

WAC 220-460-090 Commercial whale watching of southern resident killer whales and paddle tours operating near southern resident killer whales—General. (1) It is unlawful for a commercial whale watching operator or paddle guide to violate any of the restrictions in RCW 77.15.740.

(2) Licenses issued by the department under this chapter are not an exemption under RCW 77.15.740 (2) (c).

(3) The rules and requirements outlined in this chapter regarding southern resident killer whales apply to commercial whale watching and paddle tour activity in the inland waters of Washington.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.65.620. WSR 24-14-067 (Order 23-15), § 220-460-090, filed 6/27/24, effective 7/28/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.65.615 and 77.65.620. WSR 21-23-070, § 220-460-090, filed 11/15/21, effective 12/16/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.65.615, 77.65.620, 77.15.020, 77.15.160, 77.04.012, 77.04.55 [74.05.055]. WSR 21-01-216 (Order 20-264), § 220-460-090, filed 12/23/20, effective 1/23/21.]