

WSR 24-14-094
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-112—Filed July 1, 2024, 8:34 a.m., effective July 9, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: July 9, 2024.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open Entiat River salmon seasons and set the area open for recreational salmon fishing.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 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 also needed to open the Entiat River recreational Chinook seasons early and to expand the area open to salmon fishing. Entiat River hatchery Chinook preseason forecast for summer Chinook indicates that hatchery broodstock needs will be met and that a harvestable surplus of hatchery Chinook exists in the river. Expanding the season and area open for salmon fishing will increase harvest opportunity for anglers.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: June 26, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000R Exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. The following provisions of WAC 220-312-050 regarding Entiat River recreational salmon seasons shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 not addressed herein, and unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Entiat River (Chelan County); from mouth (railroad bridge) to Mad River Rd. Bridge (near Ardenvoir): Effective July 9 through September 30, 2024:

- (a) Daily limit 6 salmon. Release all salmon other than Chinook.
- (b) Night closure in effect.