

WSR 22-19-057
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-208—Filed September 16, 2022, 8:57 a.m., effective September 16, 2022, 8:57 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to correct an incorrect date listed in WSR 22-19-030.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-06000A; and amending WAC 220-312-060.

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 emergency rule is needed to correct date. This emergency rule is effective for the section of the Columbia River from the mouth to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line, from beginning September 15 to beginning October 1, 2022. This correction will return fisheries in that section to permanent rules, bringing this rule in line with joint-state actions agreed to during the compact action of September 13.

This rule also carries forward Columbia River salmon seasons previously set in WSR 22-15-033, filed July 13, 2022, and WSR 22-19-030, filed September 14, 2022.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 16, 2022.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-06000B Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River. Effective immediately, until further notice, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding recreational salmon and steelhead seasons from a true north-south line through Buoy 10 to Bonneville Dam

and from Rock Island Dam to Chief Joseph Dam, shall be modified during the dates listed and as described below. All year-round Closed Waters areas remain in effect. Other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

(1) From a true north-south line through Buoy 10 upstream to a line from Rocky Point on the Washington bank through Red Buoy 44 to the red navigation marker 2 at Tongue Point on the Oregon Bank (the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line), and including Youngs Bay:

(a) Effective October 1 through October 31, 2022: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery coho.

(b) Effective November 1 through December 31, 2022: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults, including no more than 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery coho and hatchery steelhead.

(2) From the Rocky Point/Tongue point line upstream to a straight line from a fishing boundary sign on the Oregon shore near the old Corbett boat ramp through the eastern tip of Reed Island (East Reed Island line) to the Washington shore, including Camas Slough:

Immediately, until further notice: Salmon and steelhead: Closed.

(3) From the East Reed Island line upstream to a point 600 feet below the new Bonneville Dam Powerhouse:

Effective September 15 through October 31, 2022: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, including no more than 1 Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than Chinook and hatchery coho.

(4) From Rock Island Dam to Boundary 400 feet below the Wells Dam spawning channel discharge (on Chelan County side) and fish ladder (on Douglas County side): Salmon:

Effective immediately, through October 15, 2022: Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult hatchery Chinook and no more than 4 sockeye. Release wild adult Chinook and coho.

(5) From Wells Dam to Hwy. 173 Bridge at Brewster: Salmon:

Effective immediately, through September 30, 2022: Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult hatchery Chinook and no more than 4 sockeye. Release wild adult Chinook and coho.

(6) From Hwy. 173 Bridge at Brewster to the rock jetty at the upstream shoreline of Foster Creek (Douglas County side): Salmon:

Effective immediately, through October 15, 2022: Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult hatchery Chinook and no more than 4 sockeye. Release wild adult Chinook and coho.

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REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-312-06000A Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia. (22-201)