

**WSR 21-18-019  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 21-158—Filed August 20, 2021, 4:07 p.m., effective August 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: August 24, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to modify commercial gill net open periods in Puget Sound salmon management and Catch Reporting Area 7C.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-160.

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 adjust commercial gillnet salmon fisheries in Puget Sound salmon management and Catch Reporting Area 7C beginning 7 p.m., August 24, through 8 a.m., August 26, 2021. The reason for the closure is to avoid gear conflicts with tribal crab opening. This action is undertaken through comanager agreement.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 20, 2021.

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Director

[NEW SECTION]

**WAC 220-354-16000K Puget Sound salmon—Gill net—Open periods.**

Effective 7 PM August 24 through 8 AM August 26, 2021, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-160 regarding commercial Gill Net open periods in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7C shall be as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-351-210 not contained herein remain in effect unless otherwise altered by emergency rule:

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| AREA       | TIME           | DATES                    | Open/<br>Closed | Minimum<br>mesh size |
|------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Area<br>7C | 7 PM -<br>8 AM | 8/24/2021 -<br>8/25/2021 | Closed          |                      |
| Area<br>7C | 7 PM -<br>8 AM | 8/25/2021 -<br>8/26/2021 | Open            | 7"                   |

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