

WAC 220-310-090 Game fish possession limits and size limits. It is unlawful to retain or possess game fish taken in excess of the daily, possession, or license year possession limits, or game fish that do not conform to the size limits provided for in this section, unless otherwise provided for in WAC 220-312-010 through 220-312-060.

(1) Daily game fish possession and size limits:

Species	Daily limit	Size limits
Largemouth Bass	No limit for all rivers, streams and beaver ponds.	No size restriction.
	5 from lakes, ponds, reservoirs.	Release bass 12 to 17 inches in length. Not more than 1 largemouth bass 17 inches in length or greater may be retained.
Smallmouth Bass	No limit for all rivers, streams and beaver ponds.	No size restriction.
	10 from lakes, ponds, reservoirs.	No minimum size. Not more than one smallmouth bass over 14 inches in length or greater may be retained.
Burbot	5	No size restriction.
Channel catfish	No limit for all rivers, streams and beaver ponds.	No size restriction.
	5 from lakes, ponds, reservoirs.	No size restriction.
Eastern brook trout	No daily limit.	No size restriction.
Grass carp	Unlawful to retain unless otherwise provided in WAC 220-312-020 and 220-312-040.	Not applicable.
Tiger Muskellunge	1	Minimum size 50 inches in length.
Kokanee	10	No size restriction.
Lake trout	No daily limit.	No size restriction.
Trout	5 from lakes, ponds and reservoirs.	No size restriction.
	2 from rivers, streams, and beaver ponds.	Wild trout 8-inch minimum length. Hatchery trout no minimum length.
	The daily trout limit is 5 trout, regardless of origin.	

Species	Daily limit	Size limits
Hatchery steelhead	2	20-inch minimum length.
Walleye	No limit for all rivers, streams and beaver ponds. 8 from lakes, ponds, reservoirs.	No size restriction. 12-inch minimum size. Not more than 1 walleye greater than 22 inches in length may be retained.
Whitefish	15	No size restriction.
All other game fish	No limit.	No size restriction.

(2) Possession limit: The game fish possession limit in the field or in transit is two daily limits in fresh, frozen or processed form.

(3) Wild steelhead, Dolly Varden, and bull trout: Except as provided for in this section and WAC 220-312-010 through 220-312-060, it is unlawful to retain wild steelhead, Dolly Varden, or bull trout.

(4) Saltwater game fish retention: Game fish taken in saltwater may not be retained, except that up to two hatchery steelhead per day may be retained.

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