

2023-2024 Washington Sport Fishing Rules Corrections and Updates

UPDATED: September 19, 2023

These corrections have been made to the online version of the 2023-2024 regulations:

Page 26 (added July 6)

An error was corrected for the **Big Quilcene River - Jefferson Co.** The beginning section description had an incorrect longitude coordinate listed. The section should read:

From the mouth to the downstream terminus of WDFW public access easement (lat 47.816759, long -122.89084) CRC (812)

Page 27 (added July 12)

Errors were corrected for the **Bogachiel River - Clallam Co.** The all species rules, trout, steelhead (hatchery), and other game fish seasons were incorrectly listed. The correct seasons are:

From the mouth to Hwy. 101 Bridge

All species Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single-point barbless hook allowed. Feb. 16-**Apr. 30** Bait prohibited. Sat. before Memorial Day-Aug. 31 Bait prohibited.

Trout Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14".

Steelhead (hatchery) Mar. 1-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Sat. before Memorial Day-Aug. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. Nov. 1-Last Day of Feb. Min. size 20". Daily limit 3.

Other game fish Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

From Hwy. 101 Bridge to Olympic National Park boundary CRC (398)

All species Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single-point barbless hook allowed. Bait prohibited.

Trout Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14".

Other game fish Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Page 27 (added July 12)

Errors were corrected for the **Calawah River - Clallam Co.** The all species rules, trout, steelhead (hatchery), and other game fish seasons were incorrectly listed. The correct seasons are:

From mouth to Hwy. 101 Bridge CRC (400)

All species Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single-point barbless hook allowed. Feb. 16-**Apr. 30** Bait prohibited.

Trout Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14".

Steelhead (hatchery) Mar. 1-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Sat. before Memorial Day-Oct. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. Nov. 1-Last Day of Feb. Min. size 20". Daily limit 3.

Other game fish Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

From Hwy. 101 Bridge to forks CRC (400)

All species Bait prohibited. Only 1 single-point barbless hook allowed. Internal combustion motors prohibited.

Trout Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14".

Other game fish Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Page 30 (added July 12)

Errors were corrected for the **Dickey River - Clallam Co.** The all species rules, trout, steelhead (hatchery) and other game fish seasons were incorrectly listed. The correct seasons are:

From Olympic National Park boundary upstream to the confluence of the east and west forks CRC (402)

All species Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single-point barbless hook allowed. Feb. 16-**Apr. 30** Bait prohibited. Sat. before Memorial Day- Aug. 31 Bait prohibited.

Trout Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14".

Other game fish Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr. 30** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Page 32 (added June 23)

Errors were corrected for the **Hoh River – Jefferson Co.** The all species rules, trout, steelhead (hatchery) and other game fish seasons were incorrectly listed. The correct seasons are:

From Olympic National Park boundary upstream to Dept. of Natural Resource's Oxbow Campground boat launch CRC (350)

All species Only 1 single-point barbless hook allowed. Internal combustion motors prohibited. Feb. 16-**Apr. 15** Bait prohibited. June 1-Aug. 31 Bait prohibited.

Trout June 1-Aug. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14". Sept. 16-**Apr. 15** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14".

Steelhead (hatchery) Feb. 16-**Apr. 15** Statewide min. size/daily limit. June 1-Aug. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. Sept. 16-Oct. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. Nov. 1-Feb. 15 Min. size 20". Daily limit 3.

Other game fish June 1-Aug. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. Sept. 16-**Apr. 15** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

From Dept. of Natural Resource's Oxbow Campground boat launch to Morgans Crossing boat launch CRC (348)

All species Only 1 single-point barbless hook allowed. Internal combustion motors prohibited. June 1-Oct. 15 Bait prohibited. Sept. 16-Oct. 15 Bait prohibited. Dec. 1-Apr. 15 Bait prohibited.

Trout June 1-Aug. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14". Sept. 16-**Apr. 15** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14".

Other game fish June 1-Aug. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. Sept. 16-**Apr. 15** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

From Morgans Crossing boat launch site to Olympic National Park boundary below mouth of South Fork Hoh CRC (348)

All species Only 1 single-point barbless hook allowed. Fishing from any floating device prohibited. Bait prohibited.

Trout June 1-Aug. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14". Sept. 16-**Apr. 15** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14".

Other game fish June 1-Aug. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit. Sept. 16-**Apr. 15** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Page 38 (added June 23)

Errors were corrected for the **Quillayute River - Clallam Co.** The trout, steelhead (hatchery), other game fish, and salmon seasons were incorrectly listed. The correct seasons are:

From Olympic National Park boundary upstream to confluence of Sol Duc and Bogachiel rivers CRC (404)

Trout **Year-round** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release wild rainbow trout. Cutthroat trout min. size 14".

Steelhead (hatchery) Mar. 1-**Oct. 31** Statewide min. size/daily limit. **May 1-Oct. 31 Statewide min. size/daily limit.** Nov. 1-Last Day of Feb. Min. size 2". Daily limit 3.

Other game fish **Year-round** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Salmon Feb. 1-**Aug. 31** Min. size 12". Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release wild adult Chinook, wild adult coho and sockeye. **May 1-Aug. 31 Min. size 12". Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release wild adult Chinook, wild adult coho and sockeye.** Sept. 1-Sept. 15 Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 4 adults including no more than 1 wild Chinook may be retained. Release wild adult coho and sockeye. Sept. 16-Dec. 15 Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 4 adults including no more than 1 wild Chinook and no more than 1 wild coho may be retained. Release sockeye.

Page 40 (updated September 13)

Errors were corrected for the **Skagit River – Skagit Co.** Two sections of the river had incorrect all species rules and salmon seasons. The correct seasons are:

Between a line projected across the thread of the river 200' above the east bank of the Baker River and a line projected across the thread of the river 200' below the west bank of the Baker River CRC (830)

All species June 1-Sept. 15 CLOSED WATERS. **Sept. 16-Sept. 30 Night closure. Single-point barbless hooks. Bait prohibited. Oct. 1**-Oct. 31 Night closure.

Salmon Sept. 16-Oct. 31 Min. size 12". **Daily limit 2.** Release Chinook, chum, **and wild coho.**

From a point 200' upstream of the mouth of the Baker River to the Hwy. 530 Bridge at Rockport CRC (830)

All species June 1-Sept. 15 Night closure. Selective gear rules. Anglers may not use hooks that measure greater than 1/2" from point to shank. **Sept. 16-Sept. 30 Night closure. Single-point barbless hooks. Bait prohibited. Oct. 1**-Oct. 31 Night closure.

Salmon Sept. 16-Oct. 31 Min. size 12". Release Chinook, chum, and wild coho.

Page 41 (added June 23)

An error was corrected for the **Skykomish River - Snohomish Co.** A game fish season was incorrectly omitted for the section:

From 1,000' downstream of Reiter Ponds outlet to 1,500' upstream of Reiter Ponds outlet CRC (844)

Other game fish Sat. before Memorial Day-Feb. 15, Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Page 42 (added June 23)

Errors were corrected for the **Sol Duc River - Clallam Co.** The all species rules, trout, steelhead (hatchery), other game fish, and salmon seasons were incorrectly listed. The correct seasons are:

From mouth to concrete pump station at Sol Duc Hatchery CRC (406)

All species Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single-point barbless hook allowed. Feb. 16-**Apr.30** Bait prohibited. July 16-Aug. 31 Bait prohibited.

Trout **Year-round** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release cutthroat trout and wild rainbow trout.

Other game fish **Year-round** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Salmon Feb. 1-**Aug. 31** Min. size 12" . Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release wild adult Chinook, wild adult coho and sockeye. ~~May 1-Aug. 31 Min. size 12". Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release wild adult Chinook, wild adult coho and sockeye.~~ Sept. 1-Sept. 15 Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 4 adults including no more than 1 wild Chinook. Release wild adult coho and sockeye. Sept. 16-Dec. 15 Min. size 12". Daily limit 6. Up to 4 adults including no more than 1 wild Chinook and no more than 1 wild coho may be retained. Release sockeye.

From concrete pump station at Sol Duc hatchery to Hwy. 101 Bridge upstream of Klahowya campground CRC (406)

All species Only 1 single-point barbless hook allowed. Internal combustion motors prohibited. Bait prohibited.

Trout Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr.30** Statewide min. size/daily limit. Except: Release cutthroat trout and wild rainbow trout.

Other game fish Sat. before Memorial Day-**Apr.30** Statewide min. size/daily limit.

Page 43 (added September 19)

Clarification language was added for the lowermost section description of the **Stillaguamish River, North Fork - Snohomish Co.** The clarification is:

From mouth to Hwy. 530 Bridge at mile post 28.8 (Cicero Bridge) CRC (872)

Page 58 (added August 11)

An error was corrected for a section of the **Columbia River.** A salmon season was incorrectly listed. The correct season is:

From Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco to Columbia Point (1/3 mile downstream of the I-182 Bridge) CRC (534)

Salmon Sept. 1-Oct. 31 Min. size 12". Daily limit 6 including no more than **1** adult. Release all salmon other than Chinook and coho.

Page 74 (added September 8)

An error was corrected for the **Tieton River, North Fork - Yakima Co.** The beginning river section description was incorrectly listed. The correct description is:

From Rimrock Lake to USFS Rd. 740, including that portion of the river that flows through the dry lakebed of Rimrock Reservoir.

Page 98 (added September 8)

Clarification language was added for **Rimrock Lake – Yakima Co.** The clarification is:

Free flowing waters of Tieton River, North Fork, in the dry lake bed, follow Tieton River, North Fork rules and seasons (page 74).

Page 115 (added June 23)

An error was corrected for the **Marine Area 4 West of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line** cabezon season. The correct season is:

Second Sat. in Mar.-**Third Sat. in Oct.** Daily limit 1. See Additional Restrictions on previous page.

Page 116 (added July 6)

An error was corrected for the early Oct. 1-Oct. 15 **Marine Area 5** salmon season. A minimum size for Chinook was incorrectly listed for this season that does not allow for Chinook retention. The correct season is:

Oct. 1-Oct. 15 ~~Chinook - min. size 22". Other salmon species~~ - No min. size. Daily limit 2. Release Chinook and chum.

Page 120 (added August 17)

An error was corrected for the **Marine Area 7 Bellingham Bay** salmon season. The correct season is:

Aug. 16-Sept. 30 Chinook - min. size 22". Other salmon species - no min. size. Daily limit 4. ~~Up to 2 including no more than 2 Chinook.~~

Page 123 (added July 6)

An error was corrected for the Aug. 1-Sept. 17 **Marine Area 9** Entire Area salmon season. A minimum size for Chinook was incorrectly listed for this season that does not allow for Chinook retention. The correct season is:

Aug. 1-Sept. 17 ~~Chinook - min. size 22". Other salmon species~~ - No min. size. Daily limit 2. Release chum, wild coho, and Chinook.