

WSR 23-05-047  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-22—Filed February 9, 2023, 4:11 p.m., effective February 11, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: February 11, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to suspend recreational salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Area 10.

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: Estimates of Chinook encounters to date indicate that the fishery has reached 55 percent of the total projected encounters (7,152), 55 percent of sublegal projected encounters (6,295), and 77 percent of unmarked encounters (1,089) agreed to in this year's list of agreed fisheries for Catch Record Card Area 10. Feedback from Puget Sound recreational advisors indicates a priority for preserving fishing opportunity for March. The Washington department of fish and wildlife is suspending 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: February 9, 2023.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-313-06000N Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits.** Effective February 11, 2023, until further notice, salmon seasons rules for Catch Record Card Area 10 shall be modified as described herein. 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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