

WSR 21-19-009
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-175—Filed September 2, 2021, 4:33 p.m., effective September 4, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: September 4, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close recreational salmon fisheries in Catch Record Card Areas 2 and 3.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-07500E; and amending WAC 220-313-075.

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 needed to close salmon fishing in Catch Record Card Areas 2 and 3. Washington department of fish and wildlife data indicates that coho quota will be reached by the end of the day Friday, September 3, 2021, in Catch Record Card Area 3 and by the end of the day Tuesday, September 7 in Catch Record Card Area 2. This rule is also adopted at the recommendation of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and has been adopted for federal waters by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: September 2, 2021.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-07500F Pacific Ocean Salmon—Seasons—Closed areas.

Effective 12:01 AM September 4 through September 15, 2021 the provisions of WAC 220-313-075 regarding recreational salmon seasons for Marine Areas 1 through 4 shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-075 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended:

- (1) **Catch Record Card Area 1:** Closed.

(2) Catch Record Card Area 2:

Open immediately through September 7, 2021:

- (a) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
- (b) Release wild coho.
- (c) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
- (d) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(3) Catch Record Card Area 3: Closed**(4) Catch Record Card Area 4:**

Open immediately through September 15, 2021:

- (a) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook.
- (b) Release wild coho and chum.
- (c) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
- (d) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(e) No chinook retention in waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line.

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REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective 12:01 AM September 4, 2021:

WAC 220-313-07500E Pacific Ocean Salmon—Seasons—Closed areas. (21-167)