



**RULE-MAKING ORDER
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
FILED

DATE: August 28, 2019

TIME: 9:00 AM

WSR 19-18-023

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 19-200)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) September 1, 2019

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 steelhead fishing rules for the Grande Ronde, Snake, Touchet, Tucannon, and Walla Wall Rivers.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-05000M
 Amended: WAC 220-312-050
 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 necessary reduce the steelhead daily limit for the Grande Ronde, Snake, Touchet, Tucannon, and Walla Walla Rivers. The 2019 Columbia River forecasted return for upriver steelhead was 118,200. With continued concerns between co-managers for A run steelhead and impacts to wild fish we feel it is important to reduce limits to protect steelhead within the Snake River and its tributaries. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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 1

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	____

Date Adopted: August 27, 2019
Name: Kelly Susewind
Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000N Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-050, effective September 1, 2019 until further notice:

(1) Grande Ronde River (Asotin County): from the mouth to the Washington/Oregon boundary: Steelhead daily limit is 1 hatchery steelhead, anglers must stop fishing for steelhead after their daily limit has been retained.

(2) Snake River (Franklin/Walla Wall Counties):

(a) from the mouth (Burbank-to-Pasco railroad bridge at river mile 1.25) to Lower Granite Dam:

- (i) Hooks must be barbless when fishing for salmon or steelhead.
- (ii) Anglers may not continue to fish for salmon or steelhead after the adult salmon daily limit or steelhead daily limit has been retained.
- (iii) Steelhead:
 - (A) Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead.
 - (B) Release all steelhead 28 inches or greater in length.
 - (C) Anglers must stop fishing for steelhead once their daily limit has been retained.
- (iv) Salmon, effective immediately through October 31: Daily limit 6 hatchery adult Chinook, no daily limit for any jack Chinook. Release all other salmon.

(b) from Lower Granite Dam to the downstream edge of the large power lines crossing the Snake River (just upstream from West Evans Road on the south shore):

- (i) Hooks must be barbless when fishing for salmon or steelhead.
- (ii) Anglers may not continue to fish for salmon or steelhead after the adult salmon daily limit or steelhead daily limit has been retained.
- (iii) Steelhead:
 - (A) Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead.
 - (B) Release all steelhead 28 inches or greater in length.
 - (C) Anglers must stop fishing for steelhead once their daily limit has been retained.

(c) from the downstream edge of the large power lines crossing the Snake River (just upstream from West Evans Road on the south shore) upstream to Couse Creek Boat Ramp:

- (i) Hooks must be barbless when fishing for salmon or steelhead.
- (ii) Anglers may not continue to fish for salmon or steelhead after the adult salmon daily limit or steelhead daily limit has been retained.
- (iii) Steelhead:
 - (A) Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead.
 - (B) Release all steelhead 28 inches or greater in length.
 - (C) Anglers must stop fishing for steelhead once their daily limit has been retained.
- (iv) Salmon, effective immediately through October 31: Daily limit 6 hatchery adult Chinook, no daily limit for any jack Chinook. Release all other salmon.

(d) from Couse Creek Boat Ramp to ID / OR border:

- (i) Hooks must be barbless when fishing for salmon or steelhead.
- (ii) Anglers may not continue to fish for salmon or steelhead after the adult salmon daily limit or steelhead daily limit has been retained.
- (iii) Steelhead:
 - (A) Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead.
 - (B) Anglers must stop fishing for steelhead once their daily limit has been retained.
- (iv) Salmon, effective immediately through October 31: Daily limit 6 hatchery adult Chinook, no daily limit for any jack Chinook. Release all other salmon.

(3) Touchet River (Walla Walla County): from mouth to the confluence of North and South Forks: Steelhead daily limit is 1 hatchery steelhead, anglers must stop fishing for steelhead once their daily limit has been retained.

(4) Tucannon River (Columbia/Garfield Counties): from mouth to the Tucannon Hatchery Road Bridge: Steelhead daily limit is 1 hatchery steelhead, anglers must stop fishing for steelhead once their daily limit has been retained.

(5) Walla Walla River (Walla Walla County): from mouth to the Washington/Oregon border: Steelhead daily limit is 1 hatchery steelhead, anglers must stop fishing for steelhead once their daily limit has been retained.

R E P E A L E R

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective September 1, 2019:

WAC 220-312-05000M Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. (19-199)

