Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife  (Order 21-58)

Effective date of rule:
Emergency Rules
☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) May 4, 2021

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 emergency rule is to open salmon seasons on the Snake River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:
New: __________________________________________
Repealed: ______________________________________
Amended: WAC 220-312-050
Suspended: ______________________________________

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045 and 77.12.047

Other authority:

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.

Reasons for this finding: The 2021 Columbia River forecasted return of upriver spring Chinook salmon is sufficiently abundant to allow for harvest opportunity on the Snake River based on WDFW Commission Policy C-3620. The U.S. v. Oregon (2018-2027) Management Agreement provides Endangered Species Act coverage for this fishery. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
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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Federal statute: New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____
Federal rules or standards: New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____
Recently enacted state statutes: New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____
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**Date Adopted:** April 27, 2021

**Name:** Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:** [Signature Image]
WAC 220-312-05000Q  Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.
Effective May 4, 2021, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050, regarding salmon seasons in the Snake River shall be open as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 remain in effect unless modified by emergency rule:

Snake River (Franklin/Walla Wall Counties): From Texas Rapids boat launch (south side of the river upstream of the mouth of Tucannon River) to the fishing restriction boundary below Little Goose Dam and including the rock and concrete area between the juvenile bypass return pipe and little Goose Dam along the shoreline of the facility:

Salmon:

(a) Open: Tuesdays and Fridays only, beginning May 4, 2021 until further notice:
(b) Daily limit 4, up to 1 adult may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
(c) Night Closure.
(d) Barbless hooks required.
(e) Salmon may not be removed from the water unless retained as part of the daily limit.