

**WSR 24-13-034
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 24-94—Filed June 10, 2024, 9:13 a.m., effective June 10, 2024, 9:13 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close recreational angling in May Creek.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-04000J.

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: This rule is necessary to close fishing in May Creek. Limited allowable take of wild Chinook in the Snohomish system necessitates strict controls to conserve impacts for fall in-river fisheries. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: June 10, 2024.

Kelly Susewind
Director

[NEW SECTION]

WAC 220-312-04000J Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. Effective immediately, until further notice, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding recreational fishing seasons for the May Creek shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

May Creek (Snohomish County) (tributary of Wallace River): Effective immediately, until further notice: All species: Closed.

Reviser's note: The bracketed material preceding the section above was supplied by the code reviser's office.