

WSR 22-23-109
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-272—Filed November 16, 2022, 2:10 p.m., effective November 17, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: November 17, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to increase the adult salmon daily limit for the Klickitat River.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-030.

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 necessary to increase the adult salmon daily limit in the Klickitat River. The current return of Coho salmon to the Klickitat River has exceeded pre-season expectations and additional fish are available for harvest. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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

Nate Pamplin
for Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-03000V Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. Effective November 17, 2022, through January 31, 2023, the provisions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding Klickitat River salmon seasons shall be modified during times and as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-030 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

Klickitat River (Klickitat Co.):

(a) From mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge; effective November 17, 2022, through January 31, 2023:

Salmon: Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained.

(b) From 400 feet upstream from #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery; effective November 17 through November 30, 2022:

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