

WSR 23-15-068  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-128—Filed July 14, 2023, 3:26 p.m., effective July 14, 2023, 3:26 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to extend the notification deadline for limited participation salmon net fisheries.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-050.

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 rule is needed to extend the limited participation salmon net fisheries notification deadline. Many fishers participate in out-of-state fisheries and cannot submit notice by July 31. This action allows sufficient opportunity for all fishers to apply for limited participation salmon net fisheries. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: July 14, 2023.

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Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-354-05000A Commercial fisheries—Salmon—Limited participation salmon net fisheries.** Effective immediately, through August 31, 2023, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-050 regarding notification requirements, shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-050 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

Only licensed commercial salmon fishers may participate in a limited participation fishery. Only one listing is allowed per license. Fishers who wish to have their name placed on a limited participation register must notify the department, in writing, by August

31st. Interested fishers must provide a message phone number at which they may be contacted.

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