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### BULLETIN NO. 087-18 LEARNING AND TEACHING

**TO:** Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
School District Business Managers  
School Building Principals  
School Public Relations Professionals

**FROM:** Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**RE:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Permit to Transport and Possess Red Swamp Crayfish for School Curriculum Use

**CONTACT:** Ellen Ebert, Learning & Teaching Science Director  
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### PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is issuing a limited permit specific to the Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction (OSPI) for Washington State K–12 schools, Educational Service Districts, and affiliated materials centers to import, transport, and possess *Procambarus clarkii* (common names Louisiana or Red Swamp crayfish), classified as a prohibited level 3 species, and the native species *Pacifastacus leniusculus* (common name Signal crayfish). This permit is valid only for the time period beginning September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019.

This year's permit will be issued only after schools and districts have successfully completed an online training agreeing to all of the permit assurances. All permit provisions apply to both the native and non-native crayfish specified under this permit. The crayfish permit assurances portal can be accessed at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3880658/Permit-for-Limited-Use-of-Live-Prohibited-Crayfish-in-Washington-State-2018-2019-School-Science-Curriculum>.

After this school year, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will no longer provide crayfish permits. Schools will need to use alternative lessons/activities.

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### **INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**

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