

WSR 21-13-009  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-86—Filed June 4, 2021, 2:13 p.m., effective June 4, 2021, 2:13 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open a portion of the Cascade River seven days per week.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-04000Z; and amending WAC 220-312-040.

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 open fishing on a portion of the Cascade River seven days per week. Closure days are no longer needed to avoid gear conflicts with tribal fishers as treaty fisheries for hatchery spring Chinook in this section of the river have concluded for the season. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: June 4, 2021.

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Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-04000C Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Pudget Sound.** Effective immediately, through July 15, 2021, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding recreational fishing seasons for gamefish and salmon on the Cascade River, shall be open as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

Cascade River (Skagit Co.) from the mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge:

Open Immediately through July 15, 2021, 7 days per week.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective immediately:

WAC 220-312-04000Z Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (21-74)