



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: April 23, 2025

TIME: 2:37 PM

WSR 25-10-003

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-62)

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: This emergency rule raises the hatchery Chinook daily limit in Catch Record Card Area 5 and sets a closure dated for salmon fishing in Catch Record Card Area 11.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-313-06000K
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: This emergency rule raises the hatchery Chinook salmon daily limit in Catch Record Card Area 5, closes recreational salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Area 11, and maintains previously announced salmon seasons for Catch Record Card area 10.

Total allowable sublegal Chinook encounters for Catch Record Card Area 5 is 2,168. The current in-season estimate puts sublegal encounters at 8%. Increasing the daily limit will not jeopardize meeting agreed to conservation and management objectives through the remainder of the season.

In Catch Record Card Area 11, estimates of landed catch to date show the Chinook fishery has reached 65% of the total encounters (1,196) and 77% of the unmarked encounters (209) set in the 2025 List of Agreed Fisheries (LOAF). It is necessary to close the Marine Area 11 salmon fishery early to meet agreed to conservation and management objectives.

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	1
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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: April 23, 2025

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

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

Effective Immediately 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) Immediately, through April 24: Daily limit 1. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
- (b) April 25 through April 30: Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

(2) Catch Record Card Area 10, except year-round piers (Seacrest Pier, Waterman Pier, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee State Park Pier): Salmon;

Immediately, through April 30: Closed.

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

- (a) Immediately, through April 25:
 - (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.
- (b) April 26 through April 30: Closed.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective Immediately:

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