

WSR 24-13-073
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-96—Filed June 14, 2024, 3:52 p.m., effective June 22, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: June 22, 2024.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to clarify that salmon may not be possessed onboard a vessel in Catch Record Card Area 2 on days when closed to salmon in Area 2 but open in other coastal areas, including June 22 through June 29.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-07500V; and amending WAC 220-313-075.

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 purpose of this rule is to clarify that salmon may not be possessed onboard a vessel in Catch Record Card Area 2 on days closed to salmon in that area, but open in other coastal areas. This rule will maintain recreational salmon seasons in Areas 1 through 4 previously announced in WSR 24-13-005 (filed June 5, 2024).

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: June 14, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-07500W Pacific Ocean salmon—Seasons—Closed areas. Effective June 22 through September 30, 2024, the provisions of WAC 220-313-075 regarding recreational salmon seasons for Marine Areas 1 through 4 shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-075 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended:

(1) **Catch Record Card Area 1:** Open June 22 through September 30, 2024:

- (a) Daily limit of 2 salmon including no more than one Chinook.
- (b) Release wild coho.
- (c) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
- (d) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(2) Catch Record Card Area 2:

(a) Effective June 22 through June 29: It is unlawful to possess salmon onboard a vessel, including in transit.

(b) Open June 30 through July 13, 2024, Sundays through Thursdays only:

- (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon including no more than one Chinook.
- (ii) Release wild coho.
- (iii) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
- (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(v) Grays Harbor Control Zone is open. See WAC 220-306-040 for area definition.

(vi) It is unlawful to possess salmon onboard a vessel on days when closed to salmon fishing, including in transit.

(vii) Closed Fridays and Saturdays.

(c) Open July 13 through August 11, 2024:

- (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon including no more than one Chinook.
- (ii) Release wild coho.
- (iii) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
- (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(v) Grays Harbor Control Zone is open. See WAC 220-306-040 for area definition.

(d) Open August 12 through September 15, 2024:

- (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon including no more than one Chinook.
- (ii) Release wild coho.
- (iii) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
- (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(v) Grays Harbor Control Zone is closed. See WAC 220-306-040 for area definition.

(3) Catch Record Card Area 3:

(a) Open June 22 through July 31, 2024

- (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon including no more than one Chinook.
- (ii) Release wild coho.
- (iii) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
- (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(b) Open August 1 through September 15, 2024

- (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon including no more than one Chinook.
- (ii) Release chum and wild coho.
- (iii) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
- (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(4) Catch Record Card Area 4:

(a) Open June 22 through July 31, 2024:

- (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon including no more than one Chinook.
- (ii) Release wild coho.
- (iii) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
- (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(v) Waters east of a true north-south line through Sail Rock are closed.

(b) Open August 1 through September 15, 2024:

- (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon including no more than one Chinook.
- (ii) Release chum and wild coho.
- (iii) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
- (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(v) No chinook retention allowed in waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-313-07500V Pacific Ocean salmon—Seasons—Closed areas. (24-85)