WSR 24-19-008 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-176—Filed September 5, 2024, 8:43 a.m., effective September 6, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: September 6, 2024.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to increase the Chinook portion of the salmon daily limit in Catch Record Card Area 11.

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 increase the Chinook salmon portion of the salmon daily limit.

Catch estimates for the Marine Area 11 summer Chinook fishery indicate that through September 2, 66 percent of the harvest quota (2,214 of 3,379), and 53 percent of sublegal encounters (3,102 of 5,907) have been reached. Based on these estimates, the Chinook portion of the daily limit will be increased to two hatchery Chinook.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: September 5, 2024.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000F Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective September 6 through September 30, 2024, 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 Des Moines Pier, Les Davis Pier, Point Defiance Boathouse Dock:

Salmon daily limit is 2. Release chum and wild Chinook.