

WSR 23-15-045
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-124—Filed July 12, 2023, 3:37 p.m., effective July 13, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: July 13, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to set recreational salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Areas 7, 9, and 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: This emergency rule is necessary to set salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Areas 7, 9, and 10, as agreed to during the 2023 North of Falcon season setting process. These rules are temporary until permanent rules, filed in WSR 23-13-072, take effect on July 15, 2023.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: July 12, 2023.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000X Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective July 13 through July 14, 2023, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons for Catch Record Card areas 7, 9, and 10 shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-060 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

(1) Catch Record Card Area 7: Salmon:

(a) Open July 13 through July 14, 2023: Daily limit 2 including no more than 1 hatchery Chinook. Release chum, wild coho, and wild Chinook.

(b) Waters of Rosario Strait and Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca closure area described in WAC 220-313-020(7): Closed.

(c) Samish Bay area as described in WAC 220-313-020(7): Closed.

(d) Waters of Bellingham Bay described in WAC 220-313-020(1): Closed.

(2) Catch Record Card Area 9, except Edmonds Fishing Pier: Salmon:

(a) Open July 13 through July 14, 2023: Daily limit 2 including no more than 1 hatchery Chinook. Release chum, wild coho, and wild Chinook.

(b) Waters south of a line from Foulweather Bluff to Olele Point: Closed.

(3) Catch Record Card Area 10, except year-round fishing piers (Seacrest Pier, Waterman Pier, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee State Park Pier):

(a) Open July 13 through July 14: Daily limit 2 including no more than 1 hatchery Chinook. Release chum and wild Chinook.

(b) Waters of Shilshole Bay southeast of a line from Meadow Point to West Point: Closed.

(c) Waters of Elliott Bay between a line from West Point to Alki Point and a line from Duwamish Head to Pier 91: Closed.

(d) Waters of Elliott Bay between a line from Duwamish Head to Pier 91 up to the mouth of the Duwamish River including Harbor Island (Duwamish Waterways): Closed.

(e) Waters of Sinclair Inlet and Port Orchard south of the Manette Bridge in Bremerton, south of a line true west from Battle Point, and west of a line drawn true south from Point White: Salmon: Open July 13 through July 14: Daily limit 2. Release Chinook and chum.

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