

WAC 220-354-300 Coastal salmon troll seasons—Commercial. It is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken with troll gear in Pacific Ocean waters or to land salmon taken with troll gear from Pacific Ocean waters into a Washington port except as provided by emergency rule. When troll gear is authorized under emergency regulation, the following provisions shall also apply unless expressly modified by the emergency rule:

(1) Closed in Salmon Control Zones defined in chapter 220-306 WAC except as provided in emergency rule.

(2) Minimum size limits for Chinook and coho will be specified in emergency rule. No minimum size for pink, sockeye or chum salmon. No chum retention north of Cape Alava (48°10'00"N. lat.) beginning August 1 continuing through September 30.

(3) Salmon may be taken only by hook and line using single point, single shank, barbless hooks.

(4) It is unlawful for a vessel to have troll or recreational gear in the water while in any area closed to fishing for certain species of salmon while possessing that species of salmon; however, fishing for species other than salmon is not prohibited if the area is open for such species, and no salmon are in possession.

(5) Salmon may not be filleted prior to landing.

(6) Vessels must land and deliver their salmon within twenty-four hours of any closure of this fishery.

(7) All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size, landing/possession limit, or other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if the area is open or has been closed less than forty-eight hours for that species of salmon. Salmon may be landed in an area that has been closed for a species of salmon more than forty-eight hours only if they meet the minimum size, landing/possession limit, or other special requirements for the area in which they were caught.

(8) During any single trip, only one side of the Leadbetter Point line (46°38'10"N. lat.) may be fished.

(a) Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing south of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver all species of fish within the area south of Leadbetter Point.

(b) For delivery to Washington ports south of Leadbetter Point, vessels must notify WDFW at 360-249-1215 prior to crossing the Leadbetter Point line with area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch aboard, and destination with approximate time of delivery.

(c) Vessels may not land fish east of the Megler-Astoria bridge.

(9) Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon north of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver all species of fish in a Washington port and must possess a Washington troll and/or salmon delivery license.

(a) Vessels in possession of salmon south of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line (47°31'42"N. lat.) without first notifying WDFW at 360-249-1215 with area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch aboard and destination.

(b) Vessels in possession of salmon north of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying WDFW at 360-249-1215 with area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch aboard and destination.

(c) Vessels may not land fish east of the Sekiu River.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047. WSR 20-22-101 (Order 20-242), § 220-354-300, filed 11/3/20, effective 12/4/20. 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), amended and recodified as § 220-354-300, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 01-13-006 (Order 01-105), § 220-24-040, filed 6/7/01, effective 7/8/01.]