



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103E (July 2011)
(Implements RCW 34.05.350)

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Emergency Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules 15-377

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) October 15, 2015

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

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed: WAC 220-310-19500E
 Amended: WAC 220-310-195, WAC 220-310-200
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 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.
- That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013, which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding: Hatchery-origin steelhead in excess of desired escapement are forecast to return to the upper Columbia River. The fishery will reduce the number of excess hatchery-origin steelhead and consequently increase the proportion of natural-origin steelhead on the spawning grounds. Allowing retention of hatchery steelhead and rainbow trout will provide for additional angling opportunity. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: October 9, 2015

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Director

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
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**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	_____
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New	<u>2</u>	Amended	_____	Repealed	<u>1</u>
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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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	_____

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-310-19500N Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-310-195, it is unlawful to violate the following provisions, provided that unless otherwise amended, all permanent rules remain in effect:

- (1) Effective October 15, 2015, it is permissible to fish for steelhead in the Methow River from the mouth to the confluence with the Chewuch River in Winthrop. Fishing from a floating device is prohibited from the second powerline crossing (1 mile upstream from the mouth) to the first Hwy 153 Bridge (4 miles upstream from the mouth).
- (2) Effective October 15, 2015, it is permissible to fish for steelhead in the Okanogan River from the mouth upstream to the Highway 97 Bridge in Oroville.
- (3) Effective November 1, 2015, it is permissible to fish for steelhead in the Similkameen River from the mouth upstream to 400 feet below Enloe Dam.
- (4) It is unlawful to violate the following provisions during the open times in the waters listed in this section:
 - (a) Night closure and selective gear rules are in effect.
 - (b) Daily limit:
 - (i) Two hatchery steelhead; 20 inch minimum size.
 - (ii) Five hatchery rainbow trout; less than 20 inches in total length.
 - (c) Mandatory retention of adipose fin clipped steelhead, except release all steelhead with a floy (anchor) tag attached or one or more round 1/4 inch in diameter holes punched in the caudal (tail) fin. Adipose present steelhead must be released unharmed and cannot be removed from the water prior to release.
 - (d) Anglers must cease fishing for the day when the daily limit of two hatchery steelhead are obtained, regardless of the number of hatchery rainbow trout obtained.

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-310-20000Y Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-310-200, effective October 15, 2015, until further notice, it is permissible to fish for steelhead in the Columbia River from the powerlines crossing the Columbia River ¾ mile downstream of Wells Dam to 400 feet below Chief Joseph Dam with the following restrictions:

- (1) Night closure and selective gear rules are in effect, except bait is permissible.
- (2) Daily limit:
 - (a) Two hatchery steelhead, 20 inch minimum size.
 - (b) Five hatchery rainbow trout, less than 20 inches in total length.
- (3) Mandatory retention of adipose fin clipped steelhead, except release all steelhead with a floy (anchor) tag attached and/or one or more round 1/4 inch in diameter holes punched in the caudal (tail) fin. Adipose present steelhead must be released unharmed and cannot be removed from the water prior to release.
- (4) Anglers must cease fishing for the day when the daily limit of two (2) hatchery steelhead are obtained, regardless of the number of hatchery rainbow trout obtained.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-310-19500E Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. (15-226)

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() That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

() That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 or 2013, which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

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(15-377, 10/9/2015)

