Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open retention seasons for white sturgeon in the Columbia River estuary.

Reasons for this finding: This rule is needed to allow a limited harvest of white sturgeon in the Columbia River estuary. The remaining quota balance for legal-size sturgeon retention is large enough to allow for a one-day retention fishery within the lower Columbia River. This action is consistent with decisions made by the States of Washington and Oregon on June 10, 2021. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent regulations.
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**Date Adopted:** June 10, 2021

**Name:** Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-06000R Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.
Effective June 12, 2021, until further notice, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 and WAC 220-316-110 regarding white sturgeon retention seasons from Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam are as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 and WAC 220-316-110 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

(1) From Buoy 10 upstream to Wauna Powerlines, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries:
   a. It is permissible to retain white sturgeon on the following date: June 12, 2021.
   b. On days open to white sturgeon retention the daily limit of white sturgeon is one fish between 44-inches minimum and 50-inches maximum fork length.
   c. Closed to angling for sturgeon at 2:00pm daily on dates open to sturgeon retention.
   d. Catch and release angling is permissible on days not open to sturgeon retention.

(2) From Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam: Sturgeon retention is prohibited.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective June 12, 2021:
WAC 220-312-0600J Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River. (21-37)