

WSR 23-13-045
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-97—Filed June 13, 2023, 3:32 p.m., effective June 13, 2023, 3:32 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close salmon fishing in Catch Record Card Area 11.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-06000S; and 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: This emergency rule is necessary to close salmon fishing in Catch Record Card Area 11. Salmon fishing is being suspended for the rest of June because the unmarked encounter limit has been reached. The current estimate of Chinook harvest through June 11 is 988 of the total harvest quota of 1,423 (69 percent) and 1,036 of the total unmarked encounter limit of 901 (115 percent) and 1,130 of the total sublegal encounter limit of 1,697 (67 percent) set during the 2023 North of Falcon season setting process. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: June 13, 2023.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000U Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective immediately, until further notice the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons for Marine Area 11 shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-060 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Catch Record Card Area 11, except year-round piers: Salmon:
Closed.

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REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-313-06000S Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons
and daily limits. (23-81)