

WSR 22-18-020
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-185—Filed August 26, 2022, 2:54 p.m., effective August 29, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: August 29, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close salmon fishing in Catch Record Card Area 13.

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: Expected catches in both recreational and tribal fisheries are below preseason expectation to date. The recreational marine area salmon fishery will be paused until further notice to further evaluate Chinook returns to South Sound to ensure natural escapement and broodstock goals are met. This fishery may reopen if further information suggests such an action is warranted. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 26, 2022.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000I Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective August 29, 2022, until further notice, for Catch Record Card Area 13, except Fox Island Public Fishing pier, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons 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:

Salmon: Closed.

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