

**WSR 21-18-055  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 21-165—Filed August 26, 2021, 8:24 a.m., effective September 1, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: September 1, 2021.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close salmon fishing in Lake Wenatchee.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-05000W.

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: The majority of adult sockeye salmon currently in Lake Wenatchee will soon become largely unavailable to anglers due to their annual migration to the spawning grounds on the White and Little Wenatchee rivers. Sockeye condition and desirability will have declined drastically. With so few sockeye present in Lake Wenatchee, closing this fishery will reduce unnecessary impacts to bull trout.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: August 25, 2021.

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Director

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective September 1, 2021:

WAC 220-312-05000W Exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.  
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