WSR 23-15-034 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-122—Filed July 11, 2023, 9:06 a.m., effective July 11, 2023, 9:06 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to set salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Area 12 as agreed [to] during the North of Falcon season setting process.

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: This emergency rule is necessary to set salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Area 12 as agreed [to] during the 2023 North of Falcon season setting process. These rules are temporary until permanent rules, filed in WSR 23-13-072, take effect on July 16, 2023.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: July 11, 2023.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000W Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective immediately through July 15, 2023, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons for Catch Record Card Area 12 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:

(1) Catch Record Card Area 12, waters north of a line drawn due east from Ayock Point: Salmon:

- (a) Daily limit 4. Release Chinook and chum.
- (b) Bait prohibited.

- (c) Only 1 single-point barbless hook is allowed.
- (2) Catch Record Card Area 12, waters south of a line drawn due
- east from Ayock Point, including the Hoodsport hatchery zone: Salmon:
 (a) Daily limit 4. Release wild Chinook and chum.

 - (b) Chinook minimum size 20".

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