



**RULE-MAKING ORDER
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

**CR-103E (December 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.350
and 34.05.360)**

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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DATE: October 30, 2023

TIME: 5:04 PM

WSR 23-22-100

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 23-241)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to allow the Canadian-flagged purse seine vessel F/V Nita Maria to conduct a federally authorized test fishery immediately, through November 17, 2023.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 220-354-120
- Suspended:

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

Reasons for this finding: This emergency rule is needed to allow the Canadian-flagged purse seine vessel, F/V Nita Maria to conduct a test fishery in Washington waters. The test fishery will take place in both Canadian and US waters and has been approved by Pacific Salmon Commission, as well as authorized and permitted by NOAA. F/V Nita Maria will be allowed to take no more than 1,000 chum salmon over the duration of the test fishing period and must release all other fish. 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:

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| Federal statute: | New | ___ | Amended | ___ | Repealed | ___ |
| Federal rules or standards: | New | ___ | Amended | ___ | Repealed | ___ |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 ____

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

New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____

The number of sections adopted using:

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| Negotiated rule making: | New | ____ | Amended | ____ | Repealed | ____ |
| Pilot rule making: | New | ____ | Amended | ____ | Repealed | ____ |
| Other alternative rule making: | New | ____ | Amended | ____ | Repealed | ____ |

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| Date Adopted: October 30, 2023 | Signature:  |
| Name: Kelly Susewind | |
| Title: Director | |

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-354-12000G Puget Sound salmon—Purse seine—Open periods.

Effective immediately, through November 17, 2023, the Canadian-flagged purse seiner, F/V Nita Maria is permitted to carry out purse seine test fishery operations with Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 5 and 6C, including within the Strait of Juan de Fuca Salmon preserve defined in WAC 220-354-330:

- (1) Allowed fishing period is immediately, through November 17, 2023.
- (2) Up to 1,000 chum salmon may be taken over the entirety of the fishing period. All other fish must be released.
- (3) F/V Nita Maria must notify the Puget Sound commercial salmon manager David Low which days, prior to fishery operation, that test fishery operations by F/V Nita Maria will be taking place. Notification shall be made via email to david.low@dfw.wa.gov or by phone at 1-360-688-0831.