

WSR 21-15-001
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-112—Filed July 7, 2021, 2:35 p.m., effective July 8, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: July 8, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to [close] recreational salmon fisheries in Catch Record Card Area 7.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: 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: This emergency rule is necessary to close salmon seasons in Marine Area 7. Estimates of landed catch to date indicate that anglers have caught the allotted mark-selective Chinook quota (1382) for Marine Area 7 agreed to in this year's list of agreed [to] fisheries. Washington department of fish and wildlife staff will continue analyzing the data collected throughout the fishery and will reevaluate if there are remaining impacts for future opportunities.

This rule does not affect the Bellingham Bay Fishery scheduled for August 16 through September 30, 2021.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: July 7, 2021.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000D Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective July 8, 2021, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons for Marine Area 7 except the Bellingham Bay Fishery, shall be modified as

described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-060 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Catch Record Card Area 7: Salmon: Closed.

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