



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 16-01

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) January 6, 2016

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 for the Nisqually River

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:
 Amended: WAC 220-310-190
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, RCW 77.04.020 and RCW 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: An emergency closure is needed as spawner survey and harvest information available to date the Washington Department and Fish and Wildlife and Nisqually Indian Tribe is concerned that the winter chum return to the Nisqually River is not as abundant as forecast and has the potential to fall short of our escapement goal. Given this information and the need to achieve our shared conservation goals both WDFW and the Nisqually Tribe are closing their fisheries for chum salmon. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: January 4, 2016

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Director

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| Federal rules or standards: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
| Recently enacted state statutes: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |

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| Pilot rule making: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
| Other alternative rule making: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-310-19000U Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-310-190, effective January 6, 2016, until further notice, it is unlawful to fish in waters of the Nisqually River from the mouth to military tank crossing bridge (located one mile upstream of mouth of Muck Creek).

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