



**RULE-MAKING ORDER
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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DATE: October 07, 2019

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WSR 19-21-032

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 19-253)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) October 12, 2019

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 sturgeon fishing rules for the Columbia River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-06000G, WAC 220-312-06000H
 Amended: WAC 220-312-060
 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 rule is needed to open white sturgeon retention in the Columbia River from Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam and the Cowlitz River. The legal-size population is large enough to allow for a conservative retention fishery within the lower Columbia River. This action is consistent with decisions made by the States of Washington and Oregon on September 5th and October 7th, 2019. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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 2

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 7, 2019	Signature: 
Name: Nate Pamplin for Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-06000A Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.
Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-060:

From Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River:

- (a) It is permissible to retain white sturgeon on the following dates: October 12, 2019. The daily limit of white sturgeon is one fish between 44-inches minimum and 50-inches maximum fork length.
- (b) Catch and release angling is permissible on days not open to sturgeon retention.

REPEALERS

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-312-06000W Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River. (19-212)

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective October 13, 2019:

WAC 220-312-06000A Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.

