

WSR 22-22-090  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-260—Filed November 1, 2022, 4:01 p.m., effective November 3, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: November 3, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close commercial purse seine fisheries in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 12, 12B, and 12C.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-120.

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 necessary to close commercial purse seine fishery openings targeting chum salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 12, 12B, and 12C. In-season information suggests that all citizens fishers are close to the harvestable share of chum at the given agreed-to runsize levels. Fishery information from this week will be evaluated and inform future commercial openings for chum. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: November 1, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-354-120000Q Puget Sound salmon—Purse seine—Open periods.** Effective 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM, November 3, 2022, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-120 regarding commercial Purse Seine open periods in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 12, 12B, and 12C shall be as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-120 not contained herein remain in effect unless otherwise altered by emergency rule:

Areas	Open/Closed	Time	Date(s)
12, 12B, 12C	Closed	7 AM - 6 PM	11/03/2022

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