



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 12-129

- 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: Amend recreational fishing rules

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed: WAC 232-28-61900K
 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:

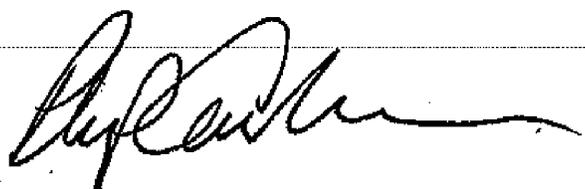
- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- That 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 estuary sturgeon fishery was originally scheduled to continue through July 8. Angling effort and catch have exceeded expectations, and the catch guideline of white sturgeon is projected to be reached by July 4, 2012. Sturgeon Sanctuary: The current language for the sturgeon angling closure below Bonneville Dam during May 1-August 31 references the "upstream exposed end of Skamania Island." Due to high flows over the past few years, Skamania Island has eroded and is no longer an accurate reference point. The updated language provides reference to existing markers on both sides' shores and removes the reference to Skamania Island. Conforms Washington state rules with Oregon state rules. Regulation is consistent with Compact Action of June 28, 2012. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: June 29, 2012

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**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:

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	<u>1</u>
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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 232-28-61900P Exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River sturgeon.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 232-28-619:

- (1) Effective immediately through August 31, 2012, it is unlawful to fish for sturgeon from Bonneville Dam downstream 9 miles to a line crossing the Columbia River from navigation marker 82 on the Oregon shore, westerly to the boundary marker on the Washington shore upstream of Fir Point.
- (2) Effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to retain sturgeon caught in those waters of the Columbia River and tributaries from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam.
- (3) Effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to retain sturgeon caught in those waters of the Columbia River and tributaries from John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam.
- (4) Effective July 5, 2012, it is unlawful to retain white sturgeon caught in those waters of the Columbia River from the mouth upstream to the Wauna powerlines, and all adjacent Washington tributaries. Minimum size when open to retain white sturgeon in this area is 41 inches fork length.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 232-28-61900K Exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River sturgeon. (12-76)

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