

2025-2026 Washington Sport Fishing Rules Corrections and Updates

UPDATED: August 7, 2025

These corrections have been made to the online version of the 2025-2026 regulations:

Page 14 (added July 25)

An error was corrected for the Two-Pole Endorsement description. With the implementation of the updated fee regulations, the opening sentence of the description should read as:

Two-Pole Endorsement: All anglers **16** years and older who want to fish with two poles must have this endorsement.

Page 15 (added June 18, updated July 30)

An updated fee table has been implemented online and is not reflected within the printed version of the regulations.

Fishing Fees						
Effective July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025						
Fee Category	Adult Angler Resident 16+	Adult Angler Non-Resident	Senior Resident 70+	Youth Under 16	Resident Disabled Reduced Fee ¹	Non-Resident Disable Veteran ¹
Annual Fishing Licenses						
Get Outdoors	\$322.98		\$136.21		\$185.88	
Fish Washington (includes Vehicle Access Pass ²)	\$94.15		\$43.57		\$40.25	
Combination (includes Vehicle Access Pass ²)	\$74.37	\$170.00	\$28.83		\$12.89	\$74.37
Freshwater (includes Vehicle Access Pass ²)	\$39.95	\$115.85	\$9.59			
Saltwater (includes Vehicle Access Pass ²)	\$40.71	\$81.70	\$10.35			
Shellfish/Seaweed (includes Vehicle Access Pass)	\$21.58	\$47.39	\$13.99			\$47.39
Razor Clam	\$17.44	\$28.07	\$17.44			\$28.07
Short-Term Fishing Licenses						
1 Day Combination	\$14.90	\$27.05	\$14.90			\$14.90
2 Day Combination	\$20.98	\$39.19	\$20.98			\$20.98
3 Day Combination	\$25.53	\$48.30	\$25.53			\$25.53
3 Day Razor Clam	\$11.79	\$11.79	\$11.79		\$11.79	\$11.79
Endorsements						
Two-Pole Endorsement	\$20.23	\$20.23	\$8.09		\$20.23	\$20.23
Puget Sound Crab Endorsement to use with an annual license	\$11.89	\$11.89	\$11.89		\$11.89	\$11.89
Puget Sound Crab Endorsement to use with a temporary license	\$5.05	\$5.05	\$5.05			\$5.05
Catch Record Cards						
Catch Record Card	Free ³	Free ³	Free ³	Free ³	Free ³	Free ³
Catch Record Card + Halibut ⁴	\$7.59	\$7.59	\$7.59		\$7.59	\$7.59
Parking Passes						
Discover Pass (EFFECTIVE - October 1, 2025)	\$51.50	\$51.50	\$51.50	\$51.50	\$51.50	\$51.50
One-Day Discover Pass	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$11.50
Permits						
Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24

Prices shown include all applicable fees. Purchasing multiple items in the same transaction may result in a reduced cost. Duplicate licenses are \$9.70 (duplicates are required for lost, stolen or mutilated licenses).

1 Refer to page 14 for reduced fee criteria.

2 Refer to WDFW Vehicle Access Pass page 15.

3 Your first Catch Record Card is free. Additional and replacements are **\$17.20**, and will not include sturgeon or halibut. **Duplicates are \$16.70 (exempt from a dealer fee).**

4 Catch Record Card + Halibut issued with a Short-Term License (1, 2, or 3 Day Combination) is \$0.00.

Active duty military can get the Short-Term License for resident rates, even if not stationed in WA.

Page 39 (added August 7)

Errors were corrected for the lower Samish River (Skagit Co.) salmon seasons. A stationary gear restriction was incorrectly included in the Aug. 1-Sept. 5. season, and the release of pink was incorrectly excluded from the Sept. 7-Sept. 13 season. All other Samish River seasons are correct as listed.

The corrected seasons should read as:

from the mouth to the yellow marker at the wing wall approx. 1,000' upstream CRC (816)

Aug. 1-Sept. 5 Min. size 12". **Stationary gear restriction.** Daily limit 2. Release chum, pink, and wild coho. Only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained. Angler's must only use fish eggs (roe) for bait and may only use one single-point hook; the hook may not measure more than 1/2" from point to shank (hook gap) and may not have any weight attached or molded directly to the hook such as twitching jigs, swim jigs, or lead headed casting jigs. Other than a swivel, anglers may not add any weight to their line.

Sept. 7-Sept. 13 Min. size 12". Daily limit 2. Release chum, **pink**, and wild coho. Only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained. Angler's must only use fish eggs (roe) for bait and may only use one single-point hook; the hook may not measure more than 1/2" from point to shank (hook gap) and may not have any weight attached or molded directly to the hook such as twitching jigs, swim jigs, or lead headed casting jigs. Other than a swivel, anglers may not add any weight to their line.

Page 118 (added June 27)

An error was corrected removing Sequim Bay from the July 1-Aug. 15 salmon closure. Sequim Bay (waters of Sequim Bay south of a line from the southern end of Gibson Spit to the west end of Travis Spit) follows the same rules as the Chinook Release Area as listed on page 118.

Port Angeles Harbor, **Sequim Bay, and Discovery Bay**

July 1-Aug. 15 CLOSED.

Aug. 16-Sept. 26 No min. size. Daily limit 2 plus 2 additional pink may be retained. Release Chinook, chum, sockeye, and wild coho.

Sept. 27-Oct. 15 No min. size. Daily limit 2. Release Chinook, sockeye, and chum.

Page 127 (added July 30)

Errors were corrected for the Marine Area 11 salmon seasons. The Chinook minimum size regulation was incorrectly omitted from both the Entire Area and Commencement Bay Aug.1-Sept. 30 seasons. The corrected Aug. 1-Sept. 30 seasons for these areas should read as:

Aug. 1-Sept. 30 **Chinook - min. size 22". Other salmon species - no min. size.** Daily limit 2 plus 2 additional pink may be retained. Release chum and wild Chinook. Chinook retention may close earlier if quota is attained.

Page 129 (added July 25)

Errors were corrected for the Marine Area 12 North of Ayock Point salmon seasons. The bait and hook restriction ends July 31 not Sept. 30. The rule exceptions for Tarboo Bay, Dosewalips River, Duckabush River, and Hamma Hamma River mouth closures still apply.

The corrected seasons should read as:

North of Ayock Point

July 1-July 10 CLOSED.

July 11-**July 31** No min. size. Daily limit 4 plus 2 additional pink may be retained. Release Chinook chum, sockeye, and wild coho. Bait prohibited and only 1 single-point barbless hook measuring 1/2" or less from point to shank is allowed.

Aug. 1-Sept. 30 No min. size. Daily limit 4 plus 2 additional pink may be retained. Release Chinook chum, sockeye, and wild coho.

Oct. 1-Oct. 15 CLOSED.

Oct. 16-Oct. 31 No min. size. Daily limit 4. Release Chinook and wild coho.

Nov. 1-Nov. 30 No min. size. Daily limit 4. Release Chinook and coho.

Page 139 (added July 23)

An error was corrected for the listed daily limit of Humboldt squid.

Humboldt Squid Year-round - Daily limit is **1** squid.