

WSR 23-11-054
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-69—Filed May 12, 2023, 11:41 a.m., effective May 13, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: May 13, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close Snake River salmon seasons.

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

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: Current spring Chinook allocation for the Snake [River] is based on the preseason forecast, as there has not been a run size update yet. Fish passage appears to be delayed throughout the system based on water conditions (temperature and flow). The fishery is closing in order to allow for staff to assess catch information and determine the remaining allocation for this fishery.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 12, 2023.

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Director

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective May 13, 2023:

WAC 220-312-05000Y Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. (23-59)