

WSR 23-23-090
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-256—Filed November 14, 2023, 8:46 a.m., effective November 16, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: November 16, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to return fishing seasons in the Stillaguamish River and its forks to permanent rules.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-04000U.

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 return fishing seasons in the Stillaguamish River and its forks to permanent rules.

Stillaguamish River Chinook salmon spawning activities are completed for the season; protective measures are no longer necessary. This action will open planned gamefish seasons in the system.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: November 14, 2023.

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Director

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective November 16, 2023:

WAC 220-312-04000U Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (23-212)