## WSR 15-02-001 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 14-351—Filed December 24, 2014, 12:02 p.m., effective December 31, 2014, 12:01 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: December 31, 2014, 12:01 p.m.

Purpose: Amend recreational fishing rules for razor clams.

Citation of Existing Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-56-36000V; and amending WAC 220-56-360.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 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: Survey results show that adequate razor clams are available for recreational harvest in Razor Clam Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5. Washington department of health has certified clams from these beaches are safe for human consumption. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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Date Adopted: December 24, 2014.

Philip Anderson Director

## NEW SECTION

WAC 220-56-36000V Razor clams—Areas and seasons. Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-56-360, it is unlawful to dig for or possess razor clams taken for personal use from any beach in Razor Clam Areas 1, 3, 4, or 5, except as provided for in this section:

1. Effective 12:01 p.m. December 31, 2014 through 11:59 p.m. January 7, 2015, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 1. Digging is permissible from 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. each day only.

2. Effective 12:01 p.m. December 31, 2014 through 11:59 p.m. January 7, 2015, razor clam digging is permissible

in Razor Clam Area 3. Digging is permissible from 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. each day only.

3. Effective 12:01 p.m. December 31, 2014 through 11:59 p.m. January 3, 2015, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 4. Digging is permissible from 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. each day only.

4. Effective 12:01 p.m. December 31, 2014 through 11:59 p.m. January 4, 2015, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 5. Digging is permissible from 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. each day only.

5. It is unlawful to dig for razor clams at any time in Long Beach, Twin Harbors Beach or Copalis Beach Clam sanctuaries defined in WAC 220-56-372.

#### **REPEALER**

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 12:01 a.m. January 8, 2015:

WAC 220-56-36000V Razor clams—Areas and seasons.

#### WSR 15-02-010 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Economic Services Administration) [Filed December 26, 2014, 2:09 p.m., effective December 26, 2014, 2:09

p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The department is amending WAC 388-418-0005 How will I know what changes to report?, to correct the policy concerning when categorically eligible (CE) Basic Food and food assistance program (FAP) households must report changes in income during the certification period. The department is removing outdated references to long-term care, SSI-related medical, children's medical, pregnancy medical, and other medical benefits under this rule. These rules are currently in effect via emergency rule making WSR 14-22-067 filed on October 31, 2014, however only one section from that WSR is being adopted by this emergency. The rest were permanently adopted under WSR 15-02-006.

Citation of Existing Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 388-418-0005.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.04.510, 7 U.S.C. § 2015, and 7 C.F.R. 273.12 (a)(5)(v); 2E2SHB 1738, chapter 15, Laws of 2011; SHB 2069.

Other Authority: 7 C.F.R. 273.12 (a)(5)(v), a household subject to simplified reporting must report when its monthly gross income exceeds the monthly gross income limit for its household size, as defined at 273.9 (a)(1) which is one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The household shall use the monthly gross income limit for the household size that existed at the time of its most recent certification or recertification, regardless of any subsequent changes in its household size.

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds that state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline

for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this Finding: The proposed amendments will correct the change of circumstance reporting requirements for Basic Food and FAP CE households to align with federal regulations. Current rules don't require CE households to report income changes during the certification period unless the income increases and exceeds the two hundred percent federal poverty guidelines (also known as FPL). The income limit threshold for reporting changes should be set at one hundred thirty percent FPL.

The department is removing outdated references to longterm care, SSI-related medical, children's medical, pregnancy medical, and other medical benefits under this rule. These amendments are currently in effect via emergency rule making filed on October 31, 2014, as WSR 14-22-067. 2E2SHB 1738, Laws of 2011, designated the health care authority (HCA) as the single state agency responsible for the administration and supervision of Washington's medical assistance programs. HCA recodified medical assistance program rules to Title 182 WAC. Accordingly, the department is eliminating corresponding rules and medical references under Title 388 WAC.

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 1, Repealed 0.

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

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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 1, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: December 26, 2014.

Katherine I. Vasquez Rules Coordinator

<u>AMENDATORY SECTION</u> (Amending WSR 12-04-051, filed 1/30/12, effective 3/1/12)

WAC 388-418-0005 How will I know what changes to report? (1) You must report changes to the department based on the kinds of assistance you receive. We inform you of your reporting requirements on letters we send you about your benefits. Follow the steps below to determine the types of changes you must report:

(((1))) (a) If you receive ((assistance from any of the programs listed in subsection (1), you must report changes for people in your assistance unit under chapter 388-408 WAC, based on the **first** program you receive benefits from.

(a) If you receive **long term care** benefits such as a home and community based waiver (Basic, Basic Plus, CORE, Community Protection, COPES, New Freedom, Medically Needy), care in a medical institution (nursing

home, hospice care center, state veterans home, ICF/MR,

RHC) or hospice, you must tell us if you have a change of:

(i) Residence;

- (ii) Marital status;
- (iii) Living arrangement;

(iv) Income;

(v) Resources;

(vi) Medical expenses; and

(vii) If we allow you expenses for your spouse or dependents, you must report changes in their income or shelter cost.

(b) If you receive medical benefits based on age, blindness, disability (SSI-related medical), ((or ADATSA benefits,)) you need to tell us if:

(i) You move;

(ii) A family member moves into or out of your home;

(iii) Your resources change; or

(iv) Your income changes. This includes the income of you, your spouse or your child living with you.

(c) If you receive)) cash benefits, you need to tell us if: (i) You move;

(ii) Someone moves out of your home;

(iii) Your total gross monthly income goes over the:

(A) Payment standard under WAC 388-478-0033 if you receive ABD cash; or

(B) Earned income limit under WAC 388-478-0035 and 388-450-0165 for all other programs;

(iv) You have liquid resources more than four thousand dollars; or

(v) You have a change in employment. Tell us if you:

(A) Get a job or change employers;

(B) Change from part-time to full-time or full-time to part-time;

(C) Have a change in your hourly wage rate or salary;

(D) Stop working; or

(((E) See WAC 182-504-0100 for medical care services reporting requirements.))

(((d))) (b) If you are a relative or nonrelative caregiver and receive cash benefits on behalf of a child in your care but not for yourself or other adults in your household, you need to tell us if:

(i) You move;

(ii) The child you are caring for moves out of the home;

(iii) Anyone related to you or to the child you are caring for moves into or out of the home;

(iv) There is a change in the earned or unearned income of anyone in your child-only means-testing assistance unit, as defined in WAC 388-450-0162 (3)(b). You do not need to report changes in earned income for your dependent children who are in school full-time (see WAC 388-450-0070).

(v) There is a change in the recipient child's earned or unearned income (see WAC 388-450-0070 for how we count the earned income of a child);

(vi) The recipient child has liquid resources more than four thousand dollars;

(vii) A recipient child in the home becomes a foster child; or

(viii) You legally adopt the recipient child.

(((e)If you receive **family medical** benefits, you need to tell us if:

(i) You move;

(ii) A family member moves out of your home; or

(iii) If your income goes up or down by one hundred dollars or more a month and you expect this income change will continue for at least two months.))

(2) If you do not receive <u>cash</u> assistance ((from any of the programs listed in subsection (1),)) but you do receive benefits from ((any of the programs listed in subsection (2))) <u>basic food</u>, you must report changes for the people in your assistance unit under chapter 388-408 WAC, ((based on all the benefits you receive.)) and tell us if:

(a) ((If you receive **Basic Food** benefits, you need to tell us if:

(i) If your household is a categorically eligible household as defined under WAC 388-414-0001, tell us if your total gross monthly income is more than two hundred percent of the federal poverty level; or

(ii) For all other households tell us if your)) Your total monthly income is more than the maximum gross monthly income as described in WAC 388-478-0060; or

(((iii))) (b) Anyone who receives food benefits in your assistance unit and who must meet work requirements under WAC 388-444-0030 has their hours at work go below twenty hours per week.

(((b) If you receive children's medical benefits, you need to tell us if:

(i) You move; or

(ii) A family member moves out of the house.

(c) If you receive **pregnancy medical** benefits, you need to tell us if:

(i) You move; or

(ii) You are no longer pregnant.

(d) If you receive other medical benefits, you need to tell us if:

(i) You move; or

(ii) A family member moves out of the home.))

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

## WSR 15-02-020 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 14-352—Filed December 29, 2014, 2:53 p.m., effective January 1, 2015]

Effective Date of Rule: January 1, 2015.

Purpose: Amend recreational fishing rules for the Nooksack River and Whatcom Creek.

Citation of Existing Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-310-19000M.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 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: The Kendall Creek and Whatcom Creek facilities have met broodstock needs from returning hatchery winter steelhead to meet basin production goals. Reopening the Nooksack River and Whatcom Creek will provide angling opportunity. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

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

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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: December 29, 2014.

Philip Anderson Director

### REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective January 1, 2015:

WAC 220-310-19000M Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (14-337)

# WSR 15-02-037 EMERGENCY RULES HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

(Washington Apple Health) [Filed December 31, 2014, 10:51 a.m., effective January 1, 2015]

Effective Date of Rule: January 1, 2015.

Purpose: To add an age restriction to clients who require thickeners.

Citation of Existing Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 182-554-500.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

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: The Food and Drug Administration has issued a warning not to give infants thickeners, particularly those born prematurely, because there is substantive evidence it puts them at risk of necrotizing enterocolitis. The recommendation is supported by American Academy of Pediatrics.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at 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 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 1, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: December 31, 2014.

Kevin M. Sullivan Rules Coordinator

<u>AMENDATORY SECTION</u> (Amending WSR 11-14-075, filed 6/30/11, effective 7/1/11)

WAC 182-554-500 Covered enteral nutrition products, equipment and related supplies—Orally administered—Clients twenty years of age and younger only. (1) The department covers orally administered enteral nutrition products for clients twenty years of age and younger only, as follows:

(a) The client's nutritional needs cannot be met using traditional foods, baby foods, and other regular grocery products that can be pulverized or blenderized and used to meet the client's caloric and nutritional needs;

(b) The client is able to manage their feedings in one of the following ways:

(i) Independently; or

(ii) With a caregiver who can manage the feedings; and

(c) The client meets one of the following clinical criteria:

(i) Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Providers must obtain prior authorization to receive payment. The client must:

(A) Be in a wasting state;

(B) Have a weight-for-length less than or equal to the fifth percentile if the client is three years of age or younger; or

(C) Have a body mass index (BMI) of:

(I) Less than or equal to the fifth percentile if the client is four through seventeen years of age; or

(II) Less than or equal to 18.5 if the client is eighteen through twenty years of age; or

(D) Have a BMI of:

(I) Less than or equal to twenty-five; and

(II) An unintentional or unexplained weight loss of five percent in one month, seven and a half percent in three months, or ten percent in six months.

(ii) Amino acid, fatty acid, and carbohydrate metabolic disorders.

(A) The client must require a specialized nutrition product; and

(B) Providers must follow the department's expedited prior authorization process to receive payment.

(iii) Cancer(s).

(A) The client must be receiving chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy or post-therapy treatment;

(B) The department pays for orally administered nutritional products for up to three months following the completion of chemotherapy or radiation therapy; and

(C) Providers must follow the department's expedited prior authorization process to receive payment.

(iv) Chronic renal failure.

(A) The client must be receiving dialysis and have a fluid restrictive diet in order to use nutrition bars; and

(B) Providers must follow the department's expedited prior authorization process to receive payment.

(v) Decubitus pressure ulcers.

(A) The client must have stage three or greater decubitus pressure ulcers and an albumin level of 3.2 or below; and

(B) Providers must follow the department's expedited prior authorization process to receive a maximum of three month's payment.

(vi) Failure to thrive or malnutrition/malabsorption as a result of a stated primary diagnosed disease.

(A) The provider must obtain prior authorization to receive payment; and

(B) The client must have:

(I) A disease or medical condition that is only organic in nature and not due to cognitive, emotional, or psychological impairment; and

(II) A weight-for-length less than or equal to the fifth percentile if the client is two years of age or younger; or

(III) A BMI of:

(aa) Less than or equal to the fifth percentile if the client is three through seventeen years of age; or

(bb) Less than or equal to 18.5, an albumin level of 3.5 or below, and a cholesterol level of one hundred sixty or below if the client is age eighteen through twenty years of age; or

(IV) Have a BMI of:

(aa) Less than or equal to twenty-five; and

(bb) An unintentional or unexplained weight loss of five percent in one month, seven and a half percent in three months, or ten percent in six months.

(vii) Medical conditions (e.g., dysphagia) requiring a thickener.

(A) The client must <u>be older than one year of age and</u>:

(I) Require a thickener to aid in swallowing or currently be transitioning from tube feedings to oral feedings; and

(II) Be evaluated by a speech therapist or an occupational therapist who specializes in dysphagia. The report recommending a thickener must be in the client's chart in the prescriber's office.

(B) Providers must follow the ((department's)) agency's expedited prior authorization process to receive payment.

(C) If prescribing for a child younger than one year of age, providers must request prior authorization and:

(I) Include clinical documentation that supports the medical necessity of the request; and (II) Include the report recommending a thickener from a speech therapist or occupational therapist who specializes in dysphagia.

(d) If four years of age or younger.

(i) The client must:

(A) Have a certified registered dietitian (RD) evaluation with recommendations which support the prescriber's order for oral enteral nutrition products or formulas; and

(B) Have a signed and dated written notification from WIC indicating one of the following:

(I) Client is not eligible for the women, infants, and children (WIC) program; or

(II) Client is eligible for WIC program, but the need for the oral enteral nutrition product or formula exceeds WIC's allowed amount; or

(III) The requested oral enteral nutrition product or formula is not available through the WIC program. Specific, detailed documentation of the tried and failed efforts of similar WIC products, or the medical need for alternative products must be in the prescriber's chart for the client; and

(C) Meet one of the following clinical criteria:

(I) Low birth weight (less than 2500 grams);

(II) A decrease across two or more percentile lines on the CDC growth chart, once a stable growth pattern has been established;

(III) Failure to gain weight on two successive measurements, despite dietary interventions; or

(IV) Documented specific, clinical factors that place the child at risk for a compromised nutrition and/or health status.

(ii) Providers must follow the department's expedited prior authorization process to receive payment.

(e) If five years of age through twenty years of age.

(i) The client must:

(A) Have a certified RD evaluation, for eligible clients, with recommendations which support the prescriber's order for oral enteral nutrition products; and

(B) Meet one of the following clinical criteria:

(I) A decrease across two or more percentile lines on the CDC growth chart, once a stable growth pattern has been established;

(II) Failure to gain weight on two successive measurements, despite dietary interventions; or

(III) Documented specific, clinical factors that place the child at risk for a compromised nutrition and/or health status.

(ii) Providers must follow the department's expedited prior authorization process to receive payment.

(2) Requests to the department for prior authorization for orally administered enteral nutrition products must include a completed Oral Enteral Nutrition Worksheet Prior Authorization Request (DSHS 13-743), available for download at: http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/forms/eforms.html. The DSHS 13-743 form must be:

(a) Completed by the prescribing physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), or physician assistant-certified (PA-C), verifying all of the following:

(i) The client meets the requirements listed in this section;

(ii) The client's physical limitations and expected outcome; (iii) The client's current clinical nutritional status, including the relationship between the client's diagnosis and nutritional need;

(iv) For a client eighteen through twenty years of age, the client's recent weight loss history and a comparison of the client's actual weight to ideal body weight and current body mass index (BMI);

(v) For a client younger than eighteen years of age, the client's growth history and a comparison to expected weight gain, and:

(A) An evaluation of the weight-for-length percentile if the client is three years of age or younger; or

(B) An evaluation of the BMI if the client is four through seventeen years of age.

(vi) The client's medical condition and the exact daily caloric amount of needed enteral nutrition product;

(vii) The reason why the client is unable to consume enough traditional food to meet nutritional requirements;

(viii) The medical reason the specific enteral nutrition product, equipment, and/or supply is prescribed;

(ix) Documentation explaining why less costly, equally effective products or traditional foods are not appropriate;

(x) The number of days or months the enteral nutrition products, equipment, and/or necessary supplies are required; and

(xi) The client's likely expected outcome if enteral nutritional support is not provided.

(b) Written, signed (including the prescriber's credentials), and dated by the prescriber on the same day and before delivery of the enteral nutrition product, equipment, or related supply. This form must not be back-dated; and

(c) Be submitted within three months from the date the prescriber signs the prescription.

(3) Clients twenty years of age and younger must be evaluated by a certified RD within thirty days of initiation of enteral nutrition products and periodically (at the discretion of the certified RD) while receiving enteral nutrition products. The certified RD must be a current provider with the department.

# WSR 15-02-043 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Filed January 2, 2015, 11:09 a.m., effective January 6, 2015, 12:01 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: January 6, 2015, 12:01 a.m.

Purpose: Amend recreational fishing rules.

Citation of Existing Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-310-19000P; and amending WAC 220-310-190.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012 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 spawner survey and harvest information available to date Washington department of fish and wildlife (WDFW) and the Nisqually Tribe are concerned that the winter chum return to the Nisqually River is not as abundant as forecast and has the potential to fall short of our escapement goal. Given this information and the need to achieve our shared conservation goals both WDFW and the Nisqually Tribe are closing their respective fisheries for chum salmon. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

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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: January 2, 2015.

Philip Anderson Director

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 220-310-19000P Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Nisqually River. Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-310-190, effective 12:01 a.m. January 6, 2015, through January 31, 2015 it is unlawful to fish in the waters of the Nisqually River.

#### REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 12:01 a.m. February 1, 2015:

WAC 220-310-19000P Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Nisqually River.

## WSR 15-02-055 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 15-03—Filed January 5, 2015, 2:22 p.m., effective January 9, 2015]

Effective Date of Rule: January 9, 2015.

Purpose: Amends brant season rules described in WAC 232-28-436.

Citation of Existing Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 232-28-436.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.150.

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 the midwinter survey of brant in Skagit County the population is below the required number to continue with the season. Immediate action is necessary to protect overharvest of brant in Skagit County. 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.

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Date Adopted: January 5, 2015.

Philip Anderson Director

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 232-28-436 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations. Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 232-28-436, effective January 9, 2015, until further notice, the Skagit County brant season is closed January 10 through January 25, 2015.

**Reviser's note:** The new section above appears as filed by the agency pursuant to RCW 34.08.040; however, WAC 232-28-436 is an existing WAC section. The agency has rescinded this filing (see WSR 15-02-085) and refiled (see WSR 15-02-086).

## WSR 15-02-070 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 15-04—Filed January 6, 2015, 1:56 p.m., effective January 6, 2015, 1:56 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: Amends cougar hunting rules described in WAC 232-28-297.

WSR 15-02-086

Citation of Existing Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 232-28-29700M; and amending 232-28-297.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.150.

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 change closes specific cougar hunt areas that have met or exceeded the area harvest guideline. Immediate action is necessary to protect cougars from over harvest in hunt areas that have met or exceeded the area harvest guideline. 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 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: January 6, 2015.

Philip Anderson Director

## NEW SECTION

WAC 232-28-29700N 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 Cougar hunting seasons and regulations. Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 232-28-297, effective immediately, until further notice:

General cougar seasons in Game Management Units (GMUs) 105, 108, 111, 117, 121, 145, 166, 175, 178, 574, 578 and 667 are closed.

#### REPEALER

# WAC 232-28-29700M 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 Cougar hunting seasons and regulations.

# WSR 15-02-085 RECISSION OF EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF

FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Filed January 7, 2015, 11:42 a.m.]

We are rescinding the emergency order 15-03 filed January 5, 2015, as WSR 15-02-055.

> Joanna M. Eide Rules Coordinator

# WSR 15-02-086 EMERGENCY RULES DEPARTMENT OF

FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 15-05—Filed January 7, 2015, 11:44 a.m., effective January 9, 2015]

Effective Date of Rule: January 9, 2015.

Purpose: Amends brant season rules described in WAC 232-28-436.

Citation of Existing Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 232-28-436.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.150.

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 the midwinter survey of brant in Skagit county the population is below the required number to continue with the season. Immediate action is necessary to protect overharvest of brant in Skagit County. 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 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: January 7, 2015.

Joanna M. Eide Rules Coordinator

## NEW SECTION

WAC 232-28-43600A Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations. Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 232-28-436, effective January 9, 2015, until further notice, the Skagit County brant season is closed January 10 through January 25, 2015.