



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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DATE: August 19, 2024

TIME: 4:24 PM

WSR 24-17-124

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-159)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) August 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:** The purpose of this emergency rule is to close recreational coastal salmon fishing in Marine Area 3.

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

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-313-07500Z
- Amended: WAC 220-313-075
- 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:** The purpose of this rule is to close recreational salmon fishing in Area 3. Coho catch for Area 3 is projected to be near the quota for the area by August 20, and would likely be exceeded if the fishery remained open. These rules are adopted at the recommendation of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, in accordance with preseason fishing plans, and have been adopted for Federal waters by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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	<u>1</u>
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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	___

<b>Date Adopted:</b> August 19, 2024	<b>Signature:</b> 
<b>Name:</b> Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind	
<b>Title:</b> Director	

## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-313-07500A Pacific Ocean Salmon-Seasons-Closed Areas.**

Effective August 21 through September 30, 2024, the provisions of WAC 220-313-075 regarding recreational salmon seasons for Marine Areas 1 through 4 shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-313-075 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended:

#### **(1) Catch Record Card Area 1:**

- (a) Open August 21 through August 22, 2024:
  - (i) Daily limit of 2 salmon including no more than one Chinook.
  - (ii) Release wild coho.
  - (iii) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
  - (iv) Coho minimum length 16 inches.
- (b) August 23, 2024, until further notice: Closed to fishing for salmon. It is unlawful to possess salmon on board a vessel, including in transit.

#### **(2) Catch Record Card Area 2:**

- Open August 19 through September 15, 2024:
- (a) Daily limit of 2 salmon including no more than one Chinook.
  - (b) Release wild coho.
  - (c) Chinook minimum length 22 inches.
  - (d) Coho minimum length 16 inches.
  - (e) Grays Harbor Control Zone is closed. See WAC 220-306-040 for area definition.

- (3) Catch Record Card Area 3:** Closed to fishing for salmon. It is unlawful to possess salmon on board a vessel, including in transit.

#### **(4) Catch Record Card Area 4:**

- Open August 19 through September 15, 2024:
- (a) Daily limit of 2 salmon.
  - (b) Release chum and wild coho.
  - (c) Chinook minimum length 24 inches.
  - (d) Coho minimum length 16 inches.
  - (e) No chinook retention allowed in waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line.

## REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective August 21, 2024:

WAC 220-313-07500Z Pacific Ocean Salmon-Seasons-Closed Areas. (24-157)

