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WSR 21-13-008 **EMERGENCY RULES** DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-85—Filed June 4, 2021, 8:05 a.m., effective June 5, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: June 5, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open return salmon seasons in the Kalama and Klickitat rivers to permanent rules.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-03000Y; and 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 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 return salmon and steelhead seasons and daily limits within the Kalama and Klickitat rivers to permanent rules. This rule also carries forward rules regarding salmon and steelhead seasons and daily limits for the Cowlitz River, Cispus River, and Cowlitz Falls Reservoir, previously put in place by emergency rule on March 3, 2021, in the filing of WSR 21-07-002 and 21-11-027. The previous rule for these waters is repealed by this filing in order to update the Kalama and Klickitat rivers.

The Washington department of fish and wildlife has managed the Kalama and Klickitat river fisheries to ensure that broodstock goals at Kalama Falls and Klickitat Salmon hatcheries would be achieved for 2021. Broodstock collection at these facilities is on track to be achieved. With broodstock collection at these facilities projected to be met, these fisheries can be reopened under permanent rules.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 4, 2021.

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NEW SECTION

- WAC 220-312-03000Z Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules— Southwest. Effective June 5, 2021, the provisions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding salmon seasons for Cispus River, Cowlitz River, and Cowlitz Falls Reservoir, shall be modified during the dates and as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-030 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:
- 1. Cispus River (Lewis Co.): Salmon: Effective immediately, until further notice: Closed.
- 2. Cowlitz River (Cowlitz/Lewis Co.): Salmon: Effective immediately, until further notice: Closed.
- 3. Cowlitz Falls Reservoir (Lake Scanewa) (Lewis Co.): Salmon: Effective immediately, until further notice: Closed.

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REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective June 5, 2021:

WAC 220-312-03000Y Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (21-71)