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WSR 21-18-016 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-153—Filed August 20, 2021, 1:47 p.m., effective August 22, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: August 22, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close Chinook retention in a portion of Marine Area 10.

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 Chinook retention in Marine Area 10, except year-round piers and the Sinclair Inlet Fishery. The current estimate of total Chinook sublegal encounters is 10,509 (159 percent) of the total 6,592 sublegal encounter limit agreed up in this year's list of agreed fisheries. Chinook retention is closing in order to preserve Coho and Pink opportunities in Area 10.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: August 20, 2021.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000L Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective August 22 through August 31, 2021, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding Chinook salmon retention in Marine Area 10, except for the Sinclair Inlet Fishery (waters of Sinclair Inlet and Port Orchard south of the Manette Bridge in Bremerton, south of a line drawn true west from Battle Point, and west of a line drawn true south from Point White) and year round fishing piers (Bremerton Boardwalk, Illahee State Park Pier, Seacrest Pier, and Wa-

terman Pier,) shall be 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 10: Salmon: Release all Chinook.

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