

**WSR 24-22-121  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 24-256—Filed November 5, 2024, 12:29 p.m., effective November 7, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: November 7, 2024.

Purpose: This rule modifies the preseason commercial purse seine fishery openings targeting chum salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 12 and 12B.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-120.

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 the preseason planned schedule of the commercial purse seine openings targeting chum salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 12 and 12B. The purse seine opening scheduled for November 7 in Catch Areas 12 and 12B is being cancelled to allow additional time to assess catch to date and remaining nontreaty share of chum salmon while accommodating the landing and processing capacity for the fleet.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: November 5, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-354-12000S Puget Sound salmon—Purse seine—Open periods.** Effective 7:00 a.m. November 7 through 5 p.m. November 7, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-120 regarding commercial Purse Seine open periods in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 12, and 12B shall be as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-120 not contained herein remain in effect unless otherwise altered by emergency rule:

Areas	Open/Closed	Time	Date(s)
12, 12B	Closed	NA	11/7