

**WSR 23-16-065
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 23-143—Filed July 27, 2023, 11:52 a.m., effective July 29, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: July 29, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close recreational Chinook retention and open hatchery coho and pink salmon seasons daily in Catch Record Card Area 9.

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 open salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Area 7. Catch estimates for the Marine Area 9 summer Chinook fishery indicate that, through July 22, 83 percent of the harvest quota (3,633 of 4,300) has been reached. This one-day reduction in the season is necessary to stay within management guidelines and will align open days with upcoming Marine Area 7 opening. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 27, 2023.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000C Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective July 29 through July 31, 2023. For Catch Record Card Area 9, except Edmonds Public Fishing Pier, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons 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:

Catch Record Card Area 9, except Edmonds Public Fishing Pier:

Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release Chinook, chum, and wild coho.

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