

WSR 21-16-086
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-137—Filed August 2, 2021, 4:18 p.m., effective August 3, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: August 3, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close recreational Chinook retention in Marine Area 6.

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 modify salmon seasons in Marine Area 6. The current estimate of total legal sized Chinook encounters is 6,843 (one hundred percent) of the total 6,843 legal sized encounters agreed upon in this year's list of agreed fisheries. Because one hundred percent of the legal sized Chinook encounter quota has been met, the Washington department of fish and wildlife staff have made the decision to suspend Chinook retention in order to preserve Coho and Pink opportunities in Area 6. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: August 2, 2021.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000I Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective August 3 through August 15, 2021, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons for Marine Area 6 shall be 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 6: Salmon:

- (a) Daily limit 2 salmon.
- (b) Release Chinook, chum, and wild coho.

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