

WSR 21-19-100  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-201—Filed September 17, 2021, 3:20 p.m., effective September 22, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: September 22, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to return fisheries in Quillayute and Sol Duc rivers to permanent rules beginning Monday, September 22, 2021.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-02000P.

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 open recreational fisheries in the Quillayute and Sol Duc rivers beginning September 22, 2021. The opening of fisheries on the Quillayute and Sol Duc rivers was delayed to protect wild summer coho expected to return at an abundance of less than 300 adults. The Quillayute watershed has been experiencing record low flows and increased caution was needed to reduce impact from fisheries as coho stage in the lower river. There is rain in the forecast over the weekend and river levels are expected to rise enough to draw coho upriver from staging areas in the lower river. The Quileute Tribe will also be reopening fisheries, beginning September 20, 2021.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: September 17, 2021.

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REPEALER

The following section of Washington administrative code is repealed, effective September 22, 2021:

WAC 220-312-02000P Freshwater exceptions to statewide  
rules—Coast. (21-187)