

WSR 24-14-001
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-103—Filed June 20, 2024, 2:33 p.m., effective June 21, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: June 21, 2024.

Purpose: This emergency rule is necessary to open salmon fishing in Catch Record Card Area 11, seven days per week, and will allow up to two hatchery Chinook to be retained.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-06000V; 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: Catch estimates for the Marine Area 11 June Chinook fishery indicate the fishery has reached 30 percent of the harvest quota (425 of 1,423), 13 percent of the unmarked encounter limit (122 of 910), and two percent of sublegal encounter limit (41 of 2,608), through June 15. Based on estimates to date, sufficient catch and encounters remain under fishery guidelines for additional days of fishing to be added to the June Chinook season, and to allow retention of more than one Chinook per day.

This rule also carries forward salmon seasons for the Tulalip terminal area, previously announced in WSR 24-11-145.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: June 20, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000W Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective immediately, through September 2, 2024, salmon rules for Catch Record Card Area 8-2 Tulalip Terminal Area and Catch Record Card Area 11, 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 8-2; the Tulalip Terminal Area:

(a) Tulalip Terminal Area is defined as: Waters west of Tulalip Bay and within 2,000 feet of shore from the pilings at Old Bower's Resort to a fishing boundary marker approximately 1.4 miles northwest of Hermosa Point and not including waters east of a line drawn from Mission Point to Hermosa Point.

(b) Salmon: Effective immediately, through September 2, 2024:

(i) Open from 12:01 a.m. Friday through 11:59 a.m. Monday each week: Daily limit 2. Release Chinook and chum.

(ii) Closed from 12:00 p.m. Monday through 12:00 a.m. Friday each week.

(2) Catch Record Card Area 11, except year-round piers (Des Moines Pier, Les Davis Pier, and Point Defiance Boathouse Dock):

(a) Effective June 21 through June 30, 2024:

(i) Salmon: Open daily; daily limit 2. Release wild Chinook and chum.

(ii) Commencement Bay (east of a line from Cliff House Restaurant to Sperry Ocean Dock): Closed to fishing for or retention of salmon.

(b) Effective July 1 through July 17, 2024: Salmon: Closed.

Reviser's note: The typographical error in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective June 20, 2024:

WAC 220-313-06000V Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. (24-75)