WSR 21-19-059 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-192—Filed September 14, 2021, 11:59 a.m., effective September 14, 2021, 11:59 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open commercial reef net seasons in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-180.

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 provide for Pacific Salmon Commission's Fraser River Panel authorized commercial fisheries in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7. The Fraser River Panel authorized these fisheries during their meeting on September 13, 2021. There is harvest share available for pink salmon at current run-size levels. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 14, 2021.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-354-18000P Puget Sound salmon—Reef net open periods. Effective immediately, through 9 PM, September 17, 2021, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-180 regarding reef net open periods in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7 shall be as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-180 not contained herein remain in effect unless otherwise modified by emergency rule:

Reef nets - Open to reef nets according to the times, dates, and conditions as prescribed and listed below:

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Area	Open/ Closed	Time	Date
7	Open	immediately - 9 PM	September 14, 2021
7	Open	5 AM - 9 PM daily	September 15 through September 17, 2021

It is unlawful to retain any salmon other than pink and coho sal-mon taken with reef net gear from September 14 through September 17, 2021.

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