



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

## CR-103E (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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DATE: July 02, 2019

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**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 19-149)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- 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:** Amends recreational fishing rules for the Chehalis, Newaukum, and Skookumchuck Rivers.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New:  
 Repealed:  
 Amended: WAC 220-312-020  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045 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.

**Reasons for this finding:** This emergency rule is needed to close the Chehalis River and listed tributaries to fishing to protect spring Chinook. Streams and rivers where spring Chinook hold and stage through the summer are experiencing lower than normal stream flows. Low stream flows decrease holding and staging refuges and elevates the vulnerability and pressure on spring Chinook. Spring Chinook hold and stage in the Chehalis River, South Fork Chehalis River, North and South forks of the Newaukum Rivers and the Skookumchuck River. Any encounters of spring Chinook could subject these fish to stress, injury, or death. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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 \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New 1 Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**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	____

<b>Date Adopted:</b> July 2, 2019	<b>Signature:</b> 
<b>Name:</b> Kelly Cunningham for Kelly Susewind	
<b>Title:</b> Director	

## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-312-02000S Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Coast.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-020, effective immediately until further notice, the following waters are closed to all fishing:

- 1) Chehalis River (Grays Harbor County)
- 2) Chehalis River, South Fork (Grays Harbor County)
- 3) Newaukum River, North Fork (Lewis County)
- 4) Newaukum River, South Fork (Lewis County)
- 5) Skookumchuck River (Lewis/Thurston County)