

WSR 24-14-041
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-108—Filed June 26, 2024, 9:36 a.m., effective July 1, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: July 1, 2024.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to modify recreational salmon rules in Puget Sound Catch Record Card Areas 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 13 to reflect rules agreed to during the 2024 North of Falcon season setting process.

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: This emergency rule is necessary to modify salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Areas 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 13 to conform with seasons and rules agreed to with comanagers during the 2024 North of Falcon season setting process. This rule is interim until permanent rules in WSR 24-13-054 take effect on July 15, 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: June 25, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000X Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective July 1 through July 14, 2024, salmon rules for Catch Record Card areas 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 13 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:

(1) Catch Record Card Area 5: Salmon:

Daily limit 2 including no more than 1 Chinook. Release chum, sockeye, wild coho, and wild Chinook.

(2) Catch Record Card Area 6: Salmon:

(a) Daily limit 2. Release chum, sockeye, wild Chinook, and wild coho.

(b) Waters east of a true north-south line through the Number 2 Buoy immediately east of Ediz Hook: Release all Chinook.

(c) Waters of Port Angeles Harbor west of a line from the tip of Ediz Hook to the ITT Rayonier Dock: Closed.

(d) Waters of Dungeness Bay inside a line from Dungeness Spit Lighthouse to the Number 2 Red Buoy, and then to the Port Williams Boa Ramp: Closed.

(3) Catch Record Card Area 7: Salmon:

Closed.

(4) Catch Record Card Area 9: Salmon:

Closed.

(5) Catch Record Card Area 10, except year-round piers (Seacrest Pier, Waterman Pier, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee State Park Pier): Salmon:

(a) Daily limit 2. Release Chinook and chum.

(b) Waters of Shilshole Bay southeast of a line from Meadow Point to West Point: Closed.

(c) Elliott Bay: Waters of Elliott Bay east of a line from West Point to Alki Point up to the mouth of the Duwamish River including Harbor Island: Closed.

(6) Catch Record Card Area 12: Salmon:

(a) Waters north of Ayock Point: Closed.

(b) Waters south of Ayock Point: Daily limit 4. Release chum and wild Chinook.

(7) Catch Record Card Area 13: All waters within channels created by exposed tidelands at the mouth of Minter Creek are closed to fishing.

Reviser's note: The typographical error in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.