



**RULE-MAKING ORDER
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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DATE: November 15, 2024

TIME: 3:34 PM

WSR 24-23-059

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-267)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) November 18, 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 will close purse seine and gillnet seasons in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting areas 12 and 12B for the year.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 220-354-120; 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 necessary to close the pre-season Week 47 planned schedule of the commercial Purse Seine and Gillnet openings targeting chum salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 12 and 12B. Catch rates, abundance, and quality of fish available in Marine Areas 12 and 12B have all declined and the number of buyers available has decreased. Cancelling these fisheries will help ensure that late returning chum are available for broodstock, with limited economic impact. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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: November 15, 2024	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-354-12000V Puget Sound Salmon—Purse Seine—Open periods.

Effective November 19, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-120 regarding commercial Purse Seine open periods in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 12 and 12B shall be modified as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-120 not contained herein remain in effect unless otherwise altered by emergency rule:

Area(s)	Open/Closed	Time	Date(s)
12, 12B	Closed	NA	11/19

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-354-16000X Puget Sound Salmon—Gillnet—Open periods.

Effective November 18 through November 20, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-354-160 regarding commercial Gillnet open periods for Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 12 and 12B shall be modified 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	Open/Closed	Time	Date(s)	Minimum Mesh size
12, 12B	Closed	NA	11/18, 11/20	NA