

WSR 21-23-069  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-257—Filed November 12, 2021, 3:38 p.m., effective November 15, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: November 15, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open commercial beach seine fisheries in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 12C Hoodsport Hatchery Zone.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-210.

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 rule is necessary to add commercial beach seine fishery openings targeting chum salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting 12C Hoodsport Hatchery Zone. Sufficient nontreaty allocation remains (about 85,000 fish) and returns to Hood Canal hatchery facilities indicate that broodstock goals will be met. This additional fishery offers commercial salmon harvest opportunity without compromising hatchery goals. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: November 12, 2021.

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Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-354-21000G Puget Sound salmon—Beach seine—Open periods.** Effective November 14 through November 20, 2021, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-210 regarding commercial Beach Seine open periods for Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 12C Hoodsport Hatchery Zone shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-210 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Area	Open/Closed	Time	Date(s)
12C Hoodsport Hatchery Zone	Open	7 am - 7 pm	11/15 and 11/17

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