Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 21-89)

Effective date of rule:
- Emergency Rules: ☒ Immediately upon filing.
- ☐ Later (specify)

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 modify salmon and hatchery steelhead seasons and daily limits in the lower Columbia River, (from the Megler-Astoria Bridge to the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco.)

Citation of rules affected by this order:
- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-312-06000P
- Amended: WAC 220-312-060
- 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 U.S. v. Oregon Technical Advisory Committee recently updated the 2021 Columbia River spring Chinook return to 91,800, which was previously forecasted to be 87,000. The upriver Skamania stock steelhead passage at Bonneville Dam is currently the lowest cumulative count to-date. Additional spring Chinook directed angling opportunities are available while providing additional protection for steelhead with a reduced steelhead daily limit. Modifications are in conjunction with the Columbia River Compact hearing held at 1:00 p.m. on June 10, 2021. This action also applies summer fishery regulations developed through the 2021 North of Falcon season setting process. There is insufficient time to promulgate permanent regulations.

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.

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**Date Adopted:** June 10, 2021

**Name:** Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**
WAC 220-312-06000Q  Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.  
Effective immediately through July 31, 2021, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding  
recreational salmon and steelhead seasons from the Megler-Astoria Bridge to the Hwy. 395 Bridge  
at Pasco, shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 not addressed  
herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

(1) From the Megler-Astoria Bridge to a projected line from Rocky Point on the  
Washington bank through Red Buoy 44 to the red navigation marker 2 at Tongue  
Point on the Oregon Bank (the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line), and including Youngs  
Bay:  Salmon and steelhead:

(a) Effective June 16 through July 5, 2021:  Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of  
which up to 1 may be a sockeye and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon  
other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.
(b) Effective July 6 through July 31, 2021:  Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of  
which up to 1 may be a sockeye and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon  
other than hatchery jack Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.

(2) From the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line to a line starting from a point on the  
Washington shore projected through Dolphin Marker J (near Shipping Terminal 9),  
southerly across the Columbia River to Columbia Park Boat Ramp in Rainier,  
Oregon:  Salmon and steelhead:

(a) Effective immediately through June 11, 2021:  Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be  
retained of which up to 1 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon  
other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.
(b) Effective June 12 through June 15, 2021:  Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of  
which up to 2 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon  
other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.
(c) Effective June 16 through July 5, 2021:  Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of  
which up to 1 may be a sockeye and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other  
than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.
(d) Effective July 6 through July 31, 2021:  Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of  
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than hatchery jack Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.

(3) From line starting from a point on the Washington shore projected through Dolphin  
Marker J (near Shipping Terminal 9), southerly across the Columbia River to  
Columbia Park Boat Ramp in Rainier, Oregon upstream to a line projected from a  
point on the Washington shore projected through Cottonwood Island Dike Light “31”,  
southerly across the Columbia River to a deadline marker on the Oregon shore and  
including the waters of Carrolls Channel (waters beginning at the upstream end of  
Cottonwood Island downstream to the confluence of the Cowlitz River):  Salmon and  
steelhead:
(a) Effective immediately through June 11, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead. Fishing from a vessel is prohibited.

(b) Effective June 12 through June 15, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 2 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead. Fishing from a vessel is prohibited.

(c) Effective June 16 through July 5, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a sockeye and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.

(d) Effective July 6 through July 31, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a sockeye and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery jack Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.

(4) From a line starting from a point on the Washington shore projected through Cottonwood Island Dike Light “31”, southerly across the Columbia River to a deadline marker on the Oregon shore and including the waters of Carrolls Channel (waters beginning at the upstream end of Cottonwood Island downstream to the confluence of the Cowlitz River) upstream to the I-5 Bridge: Salmon and steelhead:

(a) Effective immediately through June 11, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

(b) Effective June 12 through June 15, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 2 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

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(d) Effective July 6 through July 31, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a sockeye and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.

(5) From the I-5 Bridge to Bonneville Dam: Salmon and steelhead:

(a) Effective immediately through June 11, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

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(d) Effective July 6 through July 31, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a sockeye and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery jack Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.

(6) From Bonneville Dam to The Dalles Dam: Salmon and steelhead:

(a) Effective June 12 through June 15, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 2 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

(b) Effective June 16 through July 31, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a sockeye and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.

(7) From The Dalles Dam to a line starting from a fishing boundary sign on the Washington north shore located approximately 1300’ upstream of The Dalles Dam and Lock boat ramp projected southeasterly across the Columbia River to a boundary sign on the Washington southern shore located approximately 200’ above the fish ladder exit: Salmon and steelhead:

Effective June 10, 2021, until further notice: Closed to fishing for and retention of salmon and steelhead.

(8) From a line starting from a fishing boundary sign on the Washington north shore located approximately 1300’ upstream of the The Dalles Dam and Lock boat ramp projected southeasterly across the Columbia River to a boundary sign on the Washington south shore located approximately 200’ above the fish ladder exit to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon border: Salmon and steelhead:

(a) Effective June 12 through June 15, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 2 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

(b) Effective June 16 through July 31, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a sockeye and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.

(9) From Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon border to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco: Salmon and steelhead:

Effective June 16 through July 31, 2021: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a sockeye and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and sockeye. Release wild steelhead.
REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-312-06000M 06000P Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.

(21-79)