

**WSR 22-15-038
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-138—Filed July 14, 2022, 9:44 a.m., effective July 16, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: July 16, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close salmon fishing in a portion of Catch Record Card Area 1 and modify Chinook daily limits in Catch Record Card Area 3.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-07500J; 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 emergency rule is needed to extend season lengths in Areas 1 and 3. Chinook catches have been larger than expected and these measures are needed to reduce catch of Chinook so that sufficient Chinook quota remains to access coho salmon later in the season.

This rule also maintains previously established recreational salmon seasons in Areas 2 and 4.

These rules for in-state waters are consistent with federal salmon fishing regulations adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service in response to actions taken by the Pacific Fishery Management Council to set salmon fishery harvest specifications and management measures; this action is intended to achieve regulatory consistency in federal and state waters for the ocean recreational salmon fishery, which operates in both areas.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: July 14, 2022.

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Director

NEW SECTION**WAC 220-313-07500K Pacific Ocean salmon—Seasons—Closed areas.**

Effective July 16 through October 8, 2022 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:** Open immediately through September 30, 2022:

- (a) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook.
- (b) Release wild coho.
- (c) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
- (d) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(e) That portion of Area 1 north of 46°15'N and east of 124°08'40"W is closed to fishing for salmon.

(2) **Catch Record Card Area 2:** Open immediately through September 30, 2022:

- (a) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook.
- (b) Release wild coho.
- (c) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
- (d) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(e) Immediately through August 7, 2022 the Grays Harbor Control Zone is open. See WAC 220-306-040.

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

(a) Open immediately through July 24, 2022:

- (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
- (ii) Release Chinook and wild coho.
- (iii) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(b) Open July 25 through September 30, 2022:

- (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook
- (ii) Release wild coho.
- (iii) Release chum beginning August 1.
- (iv) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
- (v) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(c) Open October 5 through October 8, 2022 only in the area north of 47°50'00N. lat. and south of 48°00'00"N. lat.:

- (i) Daily limit 2 Chinook salmon only.
- (ii) Release all salmon except Chinook.
- (iii) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.

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

(a) Open July 25 through July 31, 2022:

- (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook.
- (ii) Release wild coho.
- (iii) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
- (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.
- (v) Closed in waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line.

(b) Open August 1 through September 30, 2022:

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

(v) Chinook retention prohibited in waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line.

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Reviser's note: The typographical error in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective July 25, 2022:

WAC 220-313-07500J Pacific Ocean salmon—Seasons—Closed areas. (22-132)