

**WSR 23-18-022  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 23-180—Filed August 25, 2023, 2:07 p.m., effective August 26, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: August 26, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to make it unlawful to possess or land Chinook or wild coho in Catch Record Card Area 5.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-06000I; 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: This emergency rule is necessary to make it unlawful to land or possess Chinook or wild coho in Catch Record Card Area 5 to enhance compliance and facilitate enforcement of fisheries with different retention rules in Areas 4 and 5. This rule also carries forward previously filed changes to salmon seasons, allowing additional pink salmon to be retained as part of the salmon daily limit for Catch Record Card Areas 5, 6, and 7.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: August 25, 2023.

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Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-313-06000J Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits.** Effective August 26 through September 30, 2023, salmon rules described in WAC 220-313-060 for Catch Record Card areas 5, 6, and 7 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:

- (1) Catch Record Card Area 5:**

(a) Effective August 26 through September 30, 2023: Salmon daily limit 2 plus 2 additional pink salmon. Release Chinook, wild coho, and chum. It is unlawful to land or possess Chinook or wild coho.

(b) Waters south of a line from Kydaka Point westerly approximately 4 miles to Shipwreck Point: Salmon: Closed.

**(2) Catch Record Card Area 6**, except Dungeness Bay (described in WAC 220-313-060(3)):

Effective August 26 through September 30, 2023: Salmon daily limit 2 plus 2 additional pink salmon. Release Chinook, wild coho, and chum.

**(3) Catch Record Card Area 7**, except Lummi Bay (described in WAC 220 313 060(4), Samish Bay (described in WAC 220-313-020(7)), Southern Rosario Strait/Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca (described in WAC 220-313-020(7)), and Bellingham Bay (described in WAC 220-313-020(1)):

(a) Effective August 26 through August 31: Salmon daily limit 2 plus 2 additional pink salmon. Release Chinook, wild coho, and chum.

(b) Effective September 1 through September 30: Salmon daily limit 2 including no more than 1 coho plus 2 additional pink salmon. Release Chinook and chum.

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#### REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective August 26, 2023:

WAC 220-313-06000I Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. (23-171)