**Purpose:** The purpose of this emergency rule is to open sockeye retention seasons in Lake Wenatchee and a portion of the Wenatchee River.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**
- **New:**
- **Repealed:** 220-312-050
- **Amended:**
- **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:** Based on current sockeye passage analysis at both Tumwater Dam and mainstem Columbia River Dams, WDFW projects a surplus of harvestable sockeye destined for Lake Wenatchee, well above the natural spawning escapement goal of 23,000 fish.

There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**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.

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**
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- Federal rules or standards: New ___ Amended ___ Repealed ___
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WAC 220-312-05000R  Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.
Effective July 28 through September 30, 2022, the provisions of WAC 220-312-050 regarding recreational salmon seasons in the Lake Wenatchee and the Wenatchee River, shall be modified during the dates listed and as described below. All provisions of WAC 220-312-050 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

(1)  **Wenatchee Lake (Chelan County):** Salmon: Effective July 28 through August 31, 2022:

   (a) Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than sockeye.
   (b) Selective gear rules in effect.
   (c) Night closure in effect.
   (d) Release all bull trout, steelhead, and Chinook salmon unharmed without removing the fish from the water.

(2)  **Wenatchee River (Chelan County):** Salmon: Effective August 1 through September 30, 2022:

   (a) Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult hatchery Chinook and no more than 4 sockeye. Release coho and wild adult Chinook.
   (b) Selective gear rules in effect, except use of bait is allowed.
   (c) Night closure in effect.

**Reasons for this finding:** This action is necessary to open sockeye retention seasons in Lake Wenatchee and a portion of the Wenatchee River.

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