

WSR 21-22-117
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-245—Filed November 3, 2021, 10:59 a.m., effective November 5, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: November 5, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close retention of wild Chinook in the Quillayute watershed.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-020.

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 require the release of wild Chinook in the areas listed.

In-season data indicates that wild fall Chinook salmon in the Quillayute watershed are returning well below the preseason forecast. This action is required to meet conservation guidelines and ensure that the minimum spawner escapement goal of 3,000 wild Chinook is met.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: November 3, 2021.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-02000Q Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Coast. Effective November 5 through November 30, 2021 the following provisions of WAC 220-312-020, regarding recreational Chinook retention for Bogachiel, Calaway, Dickey, Quillayute, and Sol Duc rivers shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-020 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

1. Bogachiel River (Clallam Co.), from mouth to Hwy 101 Bridge: Release wild Chinook.

2. **Calawah River (Clallam Co.)**, from the mouth to Hwy 101 Bridge: Release wild Chinook.

3. **Dickey River (Clallam Co.)**, from Olympic National Park boundary upstream to the confluence of the East and West Forks: Release wild Chinook.

4. **Quillayute River (Clallam Co.)**, from Olympic National Park boundary upstream to confluence of Sol Duc and Bogachiel rivers: Release wild Chinook.

5. **Sol Duc River (Clallam Co.)**, from mouth to the concrete pump station at the Sol Duc Hatchery: Release wild Chinook.

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