



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: February 13, 2025

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WSR 25-05-052

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-23)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.  
☒ Later (specify) March 16, 2025

**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 sets March and April recreational salmon seasons in Marine Area 5, 10, and 11.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New:  
Repealed:  
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:** Marine Area 10 preseason guidelines are 4,787 total encounters, 735 total unmarked encounters, and 4,055 total sublegal encounters. Marine Area 11 preseason guidelines are 1,196 total encounters, 209 total unmarked encounters, and 840 total sublegal encounters. Marine Area 5 sublegal encounter guideline is 2,168.

WDFW fishery managers have considered these preseason guidelines along with recommendations from Puget Sound recreational anglers and the Puget Sound Sport Fishing Advisory Group in an effort to extend available quota late into the winter season.

This rule is needed to avoid early season closures and is intended to extend the available winter salmon quota later into the season.

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	_____
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**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New	1	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**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:** February 13, 2025

**Name:** Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-313-06000J Puget Sound salmon—saltwater seasons and daily limits.**

Effective March 16 through April 30, 2025, salmon rules for Catch Record Card areas 5, 10 and 11 shall be modified as described in this section. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-060 not addressed in this section, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

#### **(1) Catch Record Card Area 5: Salmon;**

- (a) March 16 through April 13, 2025: Closed.
- (b) April 14 through April 30: Daily limit 1. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

#### **(2) Catch Record Card Area 10, except Agate Pass (waters west of a line from Point Monroe to Indianola and east of a line from Point Bolin to Battle Point), and year-round piers (Seacrest Pier, Waterman Pier, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee State Park Pier): Salmon;**

- (a) March 16 through April 1, 2025: Closed.
- (b) April 2 through April 30: Open Wednesday through Saturday only, each week; daily limit 2 including no more than 1 hatchery Chinook. Release wild Chinook and chum. Closed Sunday through Tuesday, each week.

#### **(3) Catch Record Card Area 11, except year-round piers (Des Moines Pier, Les Davis Pier, and Point Defiance Boathouse Dock):**

- (a) March 16 through April 1, 2025: Closed.
- (b) April 2 through April 30:
  - (i) Open Wednesday through Saturday only, each week; daily limit 2 including no more than 1 hatchery Chinook. Release wild Chinook and chum. Closed Sunday through Tuesday, each week.
  - (ii) Commencement Bay (east of a line from Cliff House Restaurant to Sperry Ocean Dock): Closed to fishing for or retention of salmon.