

WSR 25-09-077
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 25-57—Filed April 16, 2025, 1:43 p.m., Effective May 1, 2025]

Effective Date of Rule: May 1, 2025.

Purpose: This emergency rule reduces the salmon daily limit for Quillayute and Sol Duc rivers when seasons open May 1.

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 is needed to meet harvest management plan agreements with comanagers resulting from the 2025 North of Falcon preseason fishery planning process. There is a conservation concern for wild summer Chinook and wild summer coho. This rule will reduce overall encounters and release mortalities associated with them. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 16, 2025.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-02000W Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Coast. Effective May 1 through June 30, 2025, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-020, regarding recreational fishing seasons for Quillayute River and Hoh River systems 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:

(a) **Quillayute River (Clallam Co.)**, from Olympic National Park boundary upstream to confluence of Sol Duc and Bogachiel rivers:

Salmon: Minimum size 12 inches. Daily limit 2. Release wild adult Chinook, wild adult coho and sockeye.

(b) Sol Duc River (Clallam Co.), From mouth to the concrete pump station at the Sol Duc Hatchery:

Salmon: Minimum size 12 inches. Daily limit 2. Release wild adult Chinook, wild adult coho and sockeye.