

WSR 21-16-081
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-136—Filed August 2, 2021, 9:59 a.m., effective August 4, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: August 4, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open recreational sockeye salmon seasons in Lake Wenatchee.

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: Based on current sockeye passage analysis at both Tumwater Dam and mainstem Columbia River Dams, the Washington department of fish and wildlife projects twenty-nine thousand total sockeye are destined for Lake Wenatchee. This provides an estimated six thousand sockeye to be available for harvest above the natural spawning escapement goal of twenty-three thousand fish. This fishery will be monitored closely and may close on short notice depending upon angler participation and harvest rates.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: August 2, 2021.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000W Exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. Effective August 4, 2021, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050 regarding Lake Wenatchee (Chelan County) recreational seasons for salmon shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 not addressed herein, and unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Daily limit 2 salmon:

- (a) Release all salmon other than sockeye.
- (b) Selective gear rules in effect.
- (c) Night closure in effect.

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