

WSR 23-23-089
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-255—Filed November 13, 2023, 4:42 p.m., effective November 15, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: November 15, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this rule is to return fisheries in Toutle River, North Fork Toutle River, and Green River to permanent rules.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-03000G.

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 necessary to return Toutle River, North Fork Toutle River, and Green River to permanent rules.

Fall Chinook broodstock collection at the North Toutle hatchery is complete for the season. Previous low water conditions in the Green River have improved to acceptable levels in the reach from the mouth to the hatchery, allowing for improved spawning activity and fish movement upstream.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: November 13, 2023.

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Director

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective November 15, 2023:

WAC 220-312-03000G Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (23-225)