



# 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 11-95**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) May 14, 2011

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** Amend personal use fishing rules

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed: WAC 232-28-61900S  
 Amended: WAC 232-28-619  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.12.047 and RCW 77.04.020

**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 for this finding: Based on current Chinook run estimate and projected harvest numbers and catch rates being observed, the allowable catch of salmon for the Snake River in Washington will be reached sooner than initially identified. Because the wild portion of the run is protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), fisheries must be managed to remain within the guidelines of the ESA. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**Date adopted:** May 12, 2011

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**  
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**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**  
Director

**CODE REVISER USE ONLY**

OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

**DATE:** May 12, 2011

**TIME:** 11:48 AM

**WSR 11-11-043**

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**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:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>1</u>	Amended	_____	Repealed	1
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

NEW SECTION

**WAC 232-28-61900L Exceptions to statewide rules—Snake River.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 232-28-619:

(1) Effective May 14, 2011, until further notice, it is unlawful to fish for and possess salmon in waters of the Snake River from the South Bound Highway 12 Bridge at Pasco, upstream about 7 miles to the fishing restriction boundary approximately 400 ft. below Ice Harbor Dam.

(2) Effective immediately through May 15, 2011, a person may fish for and possess salmon in the following waters of the Snake River:

(a) From the Railroad Bridge about 0.5 miles downstream of the Tucannon River mouth, up about 9 miles to the Army Corps of Engineers boat launch (approximately 1 mile upstream of Little Goose Dam along the south shore). This zone includes the area between the juvenile bypass return pipe and Little Goose Dam along the south shoreline of the facility (includes the walkway area locally known as “the wall” in front of the juvenile collection facility).

(b) From the intersection of Steptoe Canyon Road with Hwy 193 (Snake River Road) in Whitman County, upriver about 12 miles to the Idaho state line that runs from the north termination of the rock levee on the east side of the Greenbelt boat launch (near the US Army Corps of Engineers Office) northwest across the Snake River to the Idaho/Washington marker on the north shore in Whitman County.

(i) Daily limit of two adult hatchery Chinook and four jack Chinook salmon. Minimum size for Chinook is 12 inches in length.

(ii) However, when fishing along the “wall” and walkway area upstream of the juvenile fish bypass return pipe below Little Goose Dam, the daily limit is one adult hatchery Chinook and one jack salmon. May continue to fish until the daily adult limit is retained. Minimum size for Chinook is 12 inches in length.

(iii) All Chinook with the adipose fin intact, and all steelhead, must be released immediately, unharmed.

(iv) Hooks must be barbless when fishing for all species, and only single barbless hooks are allowed when fishing for sturgeon.

(v) It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8-inch (point of hook to shank) for all species except sturgeon.

(vi) Night closure is in effect for salmon and sturgeon.

(vii) For areas open for Chinook, anglers must cease fishing for salmon for the day when they retain the adult daily limit.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative code is repealed effective May 14, 2011:

WAC 232-28-61900S Exceptions to statewide rules—Snake River. (11-57)

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