

**WAC 220-356-190 Puget Sound smelt commercial fishery—Seasons.**

It is unlawful to take, fish for or possess smelt for commercial purposes in Puget Sound except during the following seasons:

- (1) Areas 20A and 21A: Open July 1 through April 15.
- (2) Area 22B: Open November 1 through April 15.
- (3) Areas 24A, 24B, 24C, and 24D: Open July 1 through April 15.
- (4) Areas 25A and 25E: Open November 1 through April 15.
- (5) Areas 26B, 26C, 26D, 28B, and 28C: Open October 1 through April 15, except:
  - (a) Those waters within 200 feet of the shore adjacent to department property at Ross Point in Area 26C are closed to commercial smelt harvest at all times; and
  - (b) Those waters of Sinclair Inlet west of a line due south from the ferry dock in Bremerton are open only from 6:01 a.m. Wednesday through 9:59 p.m. Thursday of each week during the open period.
- (6) Areas 27A, 27B and 27C: Closed year-round.
- (7) Areas 28A and 28D: Open September 1 through April 15.
- (8) All other areas not specified in this section are open year-round.
- (9) A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.550, Violation of commercial fishing area or time—Penalty.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-356-190, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047. WSR 14-15-006 (Order 14-157), § 220-49-056, filed 7/2/14, effective 8/2/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 04-17-098 (Order 04-218), § 220-49-056, filed 8/17/04, effective 9/17/04; WSR 02-08-026 (Order 02-66), § 220-49-056, filed 3/27/02, effective 4/27/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 75.08.080. WSR 98-05-043, § 220-49-056, filed 2/11/98, effective 3/14/98; WSR 94-12-009 (Order 94-23), § 220-49-056, filed 5/19/94, effective 6/19/94; WSR 91-13-051 (Order 91-39), § 220-49-056, filed 6/14/91, effective 7/15/91; WSR 83-24-024 (Order 83-200), § 220-49-056, filed 11/30/83, effective 1/1/84; WSR 83-04-025 (Order 83-04), § 220-49-056, filed 1/27/83; Order 76-148, § 220-49-056, filed 12/2/76; Order 76-26, § 220-49-056, filed 1:45 p.m., 4/20/76; Order 1105, § 220-49-056, filed 12/28/73.]