



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) 20-52

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: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is amending WAC 220-400-050 to extend the deadline for sealing bobcat and river otter pelts to July 20, 2020.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed:
 Amended: WAC 220-400-050
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240

Other authority: None

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: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife offices are closed to the public during the COVID-19 threat. Therefore, to protect the public and our staff, we are extending the deadline for sealing requirements.

**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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New ____ Amended 1 Repealed ____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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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Negotiated rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____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	____

Date Adopted: 3/26/2020	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: WDFW Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-400-05000A Requirements for sealing of pelts and collection of biological information for river otter, cougar, lynx, and bobcat.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-400-050, effective immediately, until further notice:

(1) It is unlawful to possess river otter, cougar, lynx, or bobcat taken in Washington unless it has a department identification seal attached to the raw pelt, on or off the carcass.

(2) The raw pelt of a bobcat or river otter must be presented to an authorized department employee, or authorized individual under permit with the department, for sealing and the associated harvest report must be submitted to the department by July 20th after the close of the appropriate hunting or trapping season in which it was killed.