WSR 22-22-017 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-249—Filed October 21, 2022, 9:41 a.m., effective October 22, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: October 22, 2022.

Purpose: Amend recreational fishing rules for the Wallace River. Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-04000L; and amending WAC 220-312-040.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047.

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.

Reasons for this Finding: With forecasted rain and increasing flows predicted and most of the Chinook spawning complete in the Wallace River, conditions are improved for allowing fishing to resume in Wallace River. This emergency rule is needed to reopen the Wallace River. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: October 21, 2022.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-04000U Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules-Puget Sound. Effective October 22 through November 30, 2022, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding fishing seasons for Wallace River shall be modified during the dates and in locations listed and described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

Wallace River (Snohomish County): From the mouth (farthest downstream RR bridge) to Wallace Falls:

Salmon: Daily limit of two coho.

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<u>REPEALER</u>

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective October 22, 2022:

WAC 220-312-04000L Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (22-193)