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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 22-105)
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
Purpose: This rule is necessary to increase the adult salmon daily limit in the Lewis River. It is also necessary to return lower Klickitat River salmon and steelhead seasons, and Cowlitz River salmon seasons to permanent rules; other rules contained in WSR 22-13-061 (Order 22-98, 6/7/2022) regarding upper Klickitat River are maintained by this rule.
Citation of rules affected by this order: New: Repealed: WAC 220-312-03000K; WAC 220-312-03000M Amended: WAC 220-312-030 Suspended: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: These rule changes are needed for the following reasons:
Salmon retention on the Cowlitz River was closed for portions of the season and, when open, adult retention has been limited to one adult Chinook 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. Therefore, returning to permanent rules is warranted.
The adult salmon daily limit on the Klickitat River was reduced earlier in the year to help ensure the Spring Chinook broodstock collection goal was achieved. Fishery co-managers have recently indicated that spring Chinook counts at the Lyle Falls adult trap have been good and escapement to the Klickitat Hatchery is on track to meet the broodstock collection goal. The majority of spring Chinook pass Lyle Falls by the end of June, therefore a reduced daily limit for is no longer needed in the lower Klickitat, as broodstock collection continues at Klickitat Salmon Hatchery.
Spring Chinook salmon returns to the Lewis Hatchery are projected to meet broodstock collection goals for the Lewis Hatchery programs. Additionally, upstream transport of adults in excess of weekly broodstock collections targets is occurring for reintroduction purposes. Modifying fisheries will provide additional fishing opportunities while still meeting program and reintroduction goals.
There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

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WAC 220-312-03000N Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest.

Effective June 17, 2022, until further notice, the provisions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding Klickitat and Lewis river's salmon seasons shall be modified during times and as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-030 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

(1) Klickitat River (Klickitat Co.):

From 400 feet upstream from #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery: Effective immediately, until further notice:

Salmon: Daily limit 6; up to 1 adult may be retained. Release wild Chinook.

(2) Lewis River (Clark/Cowlitz Co.):

From the mouth to the overhead powerlines below Merwin Dam: Effective June 17, through July 31, 2022:

Salmon: Daily limit 6; up to 2 adults may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

REPEALERS

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed, effective June 17, 2022:

WAC 220-312-03000K Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (22-76) WAC 220-312-03000M Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (22-98)