

WSR 23-15-043
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-121—Filed July 12, 2023, 1:16 p.m., effective July 15, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: July 15, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close recreational fishing in the Quillayute system.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-02000C; and amending WAC 220-312-020.

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 needed to close recreational fishing in the Quillayute River system.

This closure is necessary because low hatchery rack returns to the Sol Duc Hatchery indicate that Chinook salmon in the Quillayute watershed are returning below the preseason forecast.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: July 12, 2023.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-02000D Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Coast. Effective July 15, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-020, regarding all recreational fishing for the Bogachiel, Calawah, Dickey, Quillayute, and Sol Duc rivers shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-020 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

(1) **Bogachiel River (Clallam Co.)**, including all tributaries, from the mouth upstream to the Olympic National Park boundary: Closed waters.

- (2) **Calawah River (Clallam Co.)**, including all tributaries, from the mouth upstream to the Olympic National Park boundary: Closed waters.
- (3) **Calawah River, North Fork (Clallam Co.)**, including all tributaries, from the mouth upstream: Closed waters.
- (4) **Calawah River, South Fork (Clallam Co.)**, including all tributaries, from the mouth upstream to the Olympic National Park boundary: Closed waters.
- (5) **Dickey River (Clallam Co.)**, including all tributaries, from the Olympic National Park boundary upstream: Closed waters.
- (6) **Dickey River, East and West forks (Clallam Co.)**, including all tributaries, from their mouths upstream: Closed waters.
- (7) **Quillayute River (Clallam Co.)**, from Olympic National Park boundary upstream to confluence of Sol Duc and Bogachiel rivers: Closed waters.
- (8) **Sitkum River (Clallam Co.)**, including all tributaries, from the mouth upstream: Closed waters.
- (9) **Sol Duc River (Clallam Co.)**, including all tributaries, from mouth upstream to the Olympic National Park boundary: Closed waters.
- (10) **Thunder Creek (Clallam Co.)**, including all tributaries, from the mouth upstream: Closed waters.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective July 15, 2023:

WAC 220-312-02000C Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Coast. (23-113)