



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 11-317

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) February 1, 2012

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

- Yes
 - No
- If Yes, explain:

Purpose: Amend recreational fishing rules

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:
 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 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: The 2011-2012 forecast of wild steelhead returning to the Snohomish River system is well below the spawning goal. These closures will reduce the incidental hooking mortalities of wild steelhead. Puget Sound wild steelhead populations are listed as "Threatened" under the Endangered Species Act. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: January 5, 2012

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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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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 232-28-61900R Exceptions to statewide rules – Snohomish River system.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 232-28-619:

- **Snohomish River:** from the mouth (Burlington Northern railroad bridge) upstream to confluence of the Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers: Closed to all fishing, effective February 1, 2012.
- **Skykomish River:** From the mouth to the Highway 2 bridge at the Big Eddy Access: Closed to all fishing, effective February 1, 2012.
- **Skykomish River:** From the Highway 2 bridge at the Big Eddy Access to confluence of North and South forks: Closed to all fishing effective, February 16, 2012.
- **North Fork Skykomish River:** From the mouth to 1000 feet downstream of Bear Creeks Falls: Closed to all fishing, effective February 1, 2012.
- **South Fork Skykomish River:** From the mouth to 600 feet downstream of Sunset Falls fishway: Closed to all fishing, effective February 1, 2012.
- **Pilchuck River:** From the mouth to 500 feet downstream of the Snohomish city diversion dam: Closed to all fishing, effective February 1, 2012.
- **Sultan River:** From the mouth to 400 feet downstream of diversion dam (river mile 9.7): Closed to all fishing, effective February 1, 2012.
- **Wallace River:** From the mouth (farthest downstream railroad bridge) to 200 feet upstream of the water intake of the salmon hatchery: Closed to all fishing, effective February 16, 2012.
- **Wallace River:** From 200 feet upstream of the water intake of the salmon hatchery to Wallace Falls: Closed to all fishing, effective February 1, 2012.
- **Snoqualmie River:** From the mouth to the boat ramp at Plumb access: Closed to all fishing, effective February 1, 2012.
- **Snoqualmie River:** From the boat ramp at Plumb access to Snoqualmie Falls: Closed to all fishing, effective February 16, 2012.
- **Tolt River:** From the mouth to the USGS trolley cable near the confluence of the North and South Forks: Closed to all fishing, effective February 1, 2012.
- **Raging River:** From the mouth to the Highway 18 Bridge: Closed to all fishing, effective February 1, 2012.
- **Tokul Creek:** From the mouth to the posted cable boundary marker: Closed to all fishing, effective February 16, 2012.

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