

**WSR 24-23-028**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 24-262—Filed November 13, 2024, 8:40 a.m., effective November 14, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: November 14, 2024.

Purpose: This emergency rule adjusts the Puget Sound purse seine test fishing schedule for week 46.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-354-12000N; and 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 emergency rule is needed to adjust the preseason purse seine vessel test fishing schedule for the following vessels, the F/V Harbor Gem, the F/V Lisa Marie, and the F/V Tradition in week 46 from Wednesday, November 13 to Thursday, November 14, to conduct test fisheries in the waters of Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 9, 10, and 11. The schedule adjustment is necessary to avoid inclement weather predicted for Wednesday and to ensure staff safety. These test fisheries are necessary to collect genetic stock identification data and to inform the in-season update models; and have been agreed to by comanagers. This information is necessary to sustainably manage Puget Sound chum fisheries. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: November 13, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-354-12000U Puget Sound salmon—Purse seine—Open periods.**

Effective November 14 through November 20, 2024, the purse seine vessels the F/V Harbor Gem, the F/V Lisa Marie and the F/V Tradition may

carry out purse seine test fishery operations within Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 9, 10 and 11.

(1) Allowed fishing period is from November 14 through November 20, 2024.

(2) Area 11: Only chum salmon may be retained. All other salmon species must be released. WDFW staff must be onboard vessel while fishing.

(3) Area 9/10 Apple Cove Test Fishery: Administered by Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission staff. All salmon species may be retained.

(4) Weekly schedule by Area and vessel:

Week	F/V Harbor Gem Apple Cove/Kingston Area 9/10	F/V Tradition Command Point; Area 11; West Pass	F/V Lisa Marie Point Beals; Area 11; East Pass
46	Thurs 11/14/2024	Thurs 11/14/2024	Thurs 11/14/2024
47	Wed 11/20/2024		

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-354-12000N Puget Sound salmon—Purse seine—Open periods. (24-243)