

**WSR 24-20-022
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 24-199—Filed September 20, 2024, 9:25 a.m., effective September 20, 2024, 9:25 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: Removes trout daily limits and extends season; closes other game fish in West Medical Lake.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-050.

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 emergency rule is necessary to provide additional angling and harvest opportunity for trout in West Medical Lake prior to the scheduled treatment with the piscicide rotenone. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: September 20, 2024.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000Y Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. Effective immediately, through October 13, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050, regarding gamefish seasons, and trout daily limits for West Medical Lake shall be modified as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 remain in effect unless modified by emergency rule:

Medical Lake, West (Spokane County):

- (a) Trout: No daily limit.
- (b) Other game fish: Closed.