut fishery may be restricted to the waters shoreward of 30 fathoms in Marine Areas 3 and 4.

**Fly** A lure on which thread, feathers, hackle, or yarn cover a minimum of half of the shank of the hook. Metallic colored tape, tinsel, mylar, or bead eyes may be used as an integral part of the design of the fly pattern.

**Fly Fishing Only** In "Fly Fishing Only" waters, an angler may use only the following tackle: up to 2 flies, each with a barbless single-point hook, not to exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from point to shank, and a conventional fly line (other line may be used for backing or leader if attached to at least 25 feet of fly line). Anglers may not use fixed spool reels, bait, or weight attached to the leader or line. Only knotless nets may be used to land fish.

An angler with a disability, who has been issued a special use disability permit and has it in their possession, may fish in "Fly Fishing Only" waters with spin casting gear, with a casting bubble, and may use an electric motor while fishing on "Fly Fishing Only" lakes where fishing from a boat is allowed. All other restrictions listed above still apply.

**Food Fish** Includes forage fish, halibut, bottomfish, common carp, shad, tuna, mackerel, salmon, and sturgeon.

**Forage Fish** Includes anchovy, sand lance, herring, sardine, and smelt.

**Forage Fish Dip Net** A section of netting (maximum mesh size is  $\frac{5}{8}$ " stretched mesh) distended by a rigid frame not exceeding 36" across and directly attached to a rigid handle. May only be used for forage fish or squid.

**Forage Fish Jig Gear** Jig gear may have up to three treble hooks or nine single-point hooks, not to exceed  $\frac{3}{8}$ " between point and shank. May only be used for forage fish or squid.

**Frozen** Fish or shellfish that are hard frozen throughout.

**Fresh** Fish or shellfish that are refrigerated, iced, salted, or surface glazed.

**Freshwater Area** Those waters within any freshwater river, lake, stream, or pond. On the bank or within 10 yards of any freshwater river, lake, stream, or pond. On or within any boat launch, ramp, or parking facility associated with any freshwater river, lake, stream, or pond.

**Gaffing** Attempting to take fish by impaling fish with a hook attached directly to a pole or other device.

**Game Fish** Includes bass, burbot (freshwater ling), catfish, crappie, grayling, northern pikeminnow, peamouth chub, yellow perch, northern pike, tiger musky, sucker, sunfish, grass carp, trout (including steelhead, kokanee, and Dolly Varden/bull trout), landlocked salmon (Chinook, coho or Atlantic), walleye, and whitefish.

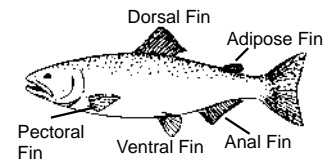
## Handling Rules

**Freshwater:** It is unlawful to totally remove salmon, steelhead, or Dolly Varden/bull trout from the water if it is unlawful to retain those fish, or if the angler subsequently releases the salmon, steelhead, or Dolly Varden/bull trout.

**Marine Area 2-2:** It is unlawful to totally remove salmon from the water if it is illegal to retain those fish, except anglers fishing from boats 30 feet or longer as listed on either their state or Coast Guard registration are exempt.

**Marine Areas 5-13:** It is unlawful to bring wild salmon or a species of salmon aboard a vessel if it is unlawful to retain that salmon ("aboard" means inside the gunwale of a vessel).

**Hatchery Salmon** Means a Chinook or coho with a clipped adipose fin and having a healed scar at the location of the fin.



**Hatchery Steelhead or Trout** Means a steelhead or cutthroat with a clipped adipose or ventral fin and a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.

**Head of a Fish** Forward of the rear margin of the gill plate.

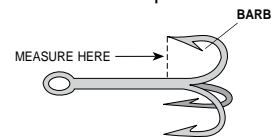
**Hook** A hook may be single-point, double, or treble. See Freshwater or Marine Area gear rules for limitations.

**Barbless** A hook from which all barbs have been deleted when manufactured, filed off, or pinched down.

**Single-Point** A hook with only one point.

**Double** A hook with two points on a common shank.

**Treble** A hook with three points on a common shank.



**Human and Pet Waste Advisory** Human and pet waste can make people sick and cause harvest closures of lakes, rivers and shellfish beds. To save our fishing, shellfishing, hunting and other outdoor opportunities on public and private lands, we each must clean up after ourselves and pets. Please use portable or vault toilets and other approved facilities. Scoop, bag and dispose of human and pet waste if no facilities are available.

**In a Wild State** Population of animals referred to as naturally reproducing within the state.

**In the Field or In Transit** Anywhere other than at an ordinary residence. Dockside fish cleaning facilities, boat ramps, and cold storage lockers are considered in the field.

**Internal Combustion Motors Prohibited** Means fishing from a floating device equipped with an internal combustion motor is not allowed.

# Definitions of Terms used throughout the Pamphlet

**Jack Salmon** Chinook and coho salmon that return at a younger age than most members of their species. For freshwater and in Willapa Bay (area 2-1) and Grays Harbor (area 2-2), a jack salmon is a Chinook less than 24" in length or a coho less than 20" in length.

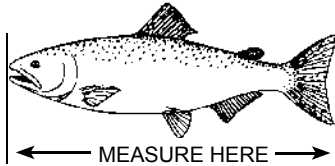
**Juvenile Only** Waters open for fishing only to youth under 15 years of age.

**Kokanee** Freshwater resident sockeye salmon. Where the sea-run (sockeye) and the resident (kokanee) forms occur together, refer to the Special Rules for the size differences between kokanee and sockeye.

**Landlocked Salmon Rules** In waters where landlocked salmon rules apply, salmon are regulated as trout. Seasons, daily limits, and size restriction rules for landlocked salmon are identical to the rules for trout in the same water. The angler's combined catch of salmon and trout applies toward the trout limit. A Catch Record Card is not required to retain salmon in these waters.

**License Year** April 1, 2010-March 31, 2011, both dates inclusive.

**Length** The shortest distance between the tip of the nose and the extreme tip of the tail, measured while the fish is laying on its side on a flat surface with its tail in a normal position.



**Length, Fork** Fork length is defined as the distance from the tip of the nose to the fork in the tail. This measurement is used only for sturgeon.



**Lure** A manufactured article, complete with hooks, constructed of feathers, hair, fiber, wood, metal, glass, cork, leather, rubber, or plastic, which does not use scent and/or flavoring to attract fish.

**Marine Area** Those waters contained within the boundaries of Washington State, within Puget Sound, Hood Canal, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the San Juan Islands, the Strait of Georgia, and the Pacific Ocean, including estuaries seaward of the river or stream mouth (see Mouth definition).

**Maximum Size (max. size)** The largest size of fish or shellfish that may be kept. For fish, the maximum size refers to the length.

**Minimum Size (min. size)** The smallest size of fish or shellfish that may be kept. For fish, the minimum size refers to the length.

**Motors Prohibited** Fishing from a floating device equipped with a motor is not allowed.

**Mouth** Unless otherwise defined, the mouth of a stream, river, or slough is a line projected between the outermost uplands at the mouth. Outermost uplands are those lands not covered by water during ordinary high water.

**Night Closure** When a night closure is in effect, fishing is closed from one hour after official sunset to one hour before official sunrise.

**Opening Day of Lowland Lake Season** The last Saturday in April each year.

**Ordinary Residence** A residential dwelling where a person normally lives, with associated features such as address, telephone number, utility account, etc. A motorhome or camper parked at a campsite is not considered to be an ordinary residence.

**Other Food Fish** When used in this pamphlet, this refers to species which occur in our waters irregularly, usually in coastal areas during the summer months and includes barracuda, white sea bass, bonito, yellowtail, and pomfret.

**Possession Limit** The number of daily limits allowed to be kept in the field or in transit.

**Processed** Fish or shellfish that have been subjected to heat (including kippering, smoking, canning, and boiling).

**Puget Sound** All saltwater areas east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, outside the mouth of any river or stream, including the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Strait of Georgia, Hood Canal, and all bays and inlets.

**Quota** Salmon, halibut, sturgeon, and some shellfish are managed by allocations in many areas. These fisheries close when the allocations have been taken.

**Rake** A smelt or herring rake is any device designed to be drawn through the water to impale fish, but does not include forage fish jigger gear.

**Release Wild Chinook, Coho, Steelhead, or Cutthroat** Means wild Chinook, coho, steelhead, or cutthroat may not be kept; only hatchery fish of the designated species may be kept. (See Wild Chinook and Coho and Wild Steelhead and Cutthroat).

**Relic Shell** A relic (dead) shell from an animal which died of natural causes and contains no meat or soft parts. A relic shell may be from a classified species of shellfish or from an unclassified freshwater or marine invertebrate. Oyster shells may never be considered a relic shell.

**Resident** A person who has maintained a permanent place of abode within the state for at least 90 days preceding license purchase, who has established by formal evidence (e.g., a driver's license and voter registration) an intent to continue residing in the state, and who is not licensed to hunt or fish as a resident in another state.

**Salmon** Includes Chinook, coho, sockeye, chum, pink, and Atlantic salmon.

**Seaweed** Marine species of algae (such as kelp, rock weed, and sea lettuce) and seagrasses (such as eelgrass).

**Selective Gear Rules** Only unscented artificial flies or lures with one single-point, barbless hook are allowed. Up to a total of three artificial flies or lures, each containing one single-point, barbless hook may be used. Bait is prohibited; fish may be released until the daily limit is retained. Only knotless nets may be used to land fish except where specifically allowed under Special Rules for individual waters. If any fish has swallowed the hook or is hooked in the gill, eye, or tongue, it should be kept if legal to do so.

**Shellfish** Includes Dungeness, red rock, tanner, king, and box crab; razor clams, and all other marine clams existing in a wild state; oysters, geoducks, shrimp, California sea cucumbers, sea urchins, scallops, goose barnacles, cockles, mussels, squid, octopus, and crawfish.

**Snagging** Attempting to take fish with a hook and line in such a way that the fish does not voluntarily take the hook(s) in its mouth. In freshwater, it is illegal to possess any fish hooked anywhere other than inside the mouth or on the head.

**Spear Fishing** Attempting to take fish by impaling the fish on a shaft, arrow, or other device.

**Stationary Gear Restriction** The line, weight, lure, or bait must be moving (not stationary) while in the water.

**Steelhead** A sea-run rainbow trout 20" in length and over.

**Stretch Measure** The distance between the inside of one knot to the outside of the opposite vertical knot of one mesh when the mesh is stretched vertically.

**Trolling** Fishing from a vessel that is underway and under power.

**Trout** When used in this pamphlet, the term "trout" includes rainbow trout, steelhead, brook, brown, cutthroat, tiger, golden, lake trout, and kokanee, as well as landlocked Chinook, coho, Atlantic salmon, and grayling.

**Unclassified Marine Invertebrates** Invertebrates not listed in the shellfish definition, such as snails, nudibranchs, shore crabs, graceful crabs, sand dollars, starfish, white and red sea cucumbers, limpets, chitons, etc.

**Unclassified Marine Fish** Species that are not classified as game fish or food fish by the Department and are rarely caught by anglers. Unclassified Marine Fish are not listed in this pamphlet as salmon, trout, tuna, mackerel, forage fish, sturgeon, halibut, or other food fish. These species include ocean sunfish, and most species of fish found in tidepools.

**WDFW** An acronym for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Weight** The weight of fish or shellfish before cleaning them and the wet weight for seaweed on which daily and possession pound limits are based.

**Whitefish Gear Rules** Fishing gear is restricted to one single-point hook, maximum hook size 3/16" point to shank (hook size 14), and bait is allowed.

**Wild Chinook and Coho** Wild Chinook and coho have an unclipped adipose fin.

**Wild Steelhead and Cutthroat** Wild steelhead and cutthroat have unclipped adipose and ventral fins.

# Statewide General Rules\*

## Harvest and Possession Rules

### You May Not:

Fish in closed waters.

Retain wild STEELHEAD or DOLLY VARDEN/ BULL TROUT except where specially authorized in the special rules.

Retain a GREEN STURGEON.

Take, fish for, or possess PACIFIC LAMPREY, WESTERN BROOK LAMPREY, or RIVER LAMPREY, or use any species of LAMPREY for bait.

Harvest in freshwater any fish not classified as a food fish or game fish (See definitions page 18).

Fish for PYGMY WHITEFISH, MARGINED SCULPIN, or OLYMPIC MUDMINNOW.

Fish for, or harvest fish or shellfish in an area with catch in your possession that does not meet the rules of that area. However, you may pass through such an area without stopping to fish. Also, you may catch fish in one area and land them at a port in a different area even if that different area is closed or has different rules, except HALIBUT (see page 102). See below for Canadian-caught fish.

Intentionally waste fish or shellfish. This includes mutilating or clipping fins and then returning to the water any live fish (such as DOGFISH).

Use SALMON, HERRING, or HALIBUT for anything other than human consumption or fishing bait.

Continue to fish for SALMON after the adult portion of the daily limit has been retained.

Fish for (unless authorized by Special Rules) or harass fish within 400 feet downstream of a man-made dam, fish ladder, or other obstruction, or in rearing, holding, or passage facilities.

Harvest any part of another person's daily limit, except for persons who possess a Designated Harvester Card.

Chum (broadcast feed) to attract game fish unless authorized by Special Rules.

Trespass on private property.

Remove eggs from a salmon to use or preserve them for bait without retaining the carcass from which the eggs were removed.

### You May Not:

Possess fish or shellfish that do not meet the minimum and maximum size limits, weight limits, or sex restrictions, or that are in excess of the daily or possession limit.

Possess STURGEON eggs in the field without having retained the intact carcass of the fish from which the eggs were removed.

Possess another person's game fish unless it is accompanied by a statement showing the name, address, license number, date, county, and area where it was taken, and the signature of the angler who harvested it.

Possess DOLLY VARDEN/BULL TROUT in the field in such condition that the species and total length cannot be determined.

Hold recreationally-caught fish or shellfish in storage by a custom cannery, hotel or restaurant, or a cold storage plant without tags listing the name and address of the owner of the fish or shellfish.

### You May:

Clean or portion fish or shellfish while in the field with the following exceptions: It is unlawful for an angler to fail to retain proof of compliance with species, size, number, weight, sex, or wild or hatchery origin restriction, if such restrictions apply, until the angler is ashore and has finished fishing for the day. For all ROCKFISH species and for fish with a length restriction, anglers must retain the fish carcass until coming ashore to comply with the above rule. This does not apply if the catch is in the process of being prepared for immediate consumption.

Use a rodholder.

Leave your rod in a rodholder while playing or landing a fish if the rod can be easily removed from the holder.

Use an electric powered reel attached to a pole.

Use a downrigger if the line releases from the downrigger while playing or landing the fish.

## Gear Rules

### You May Not:

Snag or attempt to snag fish.

Use a net, except a dip net to land legally-hooked fish or a forage fish dip net.

Use drugs, explosives, or poison that may kill or injure fish and wildlife.

Use any type of chemical irritant to harvest fish, shellfish, or unclassified marine invertebrates unless a special exception has been made by the Director.

Fish with a rod not under your immediate control, or leave your gear unattended.

Fish for SALMON, STURGEON, OCTOPUS, or CRAB in saltwater with underwater spearfishing gear.

Fish for game fish, SALMON, SHAD, STURGEON, or SHELLFISH with bow and arrow or spear.

Use a gaff hook, except to land legally-hooked HALIBUT, TUNA, or DOGFISH shark that will be retained.

Use a HERRING rake or a SMELT rake.

Use a crossbow to harvest fish or shellfish.

### You are Required to:

Cooperate with data collection or other sampling of fish, SHELLFISH or SEAWEED upon request of Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel. This includes relinquishing any part of a SALMON, STEELHEAD, or other species of fish containing coded-wire tags.

Stop at mandatory check stations established by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Show fish, SHELLFISH, and SEAWEED in your possession and required licenses, Catch Record Cards, and gear being used, upon request of a Fish and Wildlife officer.

Fill out your Catch Record Card immediately upon retaining SALMON, STEELHEAD, HALIBUT, or STURGEON. For Puget Sound DUNGENESS CRAB, fill out immediately when fishing from a boat or dock, or upon returning to shore when wading or diving.

Return your Catch Record Card when you are done fishing or by the date printed on your card, even if nothing was caught.

## Buying and Selling Fish & Shellfish

You may not offer any recreationally-caught fish or shellfish for sale or barter.

In order to buy, sell, or possess STEELHEAD, sea-run CUTTHROAT, or DOLLY VARDEN/ BULL TROUT lawfully taken by a treaty Indian member: the fish must be accompanied by a written statement showing taker's name, address, tribal affiliation, and treaty fish identification card number, number of fish, date, and location where taken. This rule does not apply to treaty members nor to game fish purchased from a fish buyer licensed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

## Fish and Shellfish Caught in Canada

It is lawful to possess Canadian-origin fish or SHELLFISH if you have a Canadian license and salmon conservation stamp (for SALMON), except it is unlawful to possess Canadian-origin yelloweye or canary rockfish.

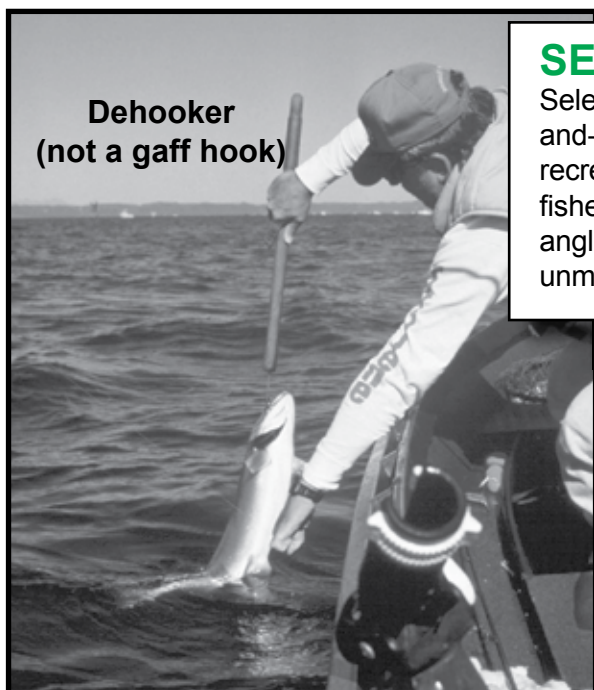
There are special rules for Canadian HALIBUT and SALMON. If you only fish in Canada, contact the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) or visit their website at [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca) for updated Canadian regulations. If you fish for HALIBUT in Washington, the daily limit is one HALIBUT, and the possession limit is two HALIBUT, regardless of where they are taken. No more than one daily limit of HALIBUT may be possessed aboard the fishing vessel.

It is unlawful to possess in marine waters or land into Washington any fresh salmon taken for personal use from Canadian waters unless such salmon meet current salmon regulations for the Catch Record Card area where the salmon are landed, unless you physically clear Customs in Bedwell Harbour, Sydney, Ucluelet, Victoria, or White Rock, and get your Customs clearance number at the port. If you are in possession of salmon that would be unlawful if taken in Washington, you may not fish in Washington waters.

You may **not** land both a Canadian and a Washington limit of salmon on the same day (one or the other, but not both).

\*See pages 25-27 for Freshwater-specific rules and page 102 for Marine Area-specific rules.

# FISHING OPPORTUNITY DEPENDS ON CAREFUL HANDLING OF FISH



**Dehooker  
(not a gaff hook)**

*Photo shows the proper technique of releasing a fish with a dehooker without bringing the fish aboard the vessel.*

## SELECTIVE FISHING

Selective fisheries for hatchery-produced fish and catch-and-release fisheries are increasingly important to providing recreational fishing opportunities in Washington. To ensure these fisheries are successful, it is absolutely essential that participating anglers comply with all regulations and take great care in releasing unmarked fish to ensure the greatest chance for survival.

## HOW TO RELEASE FISH

When you need to release a fish, there are some special precautions you can take to give it the best chance of surviving:

- Minimize handling by leaving the fish in the water.
- Do not net your fish – but if you must, use a soft, knotless net or rubber mesh net. Knotless nets are now required in fly-fishing only areas and freshwater areas with selective gear rules.
- Use a hook remover (dehooker) when hooks are imbedded in the mouth or jaw.
- If a fish has swallowed the hook, cut the leader.
- Keep fingers away from the eyes and gills of the fish.

## SALMON and TROUT HANDLING RULES

**FRESHWATER:** “It is unlawful to totally remove salmon, steelhead, or Dolly Varden/Bull Trout from the water if it is unlawful to retain those fish, or if the angler subsequently releases the salmon, steelhead, Dolly Varden/Bull Trout.”

**MARINE AREAS 5 through 13:** “It is unlawful to bring wild salmon or a species of salmon aboard a vessel if it is unlawful to retain that salmon” (“aboard” means inside the gunwale of a vessel).

**MARINE AREA 2-2:** “It is unlawful to totally remove salmon from the water if it is illegal to retain those fish, except anglers fishing from boats 30 feet or longer as listed on either their state or Coast Guard registration, are exempt.”

## STATEWIDE RELEASE AWARENESS DAY

**Saturday, June 26, 2010**

On this day anglers are encouraged to release their catches. Experience the thrill of sport fishing while voluntarily preserving our fish.

## Help Save Salmon!

### *Volunteer with a Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group*

Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEGs) are nonprofit, community-based organizations dedicated to enhancing salmon populations. The 14 RFEGs share the unique role of working within their own communities across the state to recover salmon. Volunteers learn about salmon habitat, plant trees, count returning salmon, perform habitat assessments, conduct water quality monitoring, teach others, and much more. If you would like to learn more about how you can help salmon through the RFEG program, please go to the WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov> or call the RFEG program manager at (360) 902-2252.



# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife & Northwest Tribal Treaty Fishing Rights

There are 29 federally-recognized tribes in Washington, 21 of which have off-reservation hunting and fishing rights secured by federal law. Three additional tribes outside of Washington also have off-reservation treaty rights within Washington. Washington tribes also have hunting and fishing rights within their reservations.



The State of Washington and Indian tribes both manage activities with respect to many of the same resources including salmon, steelhead, shellfish, marine fish, and wildlife species. The long-term health of these resources depends on the state and the tribes working cooperatively to identify objectives and manage our respective activities to meet common goals.

The government-to-government relationship between WDFW and tribes is established through federal law, the Washington Centennial Accord and a history of cooperation in developing joint management agreements related to fish and wildlife. Notable examples of court decisions that provide the legal foundation for the cooperative management relationship between WDFW and the Indian tribes include U.S. v. Washington, U.S. v. Oregon, Hoh v. Baldrige, and Settler v. Lameer. Some of these rulings may be viewed online at: <http://www.ccrh.org/comm/river/table.htm>.

The state and the tribes each have a set of responsibilities and rights that must be respected. WDFW has the responsibility for protecting, preserving, and perpetuating fish and wildlife within the boundaries of the state. It has authority to carry out that responsibility by regulating fishing and hunting. This responsibility must be exercised consistent with federal law, including treaties reserving tribal fishing and hunting rights. Tribes have the authority to regulate their members' exercise of federally secured rights, including the treaty right of taking fish at usual and accustomed fishing places. Tribal authority is exercised in conformity with provisions of the applicable federal law.



WDFW and the tribes consult through a variety of co-management forums to resolve issues and jointly develop more than 50 management agreements for fish, shellfish and wildlife.

State-tribal agreements include conservation objectives, catch accounting procedures, data sharing requirements, enforcement needs, and a commitment to meet each other's resource management objectives. WDFW also collaborates with tribes in intergovernmental forums on salmon recovery planning, forest practices rules, environmental permitting, and addressing the impacts of hydroelectric projects.

WDFW is committed to working with tribes to meet our shared conservation and management objectives to secure the long-term health of the fish and wildlife of the state.

## Tribes that have Off-Reservation Treaty Rights in Washington State

Hoh	Port Gamble S'Klallam	Suquamish
Jamestown S'Klallam	Puyallup	Swinomish
Lower Elwha Klallam	Quileute	Tulalip
Lummi	Quinault	Upper Skagit
Makah	Sauk-Suiattle	Yakama
Muckleshoot	Skokomish	Nez Perce (Idaho)
Nisqually	Squaxin Island	Umatilla (Oregon)
Nooksack	Stillaguamish	Warm Springs (Oregon)



# STOP



Milfoil

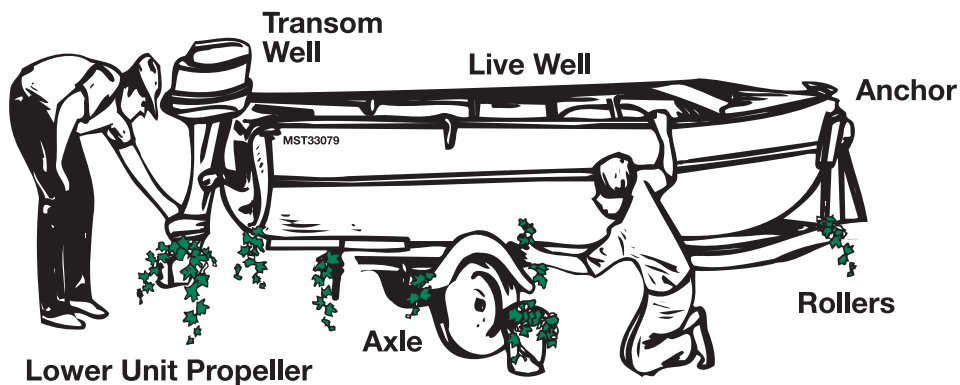


Zebra Mussel

It is **ILLEGAL** to transport or spread  
**Aquatic Invasive Species!**

Before Launching & Before Leaving

**You Must Remove ALL**  
**Plants & Animals from Watercraft, Trailer and Gear.**  
**You Must Drain ALL**  
**Water from Fish/Live Wells, Holds and Bilges.**



Unlawful to Transport Aquatic Plants - R.C.W. 77.15.290  
Unlawful Use of Prohibited Aquatic Animal Species - R.C.W. 77.15.253  
Unlawful Release of Fish, Shellfish or Wildlife - R.C.W. 77.15.250

To obtain information on free boat inspections, Report a sighting or  
Find out more about Aquatic Invasive Species:  
Call **1-888-WDFW-AIS (933-9247)** or go to **www.WDFW.WA.GOV**



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**  
Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
[www.ProtectYourWater.gov](http://www.ProtectYourWater.gov)

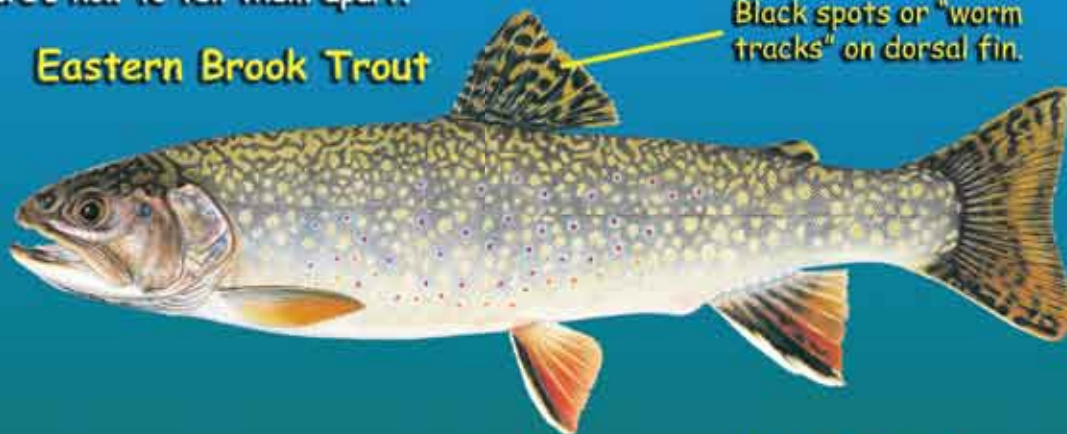
# BROOK TROUT, BULL TROUT OR DOLLY VARDEN?



**Why you should care.**

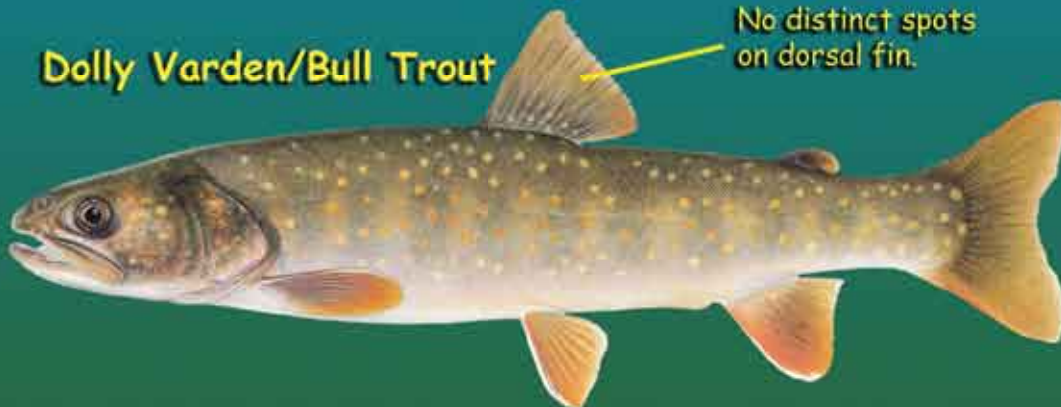
Bull trout and Dolly Varden are native to Washington waters and are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Eastern brook trout are imported from other states and can negatively impact bull trout and Dolly Varden. All three species look very much alike and often live in the same waters. Eastern brook trout may be harvested in most waters, but bull trout/Dolly Varden harvest is limited to a few select waters (see special rules for details). Here's how to tell them apart.

## Eastern Brook Trout



Black spots or "worm tracks" on dorsal fin.

## Dolly Varden/Bull Trout



No distinct spots on dorsal fin.

The dorsal fin is the key to telling them apart. If the dorsal fin has black spots or "worm tracks," it's a brook trout. If the dorsal fin is clear or olive colored, with no distinct spots, it's a bull trout or Dolly Varden.

So remember, in waters that are closed to harvest of bull trout:

**No black, put it back!**

To report illegal activity, please call: 1-800-477-6224

