



**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: November 20, 2019

TIME: 3:18 PM

WSR 19-24-002

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 19-289)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) November 22, 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 Whatcom Creek.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000E
 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 closes all recreational angling in a section of Whatcom Creek. The return of chum to Whatcom Creek is currently projected to be below the number needed to meet egg take goals for 2019. Closing the fishing season in this portion of Whatcom Creek is necessary to ensure broodstock are available for future hatchery returns. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1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: November 20, 2019
Name: Kelly Susewind
Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-040, effective November 22 through December 31, 2019:

Whatcom Creek (Whatcom Co.): from the mouth to markers below the footbridge below Dupont Street: Closed waters.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective January 1, 2020:

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

