WSR 22-03-053 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-05—Filed January 13, 2022, 5:12 p.m., effective January 15, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: January 15, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close salmon fishing in Catch Record Card Area 10 (except for Seacrest Pier, Waterman Pier, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee State Park Pier).

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-06000R; and 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: Estimates of landed catch to date indicate that we have reached 24 percent of the total encounters (8,475), 25 percent of sublegal encounters (7,319), and 46 percent of unmarked encounters (1,105) agreed to in this year's list of agreed fisheries for Catch Record Card Area 10. Feedback from Puget Sound recreational anglers indicates a priority for preserving fishing opportunity for February and March. Therefore, the Washington department of fish and wildlife will suspend the fishery to preserve opportunity for later in the winter season. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed

0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: January 13, 2022.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000S Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective January 15, 2022, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Area 10, 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 10 except Seacrest Pier, Waterman Pier, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee State Park Pier: Salmon: Closed.

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REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective January 15, 2022:

WAC 220-313-06000R Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. (21-274)