

**WSR 24-21-027
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 24-224—Filed October 7, 2024, 11:53 a.m., effective October 9, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: October 9, 2024.

Purpose: This emergency rule will allow specified purse seine vessels to conduct test fisheries in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 9, 10, and 11.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-120.

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 needed to allow the purse seine vessels, the fishing vessels Harbor Gem, Lisa Marie, and Tradition, to conduct test fisheries in the waters of Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 9, 10, and 11. These test fisheries are necessary to collect GSI [GIS] data and to inform the in-season update models; they have been agreed to by comanagers. This information is necessary to sustainably manage Puget Sound chum 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: October 7, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-354-12000J Puget Sound salmon—Purse seine—Open periods. Effective October 9 through November 20, 2024, the purse seine vessels the F/V Harbor Gem, the F/V Lisa Marie and the F/V Tradition may carry out purse seine test fishery operations within Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 9, 10 and 11.

(1) Allowed fishing period is from October 9 through November 20, 2024.

(2) Area 11: Only chum salmon may be retained. All other salmon species must be released. WDFW staff must be onboard vessel while fishing.

(3) Area 9/10 Apple Cove Test Fishery: Administered by Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission staff. All salmon species may be retained.

(4) Weekly schedule by Area and vessel:

Week	F/V Harbor Gem Apple Cove/Kingston Area 9/10	F/V Tradition Command Point; Area 11; West Pass	F/V Lisa Marie Point Beals; Area 11; East Pass
41	Wed 10/9/2024		
42	Wed 10/16/2024	Wed 10/16/2024	Wed 10/16/2024
43	Wed 10/23/2024	Wed 10/23/2024	Wed 10/23/2024
44	Wed 10/30/2024	Wed 10/30/2024	Wed 10/30/2024
45	Wed 11/06/2024	Wed 11/06/2024	Wed 11/06/2024
46	Wed 11/13/2024	Wed 11/13/2024	Wed 11/13/2024
47	Wed 11/20/2024		