

WSR 21-22-056
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-241—Filed October 28, 2021, 11:36 a.m., effective November 1, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: November 1, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to change the daily salmon limit in Marine Area 11.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-06000N; and 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: Winter fishery opportunity in Marine Area 11 in 2021-22 is managed so as not to exceed a quota of 1,001 Chinook encounters as agreed in the 2021 list of agreed fisheries. The Washington department of fish and wildlife, in conjunction with recreational fishing advisors for Puget Sound, decided to reduce the daily limit to one Chinook salmon in order to maximize fishing opportunity, given the limited available harvest and encounters for the fishery scheduled to occur between November 1 and December 31, 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: October 28, 2021.

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Director

[NEW SECTION]

WAC 220-313-06000N Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective November 1, through December 31, 2021, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding Chinook salmon retention in Marine Area 11, 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:

Salmon daily limit is one (1). Chinook minimum size is 22". Release wild chinook, coho, and chum.

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Reviser's note: The bracketed material preceding the section above was supplied by the code reviser's office.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective January 1, 2022:

WAC 220-313-06000N Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits.