

Petitioner's Proposed Amendments to
WAC 232-12-619

General proposed amendments:

- (3) Seasonal steelhead limit: Add after March 31st: "of which no more than five may be wild steelhead from waters in which wild steelhead retention is allowed."
- (6) Wild steelhead release: Add at the start of the sentence/paragraph: "In waters requiring wild steelhead release," and reformat paragraph accordingly.
- (13)(b) Wild steelhead retention: Replace existing paragraph with "Wild steelhead release is required year-round except as provided in exceptions to statewide rules."
- (14) Restore wild steelhead limit: Add a new paragraph 14 to read: "Daily wild steelhead limit: It is unlawful for any person to retain more than one wild steelhead per day from those waters in which wild steelhead retention is allowed." Also renumber remainder of the section accordingly.

River specific proposed amendments:

Bogachiel River: after "fourteen inches," insert the following sentence: "December 1 through April 30, mouth to Highway 101, one wild steelhead per day may be retained."

Calawah River: after "fourteen inches," insert the following sentence: "December 1 through April 30, mouth to Highway 101, one wild steelhead per day may be retained."

Dickey River: after "fourteen inches," insert the following sentence: "December 1 through April 30, one wild steelhead per day may be retained."

Green (Duwamish): after "Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches." in the first river segment described insert the following sentence: "One wild steelhead per day may be retained July 1 through July 31 and September 16 through November 30."

after "Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches." in the second river segment described insert the following sentence: "One wild steelhead per day may be retained July 1 through July 31 and October 1 through November 30."

after "Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches." in the third river segment described insert the following sentence: "One wild steelhead per day may be retained July 1 through July 31 and October 16 through November 30."

after "Trout: Minimum length fourteen inches." in the fourth river segment described insert the following sentence: "One wild steelhead per day may be retained July 1 through November 30."

Hoh River: after the second use of the phrase "fourteen inches," insert the following sentence: "one wild steelhead per day may be retained."

Hoko River: after "fourteen inches." Insert: "One wild steelhead per day may be retained December 1 through March 15."

Pysht River: after "fourteen inches." Insert: "One wild steelhead per day may be retained December 1 through last day in February."

Quillayute River: after "fourteen inches." Insert: "December 1 through April 30, one wild steelhead per day may be retained."

Quinault River: after "fourteen inches." Insert: "December 1 through March 31, one wild steelhead per day may be retained."

Sol Duc River: after "fourteen inches." Insert: "December 1 through April 30, from mouth to the concrete pump station at the Soleduck Hatchery, one wild steelhead per day may be retained."

Purpose of the above amendments is to amend the rules in such a manner as to remove the wild steelhead moratorium adopted by the Commission at its 6 Feb 2004 meeting for the reasons noted in the Petitioners' petition and attachments. However, the Petitioners are making no proposed amendments to the following streams/ivers: Big River, Salmon River, Kalaloch Creek, Cedar Creek, and Mosquito Creeks