



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103E (May 2009)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Emergency Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing. **09-228**
- 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 rule, WAC 232-12-24300F, is to provide sufficient time for applicants of public-safety cougar-removal permits to obtain the licenses and tags necessary to participate in the public-safety cougar-removal season. The application deadline is October 19, 2009.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:
 Amended: WAC 232-12-243
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047, RCW 77.04.020, and RCW 77.15.245

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.
- That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal years 2009, 2010, or 2011, which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding: This emergency rule is needed to extend the public-safety cougar-removal application date from October 1, 2009, until October 19, 2009, in order to lengthen the reporting period for public-safety situations involving cougars. The current application deadline of October 1, 2009, would prevent information gleaned from the extended reporting period from being used to plan and implement the cougar-removal program as required. Cougar-removal programs are critical to preventing cougar populations from growing beyond manageable numbers. There is insufficient time to promulgate permanent rules prior to the current deadline.

Date adopted: September 28, 2009

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

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Director

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The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

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| Federal rules or standards: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
| Recently enacted state statutes: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |

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| Pilot rule making: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
| Other alternative rule making: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |

NEW SECTION

WAC 232-12-24300F Public safety cougar removals—Application date extension.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 232-12-243, applications for the public safety cougar removal 2009-2010 season will be accepted if postmarked no later than October 19, 2009.