



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: May 13, 2024

TIME: 10:53 AM

WSR 24-11-055

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-66)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) May 15, 2024

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 close recreational salmon fishing in Marine Area 13 and the Skagit River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000E
 Amended: WAC 220-313-060
 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: Pre-existing Endangered Species Act coverage for the effects of Puget Sound salmon fisheries expires on May 15, 2024. Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultations on 2024-25 Puget Sound salmon fisheries are ongoing but are unlikely to be completed by May 15th. Marine Area 13 and Skagit River salmon fisheries are known to intercept ESA-listed Chinook in the May period. Accordingly, Marine Area 13 and Skagit River will temporarily close for salmon fishing starting May 15, 2024. Salmon fisheries will resume when ESA authorization is received for the proposed 2024-25 Puget Sound salmon fishing package.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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: May 13, 2024
Name: Kelly Susewind
Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-06000U Puget Sound salmon—saltwater seasons and daily limits.

Effective May 15, 2024, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-313-060 regarding salmon seasons for Catch Record Card Area 13 shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-060 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Catch Record Card Area 13: Salmon: Closed.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective May 15, 2024:
WAC 220-312-04000E Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (24-59)