

WSR 22-12-022
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-68—Filed May 23, 2022, 3:26 p.m., effective May 27, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: May 27, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close recreational spring Chinook harvest in the Snake River.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-05000H.

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: Based on in-season creel estimates through May 20, 2022, the Washington department of fish and wildlife projects that based on the preseason forecast, the harvest allocation will be utilized by the end of the day May 27, 2022. Closing this fishery is necessary to avoid going over harvest allocation.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 23, 2022.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000M Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. Effective the day of May 27, 2022 only, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050, regarding salmon seasons in the Snake River shall be open as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 remain in effect unless modified by emergency rule:

Snake River (Franklin/Walla Wall Counties): From Texas Rapids boat launch (south side of the river upstream of the mouth of Tucannon River) to the fishing restriction boundary below Little Goose Dam and including the rock and concrete area between the juvenile bypass return pipe and little Goose Dam along the shoreline of the facility:
Salmon:

- (a) Open May 27, 2022 only.
- (b) Daily limit 4, of which up to 1 adult may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
- (c) Night Closure.
- (d) Barbless hooks required.
- (e) Salmon may not be removed from the water unless retained as part of the daily limit.

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

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective May 26, 2022:

WAC 220-312-05000H Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. (22-56)