

WSR 24-16-141
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-147—Filed August 7, 2024, 8:21 a.m., effective August 11, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: August 11, 2024.

Purpose: This emergency rule is needed to adjust the open period for commercial gillnets in Management Areas 7B and 7C, to run from 7 p.m. to 10 a.m. for each opening in August.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-160.

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 needed to adjust the daily open period to conform with seasons and times agreed to with comanagers during the 2024 North of Falcon season setting process. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: August 7, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-354-16000R Puget Sound salmon—Gillnet—Open periods.

Effective August 11 through August 28, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-160 regarding commercial gillnet open periods for Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 7B and 7C shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-160 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Area(s)	Date(s)	Open/Closed	Daily open period	Minimum mesh size
7B, 7C	Nightly; 8/11, 8/12, 8/13, 8/18, 8/19, 8/20, 8/21, 8/25, 8/26, 8/27, 8/28	Open	7 PM - 10 AM	7"