

WSR 21-23-060
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-256—Filed November 10, 2021, 7:11 p.m., effective November 10, 2021, 7:11 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to extend the salmon season and also expand the fishing area at the Ringold Springs Hatchery access area.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-06000E; and amending WAC 220-312-060.

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 extend salmon seasons at the Ringold Springs Hatchery access area. Ringold Springs Hatchery began rearing and releasing coho in 2019 with the first release of 250,000 juvenile fish to the Columbia River at Ringold in 2020. Adult coho returns to the hatchery have increased and are sufficient to provide additional fishing opportunity for salmon fishing in this area of the Columbia River.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: November 10, 2021.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-06000F Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia Effective Immediately through November 30, 2021, provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding Columbia River salmon seasons from the Columbia River powerline crossing 1/2 mile downstream of the Ringold Springs access area upstream to the old Hanford townsite powerline crossing are modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC

220-312-060 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

Permits both bank and boat fishing from the Columbia River powerline crossing 1/2 mile downstream of the Ringold Springs access area upstream to the old Hanford townsite powerline crossing: Salmon

Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release all salmon other than Chinook and coho. Night closure in effect.

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Reviser's note: The typographical error in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-312-06000E Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River (21-244)