

WSR 25-07-091
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 25-45—Filed March 18, 2025, 9:46 a.m., effective April 1, 2025]

Effective Date of Rule: April 1, 2025.

Purpose: This emergency rule closes fishing in Naselle River April 1 through 15.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-020.

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 closes fishing in Naselle River beginning April 1. This closure is needed as a conservation measure for protection of wild steelhead. This closure will provide protection for steelhead during peak spawn timing and downstream kelt migration. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: March 18, 2025.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-02000V Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Coast. Effective April 1 through April 15, 2025, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-020, regarding recreational fishing seasons for Naselle River shall be modified as described in this section. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-020 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Naselle River, from the Highway 101 Bridge (mouth) to the North Fork: Closed waters.