

**WSR 24-05-074
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 24-19—Filed February 20, 2024, 2:09 p.m., effective March 1, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: March 1, 2024.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to implement periodic, weekly closures of recreational salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Areas 10 and 11 in order to extend the quotas later into the winter season.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-313-060.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047.

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds that immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.

Reasons for this Finding: Based on current run projections, and with input from recreational fishing advisors, this rule is needed to avoid early season closures and is intended to extend the available winter salmon quota later into the season.

There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: February 20, 2024.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000Q Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective March 1 through April 15, 2024, salmon rules for Catch Record Card Areas 10 and 11 shall be modified as described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-060 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

(1) Catch Record Card Area 10, except Agate Pass (waters west of a line from Point Monroe to Indianola and east of a line from Point Bolin to Battle Point), and year-round piers (Seacrest Pier, Waterman Pier, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee State Park Pier):

Salmon: Open Wednesday through Saturday only, each week; daily limit 2 including no more than 1 hatchery Chinook. Release wild Chinook and chum. Closed Sunday through Tuesday, each week.

(2) Catch Record Card Area 11, except year-round piers (Des Moines Pier, Les Davis Pier, and Point Defiance Boathouse Dock):

(a) Salmon: Open Wednesday through Saturday only, each week; daily limit 2 including no more than 1 hatchery Chinook. Release wild Chinook and chum. Closed Sunday through Tuesday, each week.

(b) Commencement Bay (east of a line from Cliff House Restaurant to Sperry Ocean Dock): Closed to fishing for or retention of salmon.