Chapter 220-311 WAC

PERSONAL-USE FISHERIES—MARINE SPECIFIC RULES

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WAC 220-311-010 Marine area codes. The term "marine area code numbers" is defined as the catch area for the catch record card. The following is a list of the catch areas:

1. Area 1 (Ilwaco): Waters west of the Buoy 10 Line and north to Leadbetter Point.
3. Area 3 (La Push): From the Queets River north to Cape Alava.
4. Area 4 (Neah Bay): From Cape Alava north and inside Juan de Fuca Strait to the Sekiu River.
5. Area 5 (Sekiu and Pillar Point): From mouth of Sekiu River east to Low Point, mouth of the Lyre River.
6. Area 6 (East Juan de Fuca Strait): From Low Point east to the Partridge Point-Point Wilson line north to the line from Trial Island (near Victoria, B.C.) - Rosario Strait Traffic Lane Entrance Lighted Buoy R (USCG Light List No. 16340, referenced as Y "R" on National Ocean Service Chart No. 18400-1 dated 1997-08-30) - Smith Island - the most northeasterly of the Lawson Reef lighted buoys (RB1 OK Fl Bell) - Northeast Island - the Initiative 77 marker on Fidalgo Island.
7. Area 7 (San Juan Islands): All marine waters north of the line described under Area 6 to the United States-Canadian boundary.
8. Area 8 (Deception Pass, Hope and Camano Islands): Line projected from West Point on Whidbey Island to Reservation Head on Fidalgo Island east through Deception Pass, including all waters east of Whidbey Island to the Possession Point - Shipwreck Line.
9. Area 9 (Admiralty Inlet): All waters inside and south of the Partridge Point-Point Wilson Line and a line projected from the southerly tip of Possession Point 110 degrees true to a shipwreck on the opposite shore.
10. Area 10 (Seattle-Bremerton): From the Apple Cove Point-Edwards Point Line to a line projected true east-west through the northern tip of Vashon Island.
11. Area 11 (Tacoma-Vashon Island): From the northern tip of Vashon Island to the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.
12. Area 12 (Hood Canal): All contiguous waters south of the Hood Canal Bridge and adjacent waters north of the Hood Canal Bridge when fishing from the pontoon beneath the bridge.
13. Area 13 (South Puget Sound): All contiguous waters south of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.


WAC 220-311-020 Puget Sound public fishing piers—Restricted fishing areas. (1) Dash Point Dock public fishing pier: It is unlawful to take, fish for or possess food fish or shellfish taken within 100 yards of the Dash Point Dock public fishing pier, except while fishing from the Dash Point Dock public fishing pier.
2. Des Moines public fishing pier: It is unlawful to take, fish for or possess food fish or shellfish taken within 100 yards of the Des Moines public fishing pier, except while fishing from the Des Moines public fishing pier.
3. Edmonds public fishing pier: (a) It is unlawful to take, fish for or possess food fish or shellfish taken from the following waters, except while fishing from the Edmonds public fishing pier: Waters inside a line from a boundary marker on the north breakwater to the southermost marker buoy, then to the north end of the city of Edmonds public beach.

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(b) It is unlawful to take, fish for or possess food fish or shellfish taken by any means from within the boundaries of the underwater artificial reef surrounding the Edmonds public fishing pier as defined in this subsection, except while fishing from the Edmonds public fishing pier. The underwater artificial reef area is defined as waters lying northerly and easterly of the north breakwater of the port of Edmonds marina inside of a line from a boundary marker on the north breakwater, northwesterly 275 feet to a marker buoy, thence northeasterly 1350 feet to a marker buoy, thence southeasterly to the northeastern end of the city of Edmonds public beach.

(4) Elliot Bay public fishing pier: It is unlawful to take, fish for or possess food fish or shellfish taken within 100 yards of the Elliot Bay public fishing pier, except while fishing from the Elliot Bay public fishing pier.

(5) Les Davis public fishing pier: It is unlawful to take, fish for or possess food fish or shellfish taken within 100 yards of the Les Davis public fishing pier, except while fishing from the Les Davis public fishing pier.

(6) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160, unless the person has harvested fish. If the person has harvested fish, the violation is punishable under RCW 77.15.380, Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree—Penalty, unless the fish are taken in the amounts or manner to constitute a violation of RCW 77.15.370, Unlawful recreational fishing in the first degree—Penalty.


WAC 220-311-030 Statewide saltwater hook rules.

(1) It is unlawful to use more than two hooks to fish in saltwater, except for forage fish jigger gear and squid jig gear, and when fishing from the north jetty of the Columbia River.

(2) It is unlawful to use barbed hooks in Marine Areas 5-13, except for forage fish jigger gear.

(3) It is unlawful to use other than one single-point barbless hook to fish for sturgeon.

(4) It is unlawful to use other than single-point barbless hooks to fish for salmon in Marine Areas 1-13.

(5) It is unlawful to fish for or possess salmon taken with terminal gear hooks in violation of anti-snagging rule in the following saltwater areas during the periods indicated: Budd Inlet waters south of a line projected true west from the KGY radio station to the mainland and north of the closed zone provided for in WAC 220-310-030 - July 16 through October 31.

(6) It is unlawful to use forage fish jig gear, and anti-snagging rule and night closure in effect, in the Duwamish Waterway downstream from the First Avenue South Bridge to an east-west line through Southwest Hanford Street on Harbor Island parallel to Southwest Spokane Street where it crosses Harbor Island - July 1 through October 31.

(7) Use of gear in violation of this section is an infringement, punishable under RCW 77.15.160.

(8) It is unlawful to possess fish or shellfish taken with gear in violation of the provisions of this section. Possession of fish or shellfish while using gear in violation of the provisions of this section is a rebuttable presumption that the fish or shellfish were taken with such gear. Possession of such fish or shellfish is punishable under RCW 77.15.380 Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree—Penalty, unless the fish or shellfish taken in the amounts or manner to constitute a violation of RCW 77.15.370 Unlawful recreational fishing in the first degree—Penalty.