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Fish Program



Proposal Number
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2010-2011 Sportfishing Rule Proposal Form

To propose a sportfishing rule, please fill out this form completely - one proposal or idea per form, please! Feel free to make copies of this form or share it with friends. Rule proposals need to reach us by June 1, 2009, to be included in this year's process.

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May we contact you by e-mail in the future?

Yes x No

1. Current rule you would like to change: Wild Steelhead Retention Rule

- 2. Your proposed rule:
a. Species affected: Wild steelhead
b. Geographic areas affected: Statewide
c. Time of year in effect: Year round
d. Other details: No wild steelhead may be retained at any time. No exceptions.

3. Why this change is needed: Wild steelhead throughout their range are either listed, depleted or in decline. Of the seven ESUs in Washington, 5 are now listed as threatened or endangered. Of more 100 streams producing harvests in the 1950's, only 10 to 12 each year now remain open to harvest due to depletion or listing. Our organization recommends the state manage in a more conservation manner that will help prevent further depletion of the species and help rebuild the runs to the higher levels that have been recorded in recent history.

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- 4. Public or Agency Involvement:
a. Names of individuals or groups with whom you have discussed this change:
b. Describe their support or concerns:

Please mail completed form(s) to: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Sportfishing Rules Committee
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, Washington 98501-1091

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http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/rule_proposals/index.htm

Or FAX to: (360) 902-2944
Or e-mail AS AN ATTACHMENT to: sportfishing@dfw.wa.gov

Instructions

1. **Current rule you would like to change:** What rule is currently in effect for the area, species and time period you would like to change? Would any parts of the rule already in place remain in effect?
 2. **Your proposed rule:** describe the rule change you are proposing, being sure to include the details listed in parts a-d.
 - a. Species affected - What type of fish or shellfish would this rule apply to? (i.e., all game fish, trout only, yellow perch)
 - b. Geographical area affected - what area should be covered by this rule? (i.e., freshwater only, the Columbia River, or a specific area such as from the mouth of the Skagit River to the Memorial Highway Bridge). If your change refers only to a specific section of a river, we will assume that you intend that rules in effect in other areas will remain unchanged.
 - c. Time of year in effect - Should the rule be in effect all year, or just for a specified time period?
 - d. Other details - Anything else you want to include such as gear type, daily limit, etc.
 3. **Why this change is needed** - the reason or "justification" for the change you suggest (i.e., "to protect a population of fish or shellfish from overharvest," "to provide a specific type of fishing opportunity to a group such as juveniles," or "to provide harvest opportunity on a healthy population of fish.")
 4. **Public or Agency Involvement:**
 - a. Names of individuals or groups with whom you have discussed this change - please identify by name; and
 - b. Provide a brief description of their support or concerns.
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Sample Proposal

1. **Current rule you would like to change:**

Sample Lake is currently open to fishing for game fish from the last Saturday in April through October 31, with statewide size and daily limit.
 2. **Your proposed rule:** Sample Lake should have a year-round season.
 - a. Species affected – All Game Fish
 - b. Geographical area affected – Sample Lake, Sample County
 - c. Time of year in effect – Year-round
 - d. Other details – Size and bag limits would remain unchanged.
 3. **Why this change is needed** – Trout are no longer planted in Sample Lake, so there is no reason to restrict the opening time.
 4. **Public or Agency Involvement:**
 - a. Names of individuals or groups with whom you have discussed this change:
Sample County Poggie Club, Enforcement Personnel in Sample County (etc.)
 - b. Describe their support or concerns:
The Sample County Poggie Club supports this proposal. Local enforcement officers have not expressed any concerns over this change.
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