



**RULE-MAKING ORDER
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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DATE: October 18, 2024

TIME: 5:16 PM

WSR 24-21-110

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-240)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) October 21, 2024

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

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: This emergency rule adjusts commercial purse seine openings in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting areas 10, 11, 12, and 12B.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 220-354-120; WAC 220-354-160
- 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 adjust scheduled openings for commercial purse seine and gillnet fisheries in Puget Sound Management and Catch Reporting areas 10, 11, 12, and 12B. To date, Puget Sound commercial chum catch and landings have been higher than expected. Additional time between openings is necessary to accommodate landing and processing capacity for the fleet. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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 2 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:

Negotiated rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Pilot rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Other alternative rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____

Date Adopted: October 18, 2024	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

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

Effective October 21 through October 22, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-120 regarding commercial purse seine open periods in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting areas 10, 11, 12 and 12B shall be as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-120 not contained herein remain in effect unless otherwise altered by emergency rule:

Area(s)	Date(s)	Open/Closed	Daily open period
10, 11, 12, and 12B	10/21	Closed	NA
10, 11, 12 and 12B	10/22	Open	7AM – 6PM

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-354-16000U Puget Sound salmon—Gillnet—Open periods.

Effective October 22 through October 24, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-160 regarding commercial gillnet open periods for Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting areas 10, 11, 12, and 12B shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-160 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Area(s)	Date(s)	Open/Closed	Daily open period	Minimum mesh size
10, 11, 12, and 12B	10/22	Closed	NA	NA
10, 11	10/23	Open	5PM – 9AM	6 ¼”
12, 12B	10/23	Open	7AM – 8PM	6 ¼”