

**WSR 21-15-071
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 21-120—Filed July 16, 2021, 11:57 a.m., effective July 19, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: July 19, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close salmon fishing in the Skykomish River, from the mouth to Wallace River.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: 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 action is necessary to ensure broodstock collection goals for the Wallace River Hatchery are met. As of July 15, 2021, the Wallace River Hatchery has collected one thousand eight hundred thirty-eight Chinook, which is short of the five thousand fish collection goal. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 16, 2021.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-04000I Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. Effective July 19 through July 31, 2021, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding salmon seasons for the Skykomish River shall be as described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

Skykomish River (Snohomish Co.); from the mouth to Wallace River: Salmon: Closed.

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