AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-14-054, filed 6/29/22, effective 7/30/22)

WAC 220-313-070 Coastal salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits. It is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken by angling for personal use except from the following coastal areas, during the following seasons, in the quantities and the sizes provided for in WAC 220-313-010, and for the species designated in this section. An area is open when a daily limit is provided:

(1) Willapa Bay (Catch Record Card Area 2-1):

(a) Open concurrent with Area 2 as specified in WAC 220-313-075; otherwise closed, except as described in (b) of this subsection.

(b) Open August 1 through January 31:

(i) Daily limit 6 salmon; up to 2 may be adult salmon.

(ii) Release wild Chinook.

(iii) Waters of the Willapa Bay Control Zone area defined as waters east of a line drawn from Leadbetter Point (46°39.20'N, 124°3.516'W) due west to 46°39.20'N, 124°5.3'W then due north to the westerly most landfall on Cape Shoalwater (46°44.66'N, 124°5.3'W) and west from a line drawn from Leadbetter Point (46°39.20'N, 124°3.516'W) through green marker 11 to landfall: ((Closed August 1 through September 30)) Open.

(iv) Anglers in possession of a valid two-pole endorsement may use up to two lines while fishing.

(v) Waters north of a line from Toke Point channel marker 3 easterly through Willapa Harbor channel marker 13 (green) then, northeasterly to the power transmission pole located at 46°43.19'N, 123°50.83'W are closed August 1 through September 30.

(2) Grays Harbor (Catch Record Card Area 2-2 east of the Buoy 13 line):

(a) May 1 through July 31: Closed.

(b) Humptulips North Bay Fishery is defined as northerly of a line running from the south end of the eastern jetty at Ocean Shores Marina, then to a fishing boundary marker on Sand Island (46°57.52'N, 124°03.36'W) then to the Tripod Station located at 46°59.12'N, 124°00.72'W on Brackenridge Bluff. Open August 1 through September 15:

(i) Daily limit 1 salmon.

(ii) Release wild Chinook and wild coho.

(c) East Grays Harbor Fishery is defined as easterly of a projected line from the mouth of Johns River (Highway 105 bridge) to the Tripod Station on Brackenridge Bluff (46°59.12'N, 124°00.72'W) through channel marker 27 (green).

(i) Open September 16 through ((<del>October 31</del>)) <u>November 30</u>:

(A) Daily limit 2 salmon.

(B) Release Chinook.

(ii) ((<del>Open November 1 through November 30:</del>

(A) Daily limit 1 salmon.

(B) Release Chinook.

(iii))) Waters south of a line running from the south end of the eastern jetty at Ocean Shores Marina to the fishing boundary marker on Sand Island (46°57.52'N, 124°03.36'W) to the Tripod Station on Brack-enridge Bluff (46°59.12'N, 124°00.72'W) and waters west of a line running from the Tripod Station on Brackenridge Bluff (46°59.12'N, 124°00.72'W) through channel marker 27 (green) to the mouth of Johns River (Highway 105 Bridge): Closed.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the Westport Boat Basin and Ocean Shores Boat Basin are open only August 16 through January 31:

(i) Daily limit 6 salmon; up to 4 may be adult salmon.

(ii) Release Chinook.

(iii) Night closure ((and)) rule in effect.

(iv) Anti-snagging rule in effect, except any hook where the weight is molded directly to the hook such as twitching jigs, swim jigs, or casting jigs are not allowed. Only single-point barbless hooks may be used.

(3) Grays Harbor (Catch Record Card Area 2-2 west of the Buoy 13 line): Closed, except open concurrent with openings of the Grays Harbor Control Zone as specified in WAC 220-313-075.

(4) A violation of this section is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160, unless the person has harvested salmon. If the person has harvested salmon, the violation is punishable under RCW 77.15.380 Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree—Penalty, unless the salmon are taken in the amounts or manner to constitute a violation of RCW 77.15.370 Unlawful recreational fishing in the first degree—Penalty—Criminal wildlife penalty assessment.