REASON ABSENT:

Reasons for this finding: This emergency rule is needed because sufficient quota remains to reopen Neah Bay to fishing for Chinook and coho in late July. Waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line will remain closed until August 1 to limit Chinook catch and help ensure that the fishery remains within its Chinook guideline for the remainder of the season. When the waters East of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line reopen, Chinook retention will not be allowed in that area, consistent with the pre-season fishing plan.

This rule also maintains previously established recreational salmon seasons in Areas 1, 2 and 3.

These rules for in-state waters are consistent with federal salmon fishing regulations adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service in response to actions taken by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) to set salmon fishery harvest specifications and management measures; this action is intended to achieve regulatory consistency in federal and state waters for the ocean recreational salmon fishery, which operates in both areas.

There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.
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- Federal statute: New __  Amended __  Repealed __
- Federal rules or standards: New __  Amended __  Repealed __
- Recently enacted state statutes: New __  Amended __  Repealed __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- New __  Amended __  Repealed __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 on 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- New 1  Amended __  Repealed 1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- New __  Amended __  Repealed __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- Negotiated rule making: New __  Amended __  Repealed __
- Pilot rule making: New __  Amended __  Repealed __
- Other alternative rule making: New __  Amended __  Repealed __

Date Adopted: July 8, 2022

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:
NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-07500J Pacific Ocean Salmon-Seasons-Closed Areas.
Effective July 25 through October 8, 2022 the provisions of WAC 220-313-075 regarding recreational salmon seasons for Marine Areas 1 through 4 shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-075 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended:

(1) Catch Record Card Area 1: Open immediately through September 30, 2022:

   (a) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook.
   (b) Release wild coho.
   (c) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
   (d) Coho minimum length 16 inches.

(2) Catch Record Card Area 2: Open immediately through September 30, 2022:

   (a) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook.
   (b) Release wild coho.
   (c) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
   (d) Coho minimum length 16 inches.
   (e) Immediately through August 7, 2022 the Grays Harbor Control Zone is open. See WAC 220-306-040.

(3) Catch Record Card Area 3:

   (a) Open immediately through September 30, 2022:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook.
      (ii) Release wild coho.
      (iii) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
      (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.
      (v) Release chum beginning August 1.

   (b) Open October 5 through October 8, 2022 only in the area north of 47°50'00 N. lat. and south of 48°00'00" N. lat.:
      (i) Daily limit 2 Chinook salmon only.
      (ii) Release all salmon except Chinook.
      (iii) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.

(4) Catch Record Card Area 4:

   (a) Open July 25 through July 31, 2022:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook.
      (ii) Release wild coho.
      (iii) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
      (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.
      (v) Closed in waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line.

   (b) Open August 1 through September 30, 2022:
      (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon; no more than one may be a Chinook
(ii) Release chum and wild coho.
(iii) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
(iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.
(v) Chinook retention prohibited in waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line.

R E P E A L E R

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective July 25, 2022:
WAC 220-313-07500I Pacific Ocean Salmon-Seasons-Closed Areas. (22-127)