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PERSONAL-USE FISHERIES—SALMON

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WAC 220-313-010 Salmon statewide rules. (1) In fresh water and in Marine Areas 2-1 and 2-2 east of the Buoy 13 line:
(a) Adult salmon are defined as:
(i) Chinook over 24 inches in length;
(ii) Coho over 20 inches in length;
(iii) Pink, chum or sockeye over 12 inches in length; and
(iv) Atlantic salmon of any size.
(b) In these waters the minimum size for salmon is 12 inches, except no minimum size for Atlantic salmon.
(2) In Marine Areas 1 through 4, in Area 2-1 from the opening date of adjacent ocean waters through August 15, and in Area 2-2 west of the Buoy 13 line, Chinook salmon must be not less than 24 inches in length, coho salmon must be not less than 16 inches, but there is no minimum size on other salmon.
(3) In Marine Areas 5 through 13, Chinook salmon must be not less than 22 inches in length, except in waters listed in this subsection, but there is no minimum size for other salmon.
(a) Marine Area 12 south of Ayock from July 1 through September 30: Chinook salmon must be not less than 20 inches in length.
(b) Marine Area 12 HoodSport Hatchery Zone from July 1 through December 30: No minimum size for Chinook.
(4) The salmon possession limit shall not exceed the equivalent of two daily limits in fresh form. An additional 40 pounds of salmon may be possessed in frozen or processed form.
(5) In all areas where the daily limit allows adult salmon to be taken, it is unlawful to continue to fish for salmon after the adult portion of the daily limit has been retained.
(6) Where landlocked salmon rules apply, no sport catch record card is required for salmon, the season, daily limit, and size and gear restriction rules for salmon are the same as trout rules. The angler's combined catch of landlocked salmon and trout applies toward the trout limit.

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then along the north jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line; and on the south by a line running north-east/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 and the tip of the south jetty (46°14'03" N/124°04'05" W), and then along the south jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line: Closed to salmon angling at all times, except open to fishing from the north jetty when adjacent waters north of the Control Zone are open to salmon angling, or when the Buoy 10 fishery is open.

(6) Commencement Bay: Those waters east of a line projected from the Sperry Ocean Dock to landfill below the Cliff House Restaurant on the north shore of Commencement Bay: Closed to salmon angling April 1 through April 30 and June 1 through July 31.

(7) Southern Rosario Strait and the eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca: Waters of Area 7 in Rosario Strait and the eastern portion of the Strait of Juan de Fuca southerly of a line running true south from the westernmost point on Fidalgo Head to Burrows Island, then westerly and southerly along the shore of Burrows Island to the Burrows Island Lighthouse, then to Bird Rocks, then westerly from Bird Rocks to the southernmost point on Decatur Island, then across Lopez Pass to Lopez Island and following the shore of Lopez Island southerly and westerly to Iceberg Point, then from Iceberg Point to Cattle Point, then south-southwest to the Salmon Bank Buoy, and then true south from the Salmon Bank Buoy to the Area 7 boundary: Closed to salmon angling July 1 through September 30.

(8) Kydaka Point - Waters south of a line from Kydaka Point to Shipwreck Point - Closed to salmon angling March 1 through October 31.

(9) Port Angeles Harbor - Waters westerly of a line from the tip of Ediz Hook to the I.T.T. Rayonier Dock: Closed to salmon angling from July 1 through August 15.

(10) Violation of this section is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160, unless the person has harvested salmon. If the person has harvested salmon, the violation is punishable under RCW 77.15.380. Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree—Penalty, unless the salmon 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 220-313-030 Closed areas—Pink salmon angling. Pink only closures—None.

[WAC 220-313-040 Closed areas—Coho salmon angling. Coho only closures—None.

[WAC 220-313-050 Closed areas—Chinook salmon angling. Chinook only closures - None.

[WAC 220-313-060 Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. (1) It is unlawful to fish for or possess salmon taken by angling for personal use except from the following Puget Sound areas and during the seasons, in the quantities, and for the species designated in this section, and in the sizes as defined in WAC 220-313-010. An area is open when a daily limit is provided. Puget Sound waters west of the mouth of the Sekiu River are managed concurrent with ocean waters under WAC 220-313-070.

(2) Catch Record Card Area 5:
(a) May 1 through June 30: Closed.
(b) July 1 through August 15:
(i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
(ii) Release chum, wild Chinook and wild coho.
(iii) 2 Additional sockeye salmon may be retained as part of the daily limit.
(c) August 16 through September 30.
(i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
(ii) Release chum, Chinook and wild coho.
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(iii) 2 Additional sockeye salmon may be retained as part of the daily limit.

(d) October 1 through February 15: Closed.
(e) February 16 through April 30:
   (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
   (ii) Release coho and wild Chinook.

(3) Catch Record Card Area 6:
   (a) May 1 through June 30: Closed.
   (b) July 3 through August 15:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
      (ii) Release chum, wild Chinook and wild coho.
      (iii) 2 Additional sockeye salmon may be retained as part of the daily limit.
      (iv) Release all Chinook east of a true north-south line through the Number 2 Buoy immediately east of Ediz Hook.
   (c) Waters of Port Angeles Harbor west of a line from the tip of Ediz Hook to the ITT Rayonier Dock are closed July 1 through August 15.
   (d) August 16 through September 30:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
      (ii) Release chum, Chinook and wild coho.
      (iii) 2 Additional sockeye salmon may be retained as part of the daily limit.
   (e) October 1 through January 31: Closed except in Dungeness Bay as described in this section.
   (f) February 1 through April 15:
      (i) Daily limit of 1 salmon.
      (ii) Release wild coho and wild Chinook.
   (g) April 16 through April 30: Closed.
   (h) Waters of Dungeness Bay inside a line from Dungeness Spit Lighthouse to the Number 2 Red Buoy, and then to the Port Williams Boat Ramp are closed except: October 1 through October 31: Daily limit of 2 hatchery coho only.

(4) Catch Record Card Area 7:
   (a) May 1 through June 30: Closed.
   (b) July 1 through July 31:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
      (ii) Release chum and wild Chinook.
      (iii) 2 Additional sockeye salmon may be retained as part of the daily limit.
   (iv) Closed to salmon fishing in the Southern Rosario Strait and Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca closure area described in WAC 220-313-020(7).
   (c) August 1 through September 3:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook salmon.
      (ii) Release chum.
      (iii) 2 Additional sockeye salmon may be retained as part of the daily limit.
   (iv) Closed to salmon fishing in the Southern Rosario Strait and Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca closure area described in WAC 220-313-020(7).
   (d) September 4 through September 30:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
      (ii) Release chum and Chinook.
   (iii) October 1 through December 31: Closed.
   (e) Closed to salmon fishing in Samish Bay area described in WAC 220-313-020(7).
   (f) January 1 through April 15:
      (i) Daily limit of 1 salmon.
      (ii) Release coho and wild Chinook.
   (g) Waters of Bellingham Bay described in WAC 220-313-020(1):
      (i) Closed March 1 through April 30 and July 1 through August 15.
      (ii) August 16 through September 30: Daily limit of 4 salmon; no more than 2 may be Chinook salmon.
      (iii) October 1 through February 28 and June 1 through June 30: Same rules as Area 7.
   (h) Waters east of a line from Gooseberry Point to Sandy Point: Closed September 8 through September 30.

(5) Catch Record Card Area 8-1:
   (a) May 1 through July 31: Closed.
   (b) August 1 through September 30:
      (i) Daily limit 2 salmon.
      (ii) Release Chinook.
   (c) October 1 though November 30: Closed.
   (d) December 1 through April 30:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
      (ii) Release coho and wild Chinook.

(6) Catch Record Card Area 8-2:
   (a) May 1 through July 31 are closed, except waters described in this subsection.
   (i) Waters west of Tulalip Bay and within 2,000 feet of shore from the pilings at Old Bower's Resort to a fishing boundary marker approximately 1.4 miles northwest of Hermes Point are open only from Friday through 11:59 a.m. the following Monday of each week, June 1 through September 3:
      (ii) August 1 through September 3:
         (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
         (ii) Release Chinook.
   (c) September 24 through November 30: Closed.
   (d) December 1 through April 30:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
      (ii) Release coho and wild Chinook.

(7) Catch Record Card Area 9:
   (a) May 1 through July 15: Closed.
   (b) July 16 through August 15, except waters in this subsection:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook salmon.
      (ii) Release chum, wild coho and wild Chinook.
   (iii) Closed south of a line from Foulweather Bluff to Olele Point July 16 through August 15:
      (A) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
      (B) Release Chinook, chum and wild coho.
      (C) August 16 through September 30:
         (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
         (ii) Release Chinook, chum and wild coho.
      (D) October 1 through December 31: Closed.
      (E) January 1 through April 15:
         (i) Daily limit of 1 salmon.
         (ii) Release wild coho and wild Chinook.
      (F) April 16 through April 30: Closed.
(g) Edmonds Fishing Pier:
   (i) Open year-round.
   (ii) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a
        Chinook salmon.
   (iii) Release chum from August 1 through September 30.

(8) Catch Record Card Area 10:
   (a) May 1 through May 31: Closed.
   (b) June 1 through July 15:
        (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
        (ii) Release Chinook and chum.
        (c) July 16 through August 31:
             (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a
                 Chinook salmon.
             (ii) Release chum and wild Chinook.
        (d) September 1 through November 15:
             (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
             (ii) Release Chinook.
             (iii) Release chum September 1 through September 15.
        (e) Waters of Shilshole Bay southeast of a line from
            Meadow Point to West Point: Closed July 1 through August
            15.

   (f) Waters of Elliott Bay east of a line from West Point to
       Alki Point: Closed July 1 through August 31, except: In years
       ending in odd numbers: Those waters north of a line from
       Jack Block Park through the north tip of Harbor Island to
       shore northeast of the North Waterway (47°35.47'N, 122°20.58'W),
       open August 15 through August 31 from Friday through Sunday
       of each week only.
       (i) Daily limit of 2.
       (ii) Release Chinook, chum and wild coho.
       (g) Waters of Sinclair Inlet and Port Orchard south of the
           Manette Bridge in Bremerton, south of a line true west from
           Battle Point, and west of a line drawn true south from Point
           White:
                (i) July 1 through September 30.
                (ii) Daily limit of 3 salmon.
                (iii) Release wild Chinook and wild coho.
                (iv) Release chum from August 1 through September 15.
                (h) November 16 through December 31: Closed.
                (i) January 1 through March 31:
                     (ii) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
                     (iii) Release wild Chinook.
                (i) Waters of Agate Pass west of a line from Point Mon-
                     roe to Indianola and east of a line from Point Bolin to Battle
                     Point: Fly fishing only, lead core lines prohibited, and catch
                     and release from January 1 through January 31.
                     (j) April 1 through April 30: Closed.
                     (k) Elliott Bay Fishing Pier at Terminal 86, Seacrest Pier,
                         Waterman Pier, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee State Park
                         Pier, open year-round:
                             (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a
                                 Chinook salmon.
                             (ii) Release chum from August 1 through September 15.
                             (l) Duwamish Waterway downstream from an east-west
                                 line projected through southernmost tip of Harbor Island to
                                 a line extending from Jack Block Park through the northern-
                                 most tip of Harbor Island extending to shore northeast of the
                                 North Waterway (47°35.47'N, 122°20.58'W), from July 1
                                 through October 31 night closure, anti-snagging rule, and
                                 only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.

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(A) Daily limit of 4 salmon.

(B) Release wild Chinook. Release chum October 1 through October 15.

(C) It is unlawful to fish for or possess salmon taken from these waters from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

(D) It is unlawful to fish from any Hoodsport Salmon Hatchery structure except persons with disabilities who permanently use a wheelchair and who have a designated harvester card under WAC 220-220-240 may fish from the ADA-access site at the Hoodsport Salmon Hatchery, as long as persons follow all applicable department rules.

(f) January 1 through April 30:
   (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
   (ii) Release wild Chinook.

(g) July 1 through September 30: Free-flowing freshwater is closed downstream of the mouth of the Dewatto, Dosewallips, Duckabush, Hamma Hamma, and Skokomish rivers.

(11) Catch Record Card Area 13:
   (a) May 1 through April 30:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
      (ii) Release wild Chinook and wild coho.
   (b) Waters at the mouth of Minter Creek within 1,000 feet of the outer oyster stakes are closed April 16 through September 30.
   (c) Waters of Budd Inlet south of the Fourth Avenue Bridge are closed.
      (i) Contiguous waters north of the Fourth Avenue Bridge and south of a line from the northwest corner of the Thriftway Market building and a point 100 yards north of the railroad bridge on the western shore are closed July 16 through October 31.
      (ii) Waters north of the Thriftway Market-railroad bridge line and south of a line projected due west from the KGY radio tower: Night closure and anti-snagging rule from July 16 through October 31.
   (d) Fox Island Public Fishing Pier, open year-round: Daily limit 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook salmon.

(12) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160, unless the person has harvested salmon. If the person has harvested salmon, the violation is punishable under RCW 77.15.380, Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree—Penalty, unless the salmon 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 220-313-070 Coastal salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. (1) It is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken by angling for personal use except from the following coastal areas, during the following seasons, in the quantities and the sizes provided for in WAC 220-313-010, and for the species designated in this section. An area is open when a daily limit is provided:

(2) Catch Record Card Area 1:
   (a) May 1 through June 23: Closed.
   (b) June 24 through September 4:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook.
      (ii) Release wild coho.
      (c) September 5 through April 30: Closed.
      (d) Closed in the Columbia River Mouth Control Zone 1 during all open periods. See WAC 220-313-020.

(3) Catch Record Card Area 2:
   (a) May 1 through June 30: Closed.
   (b) July 1 through September 4:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook.
      (ii) Release wild coho.
      (iii) Beginning August 14, the Grays Harbor Control Zone is closed. Grays Harbor Control Zone - The area defined by a line drawn from the Westport Lighthouse (46°53.18'N latitude, 124°07.01'W longitude) to Buoy #2 (46°52.42'N latitude, 124°12.42'W longitude) to Buoy #3 (46°55.00'N latitude, 124°14.48'W longitude) to the Grays Harbor north jetty (46°55.36'N latitude, 124°10.51'W longitude).
      (c) September 5 through April 30 - Closed.

(4) Willapa Bay (Catch Record Card Area 2-1):
   (a) May 1 through June 30: Closed.
   (b) July 1 through July 31: Open concurrent with Area 2 when Area 2 is open for salmon angling. Area 2 rules apply.
   (c) August 1 through January 31:
      (i) Daily limit of 6 salmon; no more than 3 may be adult salmon of which only one may be a coho.
      (ii) Release wild Chinook.
(iii) Beginning August 1, the Willapa Bay Control Zone is closed. The Willapa Bay Control Zone area is defined as waters east of a line drawn from Leadbetter Point (46°39.20’N, 124°3.516’W) due west to 46°39.20’N, 124°5.3’W then due north to the westerly most landfall on Cape Shoalwater (46°44.66’N, 124°5.3’W) and west from a line drawn from Leadbetter Point (46°39.20’N, 124°3.516’W) through green marker 11 to landfall.

(iv) Anglers in possession of a valid two-pole endorsement may use up to two lines while fishing.

(v) Waters north of a line from Toke Point channel marker 3 easterly through Willapa Harbor channel marker 13 (green) then, northeasterly to the power transmission pole located at 46°43.19’N, 123°50.83’W are closed August 1 through September 30.

(d) February 1 through April 30: Closed.

(5) Grays Harbor (Catch Record Card Area 2-2 east of the Buoy 13 line):

(a) Humptulips North Bay Fishery is defined as northerly of a line running from the south end of the eastern jetty at Ocean Shores Marina, then to a fishing boundary marker on Sand Island (46°57.52’N, 124°03.36’W) then to the Tripod Station located at 46°59.12’N, 124°00.72’W on Brackenridge Bluff.

(b) East Grays Harbor Fishery is defined as easterly of a projected line from the mouth of Johns River (Highway 105 bridge) to the Tripod Station on Brackenridge Bluff (46°59.12’N, 124°00.72’W) through channel marker 27 (green).

(c) May 1 through July 31: Closed.

(d) August 1 through September 15:

(i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.

(ii) Release wild Chinook.

(iii) Waters south of a line running from the south end of the eastern jetty at Ocean Shores Marina to the fishing boundary marker on Sand Island (46°57.52’N, 124°03.36’W) to the Tripod Station on Brackenridge Bluff (46°59.12’N, 124°00.72’W) are closed.

(e) October 1 through November 30:

(i) Daily limit of 1 salmon.

(ii) Release Chinook.

(iii) Waters west of a line running from the Tripod Station on Brackenridge Bluff (46°59.12’N, 124°00.72’W) through channel marker 27 (green) to the mouth of Johns River (Highway 105 Bridge) are closed.

(f) December 1 through April 30: Closed.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the Westport Boat Basin and Ocean Shores Boat Basin are open only August 16 through January 31:

(i) Daily limit of 6 salmon; no more than 4 may be adult salmon.

(ii) Release Chinook.

(iii) Night closure and anti-snagging rule in effect.

(6) Grays Harbor (Catch Record Card Area 2-2 west of the Buoy 13 line):

(a) May 1 through June 30: Closed.

(b) July 1 through August 13: Open concurrent with Area 2 when Area 2 is open for salmon angling. Area 2 rules apply.

(c) August 14 through April 30: Closed.
WAC 220-313-080 Atlantic salmon. It is unlawful to fish for or possess Atlantic salmon except as provided in this section.

(1) There is no minimum size limit for Atlantic salmon taken from anadromous water, and no daily or possession limit.

(2) Atlantic salmon may be taken from all anadromous waters open to trout fishing under Title 77 RCW except marine waters that are not open to salmon fishing under this title, and may be taken from all anadromous waters open to salmon fishing for salmon other than Atlantic salmon.

(3) Once the daily limit of salmon other than Atlantic salmon has been retained, it is unlawful to continue to fish for Atlantic salmon or salmon other than Atlantic salmon.

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WAC 220-313-090 Salmon eggs—Unlawful acts. It shall be unlawful to remove eggs from any salmon for the purpose of using or preserving them for bait without retaining the carcass of the fish from which they were removed.

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