RULE-MAKING ORDER
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

CR-103E (December 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 21-74)

Effective date of rule:
   Emergency Rules
   ☑ Immediately upon filing.
   ☐ Later (specify) June 1, 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 close recreational fishing seasons for two days per week in a portion of the Cascade River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:
   New:
   Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000Z
   Amended: WAC 220-312-040
   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: This emergency rule is needed to close fishing on a portion of the Cascade river on days of the week that tribal fishing gear is scheduled to be deployed in the river. These closures have been agreed to with comanagers during the 2021 North of Falcon proceedings and are necessary to avoid gear conflicts between tribal and recreational fishers. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
   No descriptive text.

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   Federal statute: New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____
   Federal rules or standards: New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____
   Recently enacted state statutes: New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____
The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____

The number of sections adopted on 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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1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 ____

Date Adopted: May 24, 2021
Name: Kelly Susewind
Title: Director

Signature: 

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-04000Z Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.
Effective June 1 through July 15, 2021, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding recreational fishing seasons for gamefish and salmon on the Cascade River, shall be open as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

Cascade River (Skagit Co.) from the mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge:

Open June 1 through July 15, except closed to all recreational fishing on Sundays and Mondays of each week.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective July 16, 2021:

WAC 220-312-04000Z Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.