Effective Date of Rule: July 1, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to return Klickitat River salmon seasons to permanent rules.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-03000N; 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 rule is needed to return Klickitat River salmon fisheries to permanent rules.

The adult salmon daily limit on the Klickitat River was reduced earlier in the year to help ensure the spring Chinook broodstock collection goal was achieved. Adult Chinook collection at Klickitat Salmon Hatchery is currently at 95 percent of the broodstock goal and is likely to be met in the near future; therefore, a reduced daily limit for adult Chinook is no longer needed.

This rule maintains rules set for Lewis River in WSR 22-13-143, Order 22-105, on June 17, 2022.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: June 30, 2022.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-03000P Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. Effective July 1 through July 31, 2022, the provisions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding the Lewis river's salmon seasons shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-030 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:
Lewis River (Clark/Cowlitz Co.):
From the mouth to the overhead powerlines below Merwin Dam: Effective immediately, through July 31, 2022:
Salmon: Daily limit 6; up to 2 adults may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

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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 sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed, effective July 1, 2022:

WAC 220-312-03000N Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (22-105)

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.