

WSR 23-19-022
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-199—Filed September 8, 2023, 4:42 p.m., effective September 8, 2023, 4:42 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to increase the pink salmon portion of the salmon daily limit in Catch Record Card Area 10.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-313-06000H; 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: This emergency rule is necessary to increase the pink salmon portion of the salmon daily limit.

The current run size estimate for Puget Sound pink salmon shows the return coming in above forecast, allowing for additional pink salmon retention in these Puget Sound recreational fisheries.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: September 8, 2023.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000L Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. Effective August 18 through October 31, 2023, salmon rules for Catch Record Card Area 10 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 10, except; Sinclair Inlet and Port Orchard, and Year-round piers (Seacrest Pier, Waterman Pier, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee State Park Pier):

(a) Effective Immediately, through September 30, 2023: Salmon daily limit 2 including no more than 1 coho, plus 2 additional pink salmon. Release Chinook, chum.

(b) Effective October 1 through October 31, 2023: Salmon daily limit 2 including no more than 1 coho. Release Chinook.

(2) Sinclair Inlet (Waters of Sinclair Inlet and Port Orchard south of the Manette Bridge in Bremerton, south of a line drawn true west from Battle Point, and west of a line drawn true south from Point White):

(a) Effective immediately, through September 30, 2023: Salmon daily limit 3 including no more than 1 coho, plus 2 additional pink salmon. Release wild Chinook and chum.

(b) Effective October 1 through October 31, 2023: Salmon daily limit 2 including no more than 1 coho. Release Chinook.

(3) Seacrest Pier, Waterman Pier, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee State Park Pier:

Effective immediately, through September 30, 2023: Salmon daily limit is 2 including no more than 1 Chinook, plus two additional pink salmon.

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REPEALER

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

WAC 220-313-06000H Puget Sound salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. (23-167)