RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103E (May 2009)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Emergency Rule Only

Effective date of rule:
Emergency Rules 09-188
☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) 5:00 a.m. August 29, 2009

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?
☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: Amend commercial fishing rules

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:
Repealed: WAC 220-47-50100P
Amended:
Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047 and RCW 77.04.020

Other authority :

EMERGENCY RULE
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.
☐ That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.
☐ That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal years 2009, 2010, or 2011, which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding: This regulation provides for Pacific Salmon Commission authorized fisheries in Areas 7 and 7A. These emergency rules are necessary to initiate fisheries targeting a harvestable surplus of pink salmon available. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: August 28, 2009

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Director

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Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero. No descriptive text.

Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note. A section may be counted in more than one category.

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New 1 Amended _____ Repealed 1

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

N E W S E C T I O N

WAC 220-47-50100P Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Salmon Fishery--Open periods. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 220-47 WAC, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken for commercial purposes in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas except in accordance with the open periods, mesh size, areas, species restrictions, notification, and landing requirements set forth in this section, provided that unless otherwise amended, all permanent rules remain in effect:

Areas 7 and 7A:

(1) **Purse Seines** – Open to purse seine gear according to the times, dates, and conditions as prescribed and listed here:

Hours	Dates
5:00 AM – 9:00 PM	8/29, 8/31

(a) It is unlawful to retain Chinook, sockeye, coho, and chum salmon.

(b) Purse seine fishers must also use a recovery box in compliance with WAC 220-47-301(7)(a) through (f).

(c) It is unlawful to bring salmon aboard a vessel unless all salmon captured in the seine net are removed from the seine net using a brailer or dip net meeting the specifications in WAC 220-47-325, prior to the seine net being removed from the water. All salmon must be immediately sorted, and those required to be released must be placed in an operating recovery box or released into the water before the next brail may be brought on the deck. However, small numbers of fish may be brought on board the vessel by pulling the net in without mechanical or hydraulic assistance.

(d) It is unlawful to fish for salmon with purse seine gear in Areas 7 and 7A unless the vessel operator has attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and is in possession of a department-issued certification card.

(2) **Gill Nets** – Open to gill net gear with 5-inch minimum and 5 ½-inch maximum mesh size according to the times, dates, and conditions as prescribed and listed here:

Hours	Dates
8:00 AM – Midnight	8/29, 8/31

(a) It is unlawful to retain sockeye salmon; and those salmon required to be released must be done so immediately.

(b) It is unlawful to fish for salmon with gill net gear in Areas 7 and 7A unless the vessel operator has attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and is in possession of a department issued certification card.

(3) **Reef Nets** – Open to reef net gear according to the times, dates, and conditions as prescribed and listed here:

Hours	Dates
5 AM - 9 PM	8/29, 8/30, 8/31, 9/1

(a) It is unlawful to retain unmarked Chinook, unmarked coho, sockeye and all chum salmon.

(b) It is unlawful to retain marked Chinook unless the reef net operator is in immediate possession of a Puget Sound Reef Net Logbook.

(c) It is unlawful to fish for salmon with reef net gear in Areas 7 and 7A unless the vessel operator has attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and is in immediate possession of a department-issued certification card.

(4) Waters north and west of the Area 7 "Iwerson Dock Line" (a line projected from Iwerson Dock on Point Roberts to the Georgina Point light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia) are closed to commercial harvest of salmon previously described in the above sections.

"Quick Reporting Fisheries":
All fisheries opened under this section, and any fishery opening under authority of the Fraser Panel for sockeye or pink salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas (WAC 220-22-030), are designated as "Quick Reporting Required" per WAC 220-47-001.

R E P E A L E R

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective September 2, 2009:

WAC 220-47-50100P Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Salmon Fishery--Open periods.