

WSR 21-20-031
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-211—Filed September 24, 2021, 5:06 p.m., effective September 24, 2021, 5:06 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: Amend recreational fishing rules for the Snohomish and Skykomish rivers.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-04000M; 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 action is necessary to extend the recreational salmon seasons in the Snohomish and Skykomish rivers. In-season update model indicates additional allowable encounters of non-target species (wild coho and Chinook) during pink opening. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: September 24, 2021.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-04000N Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. Effective immediately through October 3, 2021, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding salmon seasons for Skykomish and Snohomish rivers shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

(1) **Skykomish River (Snohomish County):** From the mouth to confluence of North and South Forks:

Salmon: Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than pinks and hatchery coho.

(2) **Snohomish River (Snohomish County)**: From the mouth to confluence of the Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers (all channels):
Salmon: Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than pinks and hatchery coho.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative code is repealed:

WAC 220-312-04000M Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.