



**RULE-MAKING ORDER  
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

CODE REVISER USE ONLY

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

DATE: October 03, 2019

TIME: 3:22 PM

WSR 19-21-009

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 19-243)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) October 7, 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 fishing rules for the Skagit River.

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

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000Z
- Amended: WAC 220-312-040
- 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 a portion of the Skagit River to all fishing to avoid gear conflicts with treaty fisheries during these scheduled dates. These closures were agreed to with co-managers during the 2019/2020 North of Falcon process. Exact dates were to be determined based on in season information such as stream flow and run timing. These dates have now been set, 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_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:** October 3, 2019

**Name:** Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-04000Z Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-040:

Skagit River: From the Highway 9 Bridge to the Baker River - Closed to all fishing the days of October 7 through October 9, 2019.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective October 10, 2019:

WAC 220-312-04000Z Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.