

WSR 22-22-046
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-253—Filed October 26, 2022, 3:57 p.m., effective November 1, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: November 1, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close Catch Record Card Area 11 salmon seasons Thursday through Saturday each week, from November 1 through December 31, 2022.

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: The Marine Area 11 winter Chinook fishery is scheduled to open November 1, with a total encounters limit of 1,093, an unmarked encounters limit of 256, and a sublegal encounters limit of 732 Chinook. A reduction in open days was agreed to by the Washington department of fish and wildlife, the Puget Sound recreational fishery advisors, and representatives of the Marine Area 11 community to extend the season as long as possible. The winter Chinook season is scheduled to close December 31.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000J Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective November 1 through December 31, 2022, for Catch Record Card Area 11, except year-round piers listed in WAC 220-313-060 (9)(g), 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:

- (a) Open Sunday through Wednesday each week:
 - (i) Daily limit 2, including no more than 1 Chinook.
 - (ii) Release coho, chum, and wild Chinook.
- (b) Closed Thursday through Saturday each week.

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