

**WSR 24-16-008
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 24-136—Filed July 25, 2024, 9:25 a.m., effective August 1, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: August 1, 2024.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close Wenatchee River salmon seasons.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-05000T.

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 necessary to close Wenatchee River salmon seasons.

The current and projected hatchery and natural-origin summer Chinook return to the Wenatchee River is below what is needed to meet minimum spawning escapement and broodstock objectives for the Wenatchee 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: July 24, 2024.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000T Exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. The following provisions of WAC 220-312-050 regarding Wenatchee River (Chelan County) recreational salmon seasons shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 not addressed herein, and unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Wenatchee River (Chelan County); from mouth to the Icicle Road Bridge crossing the Wenatchee River (near Leavenworth):

Effective August 1 through September 30, 2024: Salmon: Closed.