

WSR 24-10-004
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-57—Filed April 18, 2024, 8:41 a.m., effective April 20, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: April 20, 2024.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close recreational salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Area 5.

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: Estimates of landed catch to date indicate that anglers have reached 98 percent of the sublegal encounters (3,616 of 3,707) agreed to in this year's list of agreed fisheries. To meet conservation goals and avoid exceeding the fishery objectives, it will close beginning Saturday April 20, 2024.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: April 17, 2024.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000T Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective April 20 through April 30, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons for Marine Area 5 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:

Catch Record Card Area 5: Salmon: Closed.