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WSR 22-13-061 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-98—Filed June 8, 2022, 3:23 p.m., effective June 9, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: June 9, 2022.

Purpose: Returns Kalama and Wind rivers to permanent rules. Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-03000J and 220-312-03000L; 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 needed to return the Kalama and Wind rivers to permanent rules. The adult salmon daily limit on the Kalama River was reduced earlier in the year to help ensure the spring Chinook broodstock collection goal was achieved. Adult broodstock collection is on track and expected to be met; therefore, a reduced daily limit is no longer necessary.

The adult salmon daily limit on the Wind River was reduced earlier in the year to help ensure the spring Chinook broodstock collection goal for Carson National Fish Hatchery (CNFH) was achieved. Returns of adult spring Chinook to CNFH have been good and the broodstock collection goal is expected to be met; therefore, a reduced daily limit is no longer necessary. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 2.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 8, 2022.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-03000M Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. Effective June 9, 2022, until further notice, the provisions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding Cowlitz River and Klickitat rivers, salmon 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) Cowlitz River (Cowlitz/Lewis Co.); from the mouth to posted markers below the Barrier Dam:

Effective immediately through July 31, 2022: Salmon: Daily limit 6, of which up to 1 may be an adult. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

- (2) Klickitat River (Klickitat Co.):
- (a) From the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: Effective immediately, 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 immediately, until further notice: Salmon: Daily limit 6; up to 1 adult may be retained. Release wild Chinook.

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REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed, effective June 9, 2022:

WAC 220-312-03000J Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (22-67)

WAC 220-312-03000L Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (22-86)