

WSR 22-11-007
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-67—Filed May 5, 2022, 5:07 p.m., effective May 6, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: May 6, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to return Drano Lake salmon and steelhead rules to permanent rules as listed in 2021/2022 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-03000H; 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 emergency rule is necessary to return Drano Lake salmon and steelhead seasons to permanent rules; other rules contained in WSR 22-07-012 (Order 22-36, March 4, 2022) for Klickitat River, Wind River, and Salmon Creek are maintained by this rule.

Washington department of fish and wildlife had reduced the adult salmon daily limit in Drano Lake to help ensure that spring Chinook broodstock collection at Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery (LWSNFH) would be achieved in 2022. Returns of adult spring Chinook to LWSNFH have been good and the broodstock collection goal was recently achieved. With broodstock collection at this facility met, 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: May 5, 2022.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-03000J Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. Effective May 6, 2022, until further notice, the provi-

sions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding Klickitat River, Salmon Creek, and Wind River salmon and steelhead seasons shall be modified during times 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) Klickitat River (Klickitat Co.):

(a) From the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge:

(i) Effective immediately, through May 27, 2022: Salmon and steelhead:

(A) Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

(B) Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 2; up to 1 salmon or 2 hatchery steelhead or 1 of each may be retained. Release wild Chinook.

(ii) Effective May 28, 2022, until further notice: Salmon: Daily limit 6; up to 1 adult may be retained. Release wild Chinook.

(b) From 400 feet upstream from #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery: Effective May 28, 2022, until further notice: Salmon: Daily limit 6; up to 1 adult may be retained. Release wild Chinook.

(2) Salmon Creek (Clark Co.): From the mouth to the 182nd Avenue Bridge: Effective immediately, through May 27, 2022: Steelhead: Daily limit 3. Selective Gear Rules in effect, except use of barbed hooks is allowed.

(3) Wind River (Skamania Co.): From the mouth to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: Effective immediately, until further notice: Salmon and hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 6; up to 1 adult salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead or up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

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REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective May 6, 2022:

WAC 220-312-03000H Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (22-36)