



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 16-38

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) March 3, 2016

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Repealed: WAC 220-56-51000B
 Amended: WAC 220-56-510
 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.
- 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: This emergency rule change is needed for the lower Columbia River waters in Washington to be consistent with similar regulations in shared waters with Oregon. The Oregon rules became effective January 1, 2016. This rule is interim until permanent rules take effect on July 1, 2016.

Date adopted: March 2, 2016

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Director

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**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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	_____
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New	<u>1</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 220-56-51000B Game fish possession limits and size limits.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-56-510 and WAC 220-310-185, effective March 3, through June 30, 2016, the daily and size limits are rescinded for Walleye, Channel Catfish, Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass on the following waters:

The main stem of the Columbia River and Washington tributaries in shared boundary waters with Oregon. The included tributaries are:

- (1) Abernathy Creek (Cowlitz Co.) mouth to 500 feet downstream from Abernathy Technology Center,
- (2) Camas Slough, Chinook River (Pacific Co.),
- (3) Coal Creek (Cowlitz Co.) mouth to 400 feet below falls,
- (4) Cowlitz River mouth to Mayfield Dam,
- (5) Deep River (Wahkiakum Co.) mouth to town bridge,
- (6) Drano Lake,
- (7) Elochoman River (Wahkiakum Co.) mouth to Elochoman Hatchery Bridge,
- (8) Falls Creek (Cowlitz Co.),
- (9) Germany Creek (Cowlitz Co.) all tributaries including John and Loper Creeks,
- (10) Grays River (Wahkiakum Co.) mouth to Hwy. 4 Bridge,
- (11) Hamilton Creek (Skamania Co.),
- (12) Kalama River mouth to Kalama Falls Hatchery,
- (13) Klickitat River mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge,
- (14) Lewis River mouth to Merwin Dam,
- (15) Mill Creek (Cowlitz Co.),
- (16) Rock Creek (Klickitat Co.)
- (17) Rock Creek (Skamania Co.) mouth to falls,
- (18) Salmon Creek (Clark Co.) mouth to 182nd Avenue Bridge,
- (19) Skamokawa Creek (Wahkiakum Co.),
- (20) Washougal River mouth to bridge at Salmon Falls,
- (21) White Salmon River mouth to former location of the powerhouse,
- (22) Wind River (Skamania Co.) mouth to Shipherd Falls,

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective July 1, 2016:

WAC 220-56-51000B Game fish possession limits and size limits.