RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103E (July 2011)
(Implements RCW 34.05.350)

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Emergency Rule Only

Effective date of rule:
Emergency Rules 13-220
☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) 6:00 a.m. September 10, 2013

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?
☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The purpose of this rule-making is to provide for Treaty Indian fishing opportunity in the Columbia River while protecting salmon listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. This rule-making implements federal court orders governing Washington's relationship with Treaty Indian Tribes and federal law governing Washington's relationship with Oregon.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:
Repealed: WAC 220-32-05100P
Amended: WAC 220-32-051
Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.020, 77.04.130, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047

Other authority : *United States v. Oregon,* Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2008-2017 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement (Aug. 12, 2008) (Doc. No. 2546); *Northwest Gillnetters Ass'n v. Sandison*, 95 Wn.2d 638, 628 P.2d 800 (1981); Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission policies concerning Columbia River fisheries; 40 Stat. 515 (Columbia River Compact).

EMERGENCY RULE
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.
☐ That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.
☐ That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013, which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding: (See Attachment)

Date adopted: September 6, 2013

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Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note. A section may be counted in more than one category.

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	1	Amended	_____	Repealed	1
Federal rules or standards:	New	1	Amended	_____	Repealed	1
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	1

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New	1	Amended	_____	Repealed	1

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

N E W S E C T I O N

WAC 220-32-05100Q Columbia River salmon seasons above Bonneville Dam. Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-32-050, WAC 220-32-051, WAC 220-32-052, WAC 220-32-055 and WAC 220-32-058, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful for a person to take or possess salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, or yellow perch taken for commercial purposes in Columbia River Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas (SMCRA) 1E, 1F, 1G, and 1H, and in the Klickitat River and Drano Lake, except as provided in the following subsections. However, individuals who possess treaty fishing rights under the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, or Nez Perce treaties may fish for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, or yellow perch under the following provisions:

1. **Mainstem Columbia River**
   a. Open Area: SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H (Zone 6)
   b. Season: 6:00 AM Tuesday September 10 through 6:00 PM Saturday September 14, 2013
   c. Gear: Gillnet. 8-inch minimum mesh restriction
   d. Allowable sale: salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool, and between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be retained for subsistence purposes. Sales of fish caught during the open period are allowed after the period concludes.
   e. Standard sanctuaries in effect for this gear type.

2. **Mainstem Columbia River Platform and Hook and Line upstream of Bonneville Dam**
   a. Open Area: SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H (Zone 6)
   b. Season: open until further notice.
   c. Gear: Hoop nets, dip nets, set bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
   d. Allowable sale: salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool, and between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be retained for subsistence purposes.
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3. **Mainstem Columbia River Platform and Hook and Line downstream of Bonneville Dam**
   a. Open Area: SMCRA 1E. Each of the four Columbia River treaty tribes has an MOA or MOU with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding tribal fisheries in the area just downstream of Bonneville Dam. Tribal fisheries in this area may only occur in accordance with the appropriate MOA or MOU specific to each tribe.

b. Participants: Tribal members may participate under the conditions described in the 2007 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Yakama Nation (YN), in the 2010 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), in the 2010 MOU with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Spring Reservation (CTWS), and in the 2011 MOU with the Nez Perce Tribe. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.
c. Season: open until further notice.
d. Gear: Hoop nets, dip nets, set bag nets and rod and reel with hook and line, or as defined by each tribe's MOU or MOA.
e. Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence purposes. Sale of platform or hook-and-line-caught fish is allowed. Sales may not occur on USACE property.

4. Yakama Nation Tributary Fisheries

a. Open Area: Columbia River Tributaries upstream of Bonneville Dam.
b. Season: open until further notice, and only during those days and hours when the tributaries listed below are open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.
c. Area: Drano Lake and Klickitat River.
d. Gear: Hoop nets, dip nets, set bag nets and rod and reel with hook and line. Gillnets may only be used in Drano Lake.
e. Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp which may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length may be kept for subsistence purposes.

5. 24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers, as provided in WAC 220-69-240, for all areas.

R E P E A L E R

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 6:00 a.m. September 10, 2013:

WAC 220-32-05100P Columbia River salmon seasons above Bonneville Dam. (13-195)

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Reasons for this finding: Sets a 4.5 day commercial gillnet fishing period for treaty Indian fisheries in the mainstem Columbia River. The regulation also continues to allow the sales of fish caught in platform/ hook and line fisheries in Zone 6 and the area immediately downstream of Bonneville Dam (consistent with MOUs/MOAs) and in Yakama Nation tributary fisheries, consistent with Yakama Nation regulations. Harvest /ESA limits are expected to remain within the limits and guidelines of the 2008-2017 Management Agreement. Rule is consistent with action of the Columbia River Compact on August 8 and September 5, 2013. There is insufficient time to promulgate permanent regulations.

The Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce Indian Tribes have treaty fishing rights in the Columbia River and inherent sovereign authority to regulate their fisheries. Washington and Oregon also have some authority to regulate fishing by treaty Indians in the Columbia River, authority that the states exercise jointly under the Congressionally-ratified Columbia River Compact. Sohappy v. Smith, 302 F. Supp. 899 (D. Or. 1969). The Tribes and the States adopt parallel regulations for Treaty Indian fisheries under the supervision of the federal courts. A court order sets the current parameters. United States v. Oregon, Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2008-2017 United States v. Oregon Management Agreement (Aug. 12, 2008) (Doc. No. 2546). Some salmon and steelhead stocks in the Columbia River are listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act. On May 5, 2008, the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a biological opinion under 16 U.S.C. § 1536 that allow for some incidental take of these species in the fisheries as described in the 2008-2017 U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement. Columbia River fisheries are monitored very closely to ensure consistency with court orders and Endangered Species Act guidelines. Because conditions change rapidly, the fisheries are managed almost exclusively by emergency rule. As required by court order, the Washington and Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife convene public hearings and invite tribal participation when considering proposals for new emergency rules affecting treaty fishing rights. Sohappy, 302 F. Supp. at 912. WDFW and ODFW then adopt regulations reflecting agreements reached.
(13-220, 9/6/2013)