

**WSR 21-19-041**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 21-186—Filed September 10, 2021, 10:48 a.m., effective September 11, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: September 11, 2021.

Purpose: Amends freshwater recreational rules for the Lewis River.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-03000D; 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: Early coho salmon returns to the Lewis Hatchery are projected to exceed broodstock collection goals for the Lewis Hatchery programs. Modifying coho fisheries will provide additional fishing opportunities while still meeting program and reintroduction goals. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: September 10, 2021.

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Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-03000D Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest.** Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-030, effective September 11 through October 31, 2021, the provisions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding angling seasons for Lewis River, 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) Effective September 11 through September 30, 2021, Salmon: Daily limit 6; up to 6 adults may be retained, of which no more than 2 may be Chinook. Min. size 12". Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

(2) Effective October 1 through October 31, 2021, Salmon: Daily limit 6; up to 6 adults may be retained, of which no more than 2 may be Chinook. Min. size 12". Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective November 1, 2021:

WAC 220-312-03000D Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest.