

**WSR 24-01-011
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 23-264—Filed December 6, 2023, 4:57 p.m., effective December 7, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: December 7, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to return Elocho-man River salmon rules to permanent rules.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-03000H.

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: Salmon retention on the Elochoman River was closed below Beaver Creek Hatchery (BCH) in early November to help ensure that broodstock collection goals for hatchery coho programs would be achieved. Recent rainfall has recruited more coho to BCH and the broodstock collection goal is expected to be achieved; therefore, the salmon fishery closure is no longer needed.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: December 6, 2023.

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Director

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective December 7, 2023:

WAC 220-312-03000H Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (23-243)