

WSR 22-12-006
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-74—Filed May 19, 2022, 12:31 p.m., effective June 18, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: June 18, 2022.

Purpose: Opens Lake Roosevelt for recreational sturgeon fishing.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC
220-312-060 [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: This rule is necessary to open a harvest fishery for white sturgeon in Lake Roosevelt. White sturgeon hatchery programs began in 2001 in British Columbia (BC) and 2004 in Washington. Stocking ranged from 2,000-12,000 juvenile sturgeon per year from 2001 to 2010 (including both Washington and BC releases). Survival of hatchery-produced juvenile sturgeon was higher than anticipated, resulting in a surplus of hatchery-origin sturgeon available for harvest from Lake Roosevelt. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: May 19, 2022.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000L Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. Effective June 18, 2022 until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050 regarding recreational sturgeon seasons and harvest rules for Lake Roosevelt shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

(1) It is permissible to fish for sturgeon in waters of Lake Roosevelt from Grand Coulee Dam upstream to the China Bend Boat Ramp (in-

cluding the Spokane River from Highway 25 Bridge upstream to 400' below Little Falls Dam, Colville River upstream to Meyers Falls and the Kettle River upstream to Barstow Bridge):

(a) Daily limit: 1 sturgeon; minimum fork length 50 inches, maximum fork length 63 inches. Annual limit 2 sturgeon. Anglers must cease fishing for the day after obtaining a daily limit and for the season after the annual limit has been taken.

(b) Anglers may fish for sturgeon with two poles with the purchase of a Two-pole endorsement.

(c) Only one single-point barbless hook and bait per rod is allowed.

(d) Night closure is in effect for sturgeon.

(e) All other statewide rules for white sturgeon apply.

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