**Purpose:** The purpose of this emergency rule is to open salmon seasons in the Cowlitz river and maintains rules set in WSR 22-06-029 for the Kalama River.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**
- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-312-03000F
- Amended: WAC 220-312-030
- 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:** Salmon retention on the Cowlitz River was closed at the beginning of May to help ensure the spring Chinook broodstock collection goal was achieved. Adult broodstock collection is currently on track and goals are expected to be met. Additionally, upstream transport of hatchery adults in excess of weekly broodstock collections targets is occurring for reintroduction purposes. Returns are sufficient to allow for limited salmon retention.

There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

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Date Adopted: May 26, 2022

Name: Kelly Susewind
Title: Director

Signature:
NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-0300L Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest.
Effective May 28, 2022, until further notice, the provisions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding salmon seasons for Cowlitz River and Kalama River, shall be modified during the dates and in areas as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-030 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

(1) **Cowlitz River (Cowlitz/Lewis Co.); from the mouth to posted markers below the Barrier Dam:** Salmon:

   Effective May 28, through July 31, 2022: Daily limit 6, of which up to 1 may be an adult. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

(2) **Kalama River (Cowlitz Co.); from the mouth to 1000 feet below the fishway at the upper salmon hatchery (Kalama Falls Hatchery):** Salmon:

   Effective immediately, until further notice: Daily limit 6, of which up to 1 may be an adult. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective May 28, 2022: WAC 220-312-0300F Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (22-26)