

WSR 24-18-098
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-172—Filed September 3, 2024, 9:54 a.m., effective September 3, 2024, 9:54 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close the commercial beach seine fishery in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 12C on September 3.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-210.

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 rule is necessary to close Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 12C September 3. Hoodspout Hatchery Chinook returns are trending behind broodstock goals with approximately 800 fish currently on hand at the hatchery. This temporary closure of commercial beach seine harvest is needed to ensure that broodstock goals are met.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: September 3, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-354-21000N Puget Sound salmon—Beach seine—Open periods.

Effective the immediately through September 3, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-210 regarding commercial Beach Seine open periods for Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 12C shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-210 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

| Area | Open/Closed | Time | Date(s) |
|------|-------------|------|---------|
| 12C | Closed | N/A | 9/3 |

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.