

Chapter 220-357 WAC
COMMERCIAL FISHERIES—STURGEON

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WAC 220-357-010 Willapa Bay—Seasons and gear—Sturgeon. It is unlawful to fish for or possess sturgeon taken for commercial purposes from Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area 60C except at those times and with such gear as provided by emergency rule of the director, and subject to the provisions of this section:

It is unlawful to take sturgeon by angling from any vessel that is engaged in commercial sturgeon fishing, has been engaged in commercial sturgeon fishing that same day, or has commercially caught sturgeon aboard.

[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 § 220-357-010, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 07-21-128 (Order 07-266), § 220-40-031, filed 10/23/07, effective 11/23/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 75.08.080. WSR 91-08-054 (Order 91-13), § 220-40-031, filed 4/2/91, effective 5/3/91; WSR 90-18-023 (Order 90-77), § 220-40-031, filed 8/24/90, effective 9/24/90; WSR 85-06-033 (Order 85-14), § 220-40-031, filed 3/1/85.]

WAC 220-357-020 Grays Harbor—Season and gear—Sturgeon. It is unlawful to fish for or possess sturgeon taken for commercial purposes from Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area 60B except at those times and with such gear as provided by emergency rule of the director, and subject to the provisions of this section:

It is unlawful to take sturgeon by angling from any vessel that is engaged in commercial sturgeon fishing, has been engaged in commercial sturgeon fishing that same day, or has commercially caught sturgeon aboard.

[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 § 220-357-020, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 07-21-128 (Order 07-266), § 220-36-031, filed 10/23/07, effective 11/23/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 75.08.080. WSR 90-18-023 (Order 90-77), § 220-36-031, filed 8/24/90, effective 9/24/90; WSR 85-06-033 (Order 85-14), § 220-36-031, filed 3/1/85.]

WAC 220-357-030 Commercial sturgeon fishery—Gillnet—Lower Columbia, Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay. (1) The lower Columbia River, Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay are closed to commercial sturgeon fishing, except as provided by emergency rule of the director. Sturgeon taken incidentally during an open commercial salmon fishing period may be retained for commercial purposes when allowed by department rule.

(2) Violation of this subsection is a gross misdemeanor under RCW 77.15.550, Violation of commercial fishing area or time—Penalty, un-

less the circumstances constitute violating commercial fishing area or time in the first degree, which is a class C felony.

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