Chapter 220-350 WAC
COMMERCIAL FISHERIES—DEFINITIONS

WAC 220-350-010 Definitions—Brush weir. "Brush weir" shall be defined as a stationary impounding net constructed on piling, with one lead and not to exceed two hearts, and constructed according to specifications of the director.

WAC 220-350-020 Definitions—Commercial jig. Commercial jig gear shall be defined as a line or lines hand held or attached to poles or machines, and to which may be attached any number of hooks or lures. The gear shall be fished from a single vessel that is not under power.

WAC 220-350-030 Definitions—Dip bag net. "Dip bag net" shall be defined as a section of netting distended by a rigid frame and attached directly to a rigid handle.

WAC 220-350-040 Definitions—Drag seine. "Drag seine" shall be defined as fishing gear consisting of a lead line, cork line, auxiliary lines and a mesh net webbing fashioned in such a manner that it can be used to encircle fish in waters adjacent to any beach, with the catch landed directly on the beach. It shall include gear commonly known as "beach seine" and "smelt bag drag net."

WAC 220-350-050 Definitions—Dressed fish. (1) A dressed fish is defined as one from which the viscera or the viscera and head have been removed, unless otherwise defined by department rule.

(2) The length of any dressed fish is defined as the shortest distance between the posterior end of the gill opening and the fork of the tail.

WAC 220-350-060 Definitions—Drift gillnet—Drift net. "Drift gillnet" or "drift net" gear shall be defined as a gillnet of single web construction, not anchored, tied, staked, placed, or weighted in such a manner that it cannot drift.

WAC 220-350-070 Definitions—Herring rake. "Herring rake" shall be defined as a long-handled, streamlined board, oar-like in shape, with a lower portion of the leading edge studded with sharp-pointed nails upon which the fish are impaled when the rake is forced through the water edgewise.

WAC 220-350-080 Definitions—Lampara. Lampara gear shall be defined as fishing gear having no purse line or rings, but employing a lead line, cork line, special tag or auxiliary lines attached to the lead line and webbing in such a manner that the fish are encircled in open water. This gear is not lawful for the taking of salmon.

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WAC 220-350-090 Definitions—Net length measurement. The length of any net is defined as its measurement along the cork line.

WAC 220-350-100 Definitions—Net mesh measurement. The size of a mesh of any net except purse seine net, trawl net, and Hood Canal shrimp pot net shall be defined as 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, while wet, but by using a tension of ten pounds on any three consecutive meshes, then measuring the middle mesh of the three while under tension; purse seine net mesh - See WAC 220-354-100; trawl net mesh - See WAC 220-350-210.

WAC 220-350-110 Definitions—Purse seine. (1) "Purse seine" is defined as including all types of fishing gear consisting of a lead line, cork line, auxiliary lines, purse line and purse rings and mesh net webbing fashioned in such a manner that it is used to encircle fish, and in addition prevents their escape under the bottom or lead line of the net by drawing in the bottom of the net by means of the purse line so that it forms a closed bag.

(2) "Bunt" is defined as the portion of the purse seine net located at the end of the net designed to form the bag that holds the net's catch after the net is pursed and is the last portion of the net to be pulled aboard the catching vessel.

WAC 220-350-120 Definitions—Reef net. "Reef net" shall be defined as a non self-fishing open bunt square or rectangular section of mesh netting suspended between two anchored boats fashioned in such a manner that to impound salmon passing over the net, the net be raised to the surface. The lead or leads of any "reef net" must be floating at all times, except under stress of tidal conditions, and shall not be fixed to any piling whatsoever, nor shall the lead or leads be constructed of any kind of mesh webbing. In the construction of any "reef net" no principle of a fyke net or fish trap may be employed.

WAC 220-350-130 Definitions—Ring net. "Ring net" shall be defined to include all fishing gear having a rigid frame measuring no more than ten feet in diameter that is used to take shellfish in a live condition. The sides and all other parts of the gear must lie flat on the bottom in such a manner that the gear does not entrap or restrict the free movement of shellfish until lifted.

WAC 220-350-140 Definitions—Sac-roe herring purposes. Taking or possessing herring for sac-roe purposes is defined as capturing herring which will have the roe (eggs) removed for separate processing or resale. Sac-roe is not equivalent to human consumption even though the carcasses may subsequently be used for food.

WAC 220-350-150 Definitions—Set line. "Set line" shall be defined as a stationary, buoyed, and anchored ground line with hooks attached.

WAC 220-350-160 Definitions—Set net. "Set net" shall be defined as a gillnet which is anchored, tied, staked, laid in part on shore or whose lead line is so heavily weighted that it cannot drift; except that set net does not mean a non-drifting gillnet operated in the Deep River, Blind Slough/ Snappa Slough or South Channel Select Areas in accordance with an open fishery season and associated gear rules.

WAC 220-350-170 Definitions—Skiff gillnet—Skiff net. "Skiff gillnet" or "skiff net" is defined as a gillnet of single web construction with floats along the corkline sufficient to float the net. A skiff gillnet may be laid in part on shore, but may not be anchored, tied, or staked, nor have a lead line so heavily weighted that the net cannot drift.
WAC 220-350-180 Definitions—Snag line. "Snag line" shall be defined as a line with one or more unbaited hooks attached thereto used to the purpose of snagging any species of food fish.

WAC 220-350-190 Definitions—Snag net. "Snag net" shall be defined as a single web gillnet, constructed of webbing having mesh of not less than fourteen inches stretch measure and used for the purpose of clearing snags or similar obstructions from gillnet drifts and operated in an area where a gillnet fishery is from time to time lawful.

WAC 220-350-200 Definitions—Troll spread. "Troll spread" shall be defined as a readily detachable line more than 4 inches in length, which has one or more lures attached to it, and is attached to the main troll line which cannot be removed from the vessel during its operation.

WAC 220-350-210 Definitions—Troll gear. (1) "Otter trawl" shall be defined as a cone or funnel-shaped net which is towed or drawn through the water by one or two vessels. Otter trawl nets may be used both on and off the seabed. Otter trawl nets may be fished with or without trawl doors, and may employ warp lines or nets to direct fish. Otter trawl nets may be used both on and off the seabed.

WAC 220-350-220 Definitions—Troll line. "Troll line" when relating to its use for commercial purposes shall be defined as a fishing line used to drag a lure or lures behind a vessel that is under power.
WAC 220-350-240 Geographical definitions—Deep River (Wahkiakum County). For commercial fisheries, the mouth of the Deep River is defined as the Highway 4 Bridge.

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