RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103E (July 2011)
(Implements RCW 34.05.350)

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Emergency Rule Only

Effective date of rule:
Emergency Rules 15-139
☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) 12:01 a.m. May 22, 2015

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 salmon troll fishing rules

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:
Repealed: WAC 220-24-04000R
Amended: WAC 220-24-040
Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045 and RCW 77.12.047

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 year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013, 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: A small amount of the quota for Areas 3 and 4 remains available for the fishery. A large harvestable quota of salmon remains available for the troll fleet in Areas 1 and 2. These rules are adopted at the recommendation of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service, in accordance with preseason fishing plans. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: May 20, 2015

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Director

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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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	_____

ORDER NO. 15-139

N E W S E C T I O N

WAC 220-24-04000S All-Citizen commercial salmon troll.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-24-040, effective 12:01 a.m. May 22, 2015, until further notice, it is unlawful to fish for salmon with troll gear or to land salmon taken with troll gear into a Washington port except during the seasons provided below:

(1) Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1 and 2 open through June 30, 2015.

(2) That portion of Area 4 west of 125°05'00" W longitude and south of 48°23'00" N latitude, open:

May 22 – 26, 2015,
May 29 – June 2, 2015,
June 5 – 9, 2015,
June 12 – 16, 2015,
June 19 – 23, 2015,
June 26 – 30, 2015.

(3) All fishers intending to fish Area 4 must declare that intention before fishing by notifying WDFW at 360-902-2739 with boat name and approximate time they intend to fish in Area 4 and destination at the end of the trip. All fish from Area 4 must be landed before fishing any other Area. No fish from other Areas may be in possession with fish from Area 4. Landing and possession limit of 15 Chinook in Area 4 per vessel per entire open period.

(4) Cape Flattery and Columbia River Control Zones are closed.

(5) Minimum size for Chinook salmon is 28 inches in length. No minimum size for pink, sockeye or chum salmon. It is unlawful to possess coho salmon.

(6) Lawful troll gear is restricted to all legal troll gear with single point, single shank barbless hooks.

(7) Fishers must land and deliver their catch within 24 hours of any closure of a fishery provided for in this section. Vessels in possession of fish from Area 2 much stay in the closed areas to transit through Areas 3 and 4 to land in La Push or Neah Bay. All fish must be landed in Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4. Vessels in possession of salmon north or south of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying WDFW by phone at (360)902-2739 or by email at Douglas.Milward@dfw.wa.gov with Area fished, total Chinook and halibut catch aboard, and destination. Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing north of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver their fish within the area and North of Leadbetter Point. Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing south of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver their fish within the area and south of Leadbetter Point.

(8) The Cape Flattery Control Zone is defined as the area from Cape Flattery (48°23'00" N latitude) to the northern boundary of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone, and the area from Cape Flattery south to Cape Alava, 48°10'00" N latitude, and east of 125°05'00" W longitude.

(9) The Columbia Control Zone is defined as an area at the Columbia River mouth, bounded on the west by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 (46°13'35" N. Lat., 124°06'50" W. long.) and the green lighted Buoy #7 (46°15'09' N. lat., 124°06'16" W. long.); on the east, by the Buoy #10 line which bears north/south at 357° true from the south jetty at 46°14'00" N. lat., 124°03'07" W. long, to its intersection with the north jetty; on the north, by a line running northeast/southwest between the green lighted Buoy #7 to the tip of the north jetty (46°15'48" N. lat., 124°05'20" W. long.), and then along the north jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line; and, on the south, by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 and tip of the south jetty (46°14'03" N. lat., 124°04'05" W. long.), and then along the south jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line.

(10) It is unlawful to fish in Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1, 2 or 4 with fish on board taken south of Cape Falcon, Oregon and all fish taken from Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1, 2 or 4 must be landed before fishing south of Cape Falcon, Oregon.

(11) It is unlawful for wholesale dealers and trollers retailing their fish to fail to report their landing by 10:00 a.m. the day following landing. Ticket information can be telephoned in by calling 1-866-791-1279, faxing the information to (360) 902-2949, or e-mailing to trollfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov. Report the dealer name, the dealer license number, the purchasing location, the date of purchase, the fish ticket numbers, the gear used, the catch area, the species, the total number for each species, and the total weight for each species, including halibut.

R E P E A L E R

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 12:01 a.m. May 22, 2015:

WAC 220-24-04000R All-citizen commercial salmon troll. (15-132)

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