



# 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 16-325**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) January 1, 2017

**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 the Nooksack River

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed:  
 Amended: WAC 220-310-190  
 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:** This emergency rule is needed to close portions of the Nooksack River and its tributaries. This is due to the absence of smolt releases in 2014 or 2015 from the Kendall Creek Hatchery, therefore there is no expectation for any return of hatchery winter steelhead this year. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**Date adopted:** December 27, 2016

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**

J W Unsworth

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Director

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

**DATE: December 27, 2016**

**TIME: 3:54 PM**

**WSR 17-02-020**

**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:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	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	_____
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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:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-310-19000C Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-310-190, effective January 1, 2017, until further notice the following waters are closed to fishing:

- (1) The Middle Fork Nooksack from the mouth to city of Bellingham diversion dam.
- (2) The North Fork Nooksack from the mouth to Nooksack Falls.
- (3) The Nooksack River from the mouth to the confluence of the North and South Forks.
- (4) The South Fork Nooksack from the mouth to Skookum Creek.