

WSR 21-12-081  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-82—Filed May 28, 2021, 2:54 p.m., effective June 1, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: June 1, 2021.

Purpose: Amends freshwater fishing rules for Hoh River.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-02000K; 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 emergency rule is needed to provide opportunity for gamefish while protecting spring/summer-run Chinook salmon. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: May 28, 2021.

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Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-02000K Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Coast.** Effective June 1 through June 30, 2021, provisions of WAC 220-312-020 regarding gamefish seasons for the Hoh River shall be 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) Hoh River (Jefferson Co.), from Olympic National Park boundary near the mouth upstream to the Department of Natural Resources Hoh Oxbow Campground boat launch.

(a) Statewide minimum size and daily limit except release wild rainbow trout and cutthroat minimum size 14".

(b) Only one single point barbless hook allowed. Bait prohibited. Release all wild steelhead.

(c) Fishing from a boat allowed but no fishing from a floating device with an internal combustion motor.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-312-02000K Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Coast.