

WSR 22-11-055
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-76—Filed May 13, 2022, 6:18 p.m., effective May 14, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: May 14, 2022.

Purpose: Opens the Lewis River to a Chinook salmon fishery.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-03000K; and amending WAC 220-312-030.

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 reopen spring Chinook fishing in the Lewis River. Spring Chinook salmon returns to the Lewis Hatchery are projected to meet broodstock collection goals for the Lewis Hatchery programs. Modifying fisheries will provide additional fishing opportunities while still meeting program and reintroduction goals. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 13, 2022.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-03000K Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. Effective May 14 through July 31, 2022, the provisions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding Lewis River salmon and steelhead seasons shall be modified during times and as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-030 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

(1) **From Johnson Creek to Colvin Creek:**

(a) Effective May 14 through May 31: All species: bank angling only.

(2) **From the mouth to Colvin Creek:**

(a) Effective May 14 through July 31: Salmon: Min. size 12". Daily limit 6; up to 1 adult may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

(3) **From Johnson Creek to Colvin Creek:**

(a) Effective May 14 through May 31: steelhead: Min. size 20", daily limit 3.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective August 1, 2022:

WAC 220-312-03000K Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest.