

WSR 23-15-051
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-126—Filed July 13, 2023, 1:51 p.m., effective July 15, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: July 15, 2023.

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

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-06000V; 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 seasons in Catch Record Card Area 11.

The sublegal encounter limit for Catch Record Card Area 11 has reached 83 percent (3,209 of 3,845) of what was agreed to in this year's list of agreed [to] fisheries. Feedback from Puget Sound sports fishing advisory group and other members of the public indicated a desire to preserve salmon fishing opportunity for August. Therefore, the Washington department of fish and wildlife will suspend the fishery now to preserve opportunity for later in the summer 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000Y Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective July 15, 2023, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons for Catch Record Card 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 July 15, 2023:

WAC 220-313-06000V Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons
and daily limits. (23-110)