

WSR 23-16-061
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-140—Filed July 26, 2023, 3:55 p.m., effective August 1, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: August 1, 2023.

Purpose: This emergency rule is necessary to remove size restrictions and daily limits from gamefish in Williams Lake in Stevens County and June, North Windmill, and North North Windmill lakes in Grant County.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-050.

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 provide additional angling and harvest opportunity in Williams, June, North Windmill, and North North Windmill lakes prior to the scheduled treatment with the piscicide rotenone. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: July 26, 2023.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000F Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. Effective August 1, through October 1, 2023, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050, regarding gamefish seasons, size restrictions, and daily limits shall be modified as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 remain in effect unless modified by emergency rule:

(1) Williams Lake (Stevens County): Open for gamefish. No size restrictions, no daily limit for gamefish.

(2) **June Lake (Grant County):** No size restrictions, no daily limit for gamefish.

(3) **North Windmill Lake (Grant County):** No size restrictions, no daily limit for gamefish.

(4) **North North Windmill Lake (Grant County):** No size restrictions, no daily limit for gamefish.

[]