



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103E (July 2011)
(Implements RCW 34.05.350)

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Emergency Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules 12-02

- Immediately upon filing.
- 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: Allow officers to take into custody and, if necessary, destroy dogs that are pursuing, harassing, attacking, or killing deer, elk, and bighorn sheep.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:
 Amended: WAC 232-12-315
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.12.047, 77.04.020, and 77.12.315

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 year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013, 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: Weather conditions have forced deer, elk, and bighorn sheep to lower elevations, where harassment by dogs has been observed. In order to protect deer, elk, and bighorn sheep, it is necessary to allow officers to take into custody and, if necessary, destroy dogs that are pursuing, harassing, attacking or killing these animals. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: January 3, 2012

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

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Director

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**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:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

NEW SECTION

WAC 232-12-31500X Emergency for custody or destruction of dogs harassing deer and elk.

Effective immediately until further notice, an emergency is declared in the following Washington State counties, making it permissible for Fish and Wildlife Officers to take into custody and, if necessary, destroy any dog that is pursuing, harassing, attacking or killing deer, elk, or bighorn sheep.

- (1) Benton County
- (2) Chelan County
- (3) Douglas County
- (4) Ferry County
- (5) Franklin County
- (6) Kitittas County
- (7) Klickitat County
- (8) Lincoln County
- (9) Okanogan County
- (10) Pend Oreille County
- (11) Spokane County
- (12) Stevens County
- (13) Yakima County

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