



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 15-107

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) May 10, 2015

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Repealed: WAC 220-310-19500M
 Amended: WAC 220-310-195
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, and 77.12.047

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: Based on current harvest estimates, and anticipated harvest through Tuesday May 5, an estimated 1,200 adult hatchery Chinook are expected to have been harvested. Monday May 4 the upriver spring chinook run was updated to 241,000 fish. In an effort to share fishing opportunity and harvest, the lower two fishery zones on the Snake River will close and the upper two zones will remain open on a three day rotating basis until further notice. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: May 6, 2015

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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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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 220-310-19500S Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Snake River.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-310-195 and WAC 220-56-180, effective May 10, 2015, until further notice:

- (1) It is permissible to fish for and possess salmon in the Snake River from the downstream edge of the large power lines crossing the Snake River (just upstream from the West Evans Road on the south shore) upstream about 3.5 miles to the Washington state line (from the east levee of the Greenbelt boat launch in Clarkston northwest across the Snake River to the WA/ID boundary waters marker on the Whitman County shore).
 - (a) Open Thursday through Saturday each week. Daily limit of six hatchery Chinook, of which not more than one may be an adult Chinook. Minimum size for Chinook is 12 inches in length.
 - (b) All Chinook with the adipose fin intact, and all steelhead, must be released immediately, unharmed.
 - (c) Hooks must be barbless when fishing for all species during times and in locations open for salmon fishing and retention, and only single barbless hooks are allowed when fishing for sturgeon.
 - (d) It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8-inch (point of hook to shank) for all species except sturgeon.
 - (e) Night closure is in effect for salmon and sturgeon.
 - (f) For all areas open for Chinook, anglers must cease fishing for Chinook when the adult limit has been retained for the day.
 - (g) Anglers may possess 1 daily limit in fresh form in addition to the 2 daily limits in fresh form allowed by permanent rule.

- (2) It is permissible to fish for and possess salmon in waters of the Snake River from the south shore boat launch (Ilia boat launch) across to the mouth of Almota Creek upstream about four miles to the restricted fishing area below Lower Granite Dam. Open Sunday through Tuesday each week. Daily limit of six hatchery Chinook, of which not more than one may be an adult Chinook. Minimum size for Chinook is 12 inches in length.
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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-310-19500M Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Snake River. (15-71)

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