

WSR 24-20-045
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-205—Filed September 24, 2024, 4:34 p.m., effective September 25, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: September 25, 2024.

Purpose: Amends fishing rules for Drano Lake.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC
220-312-030.

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 immedi-
ate 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 com-
ment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public
interest.

Reasons for this Finding: Summer steelhead fisheries for 2024 re-
mained closed in Drano Lake due to low preseason forecasts and the
need to limit Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed steelhead impacts in
nontreaty fisheries. The estimated returns of A and B-index summer
steelhead were recently increased from preseason forecasts. Due to the
increased return sizes, sufficient fishery impacts are available to
reopen hatchery steelhead retention, while also meeting conservation
objectives for ESA-listed steelhead stocks. There is insufficient time
to adopt permanent rules.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Stat-
ute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0,
Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0,
Amended 0, Repealed 0.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Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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Amended 0, Repealed 0.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Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed
0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 24, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-03000Y Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—
Southwest.** Effective September 25 through October 31, 2024, provi-
sions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding fishing seasons for Drano Lake
shall be modified as described herein. All other provisions of WAC
220-312-030 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emer-
gency rule remain in effect:

Drano Lake: Salmon and hatchery steelhead daily limit is 6 fish, of which 1 may be an adult salmon or hatchery steelhead. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches.

Reviser's note: The unnecessary underscoring in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.