

WSR 24-23-053
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-264—Filed November 15, 2024, 11:42 a.m., effective November 15, 2024, 11:42 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: This rule closes purse seine test fishing in week 47 for Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 9, 10, and 11.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-354-12000U.

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 close the week 47 purse seine vessel test fishing schedule for the F/V Harbor Gem, F/V Lisa Marie, and F/V Tradition in the waters of Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 9, 10, and 11. The schedule adjustment is necessary to minimize impacts to natural winter chum stocks returning to south sound and have been agreed to by comanagers. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 15, 2024.

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Director

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-354-12000U Puget Sound salmon—Purse seine—Open periods. (24-262)