

WSR 24-20-023
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-200—Filed September 20, 2024, 9:29 a.m., effective September 21, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: September 21, 2024.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to modify commercial gillnet openings in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 6D.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-160.

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 rule is necessary to modify gillnet openings in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 6D scheduled during the 2024 North of Falcon seasons setting process. Based on comanager agreement, the schedule will be modified as described. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-354-16000S Puget Sound salmon—Gillnet—Open periods.

Effective September 21 through September 27, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-160 regarding commercial gillnet open periods for Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting area 6D shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-160 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Area(s)	Date(s)	Open/Closed	Daily open period	Minimum mesh size
6D	9/21, 9/22	Open	7 am - 7 pm	5"

Area(s)	Date(s)	Open/Closed	Daily open period	Minimum mesh size
6D	9/26, 9/27	Closed	7 am - 7 pm	5"