

WSR 23-10-040
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-61—Filed April 27, 2023, 1:50 p.m., effective May 20, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: May 20, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open gamefish seasons in Goose Creek for juvenile anglers, senior anglers, and anglers with a disability who possess a designated harvester companion card.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-050.

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: Opening the fishing season a week early will allow anglers (those described in the fishery rules) to fish within the permitted enclosed portion of Goose Creek containing stocked trout (from a private vendor). This will allow for maximum harvest of stocked fish prior to the required enclosure removal date. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: April 27, 2023.

Amy H. Windrope
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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000Z Eastside—Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules. Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-050, effective May 20 through May 26, 2023, game fish seasons for Goose Creek, within the city limits of Wilbur shall be modified as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

Goose Creek (Lincoln Co.), within the city limits of Wilbur: Game fish open to juvenile anglers, senior anglers, and anglers with a disability who possess a designated harvester companion card only.

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