

**WSR 22-24-006
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-278—Filed November 28, 2022, 1:40 p.m., effective December 1, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: December 1, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Area 11, except for year-round piers.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-06000K; 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: The current estimate of Chinook harvest through November 22 is 845 of the total encounter limit of 1,093 (77 percent), 690 of the total sublegal encounter limit of 732 (94 percent), and 216 of the total unmarked encounter limit of 256 (85 percent) set during the 2022 North of Falcon season setting process. The Washington department of fish and wildlife fisheries managers anticipate that all encounter limits will be reached after the current short week opening, scheduled through Wednesday November 30, 2022. Salmon fishing in Marine Area 11 will be closed for the remainder of the winter Chinook season to stay within agreed-to management thresholds. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: November 28, 2022.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000M Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective December 1 through December 31, 2022, salmon seasons and retention rules for Catch Record Card Area 11 shall be modified as described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-060

not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Catch Record Card Area 11: Salmon:

(a) Entire area except year-round piers listed in subsection (b): Closed.

(b) Dash Point Dock, Les Davis Pier, Des Moines Pier, Redondo Pier, and Point Defiance Boathouse Dock:

Open daily. Daily limit 2. Up to 1 Chinook may be retained.

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REPEALER

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

WAC 220-313-06000K Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. (22-257)