

WSR 24-13-086
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-100—Filed June 17, 2024, 4:22 p.m., effective June 17, 2024, 4:22 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: This emergency rule is needed to place selective gear rules in a portion of Skykomish River.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-04000F; 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: This rule is needed to impose selective gear rules in a portion of the Skykomish River. This gear restriction was agreed to during the North of Falcon season setting process; permanent rule making has been initiated. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

This rule also carries forward closures in the Snohomish system, previously announced in WSR 24-11-072.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: June 17, 2024.

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Director

[NEW SECTION]

WAC 220-312-04000K Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Pugget Sound. Effective immediately, until further notice, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding recreational fishing seasons for the Snohomish River system 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:

(1) The following waters are closed to all fishing immediately, until further notice:

(a) **Cherry Creek**, from mouth upstream

- (b) **Raging River**, from mouth upstream
 - (c) **Skykomish River**, from mouth to Hwy. 2 Bridge
 - (d) **Skykomish River, North Fork**, from mouth upstream to Bear Creek Falls
 - (e) **Skykomish River, South Fork**, from mouth to 600' downstream of Sunset Falls Fishway
 - (f) **Snohomish River**, from mouth to confluence of Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers
 - (g) **Snoqualmie River**, from mouth to Snoqualmie Falls
 - (h) **Sultan River**, from mouth upstream
 - (i) **Tolt River**, from mouth to confluence of North and South forks
 - (j) **Wallace River**, from mouth to 200' upstream of water intake of salmon hatchery
- (2) Effective immediately, through July 10, 2024, until further notice:

Skykomish River, from Hwy. 2 Bridge to confluence of North and South forks: Selective gear rules in effect.

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

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-312-04000F Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (24-70)