



# 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 17-124**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) June 16, 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 Yakima River

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

Repealed:  
 Amended: WAC 220-312-050  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.04.012, RCW 77.04.020 and RCW 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: Yakama Nation and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife fishery managers are still forecasting a harvestable return of 2,000 or more adult Cle Elum Hatchery spring Chinook to the Yakima River even though the run is extremely late this year. Opening a portion of the Yakima River for spring Chinook salmon will provide additional fishing opportunity. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**Date adopted:** June 13, 2017

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**  
J W Unsworth

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**  
Director

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**DATE: June 13, 2017**

**TIME: 1:26 PM**

**WSR 17-13-033**

**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 220-312-050000L Exceptions to statewide rules—Yakima River.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-050, the following rules apply:

- (1) Effective June 16, 2017, until further notice, a person may fish for salmon in waters of the Yakima River from the Interstate 82 bridge at Union Gap (river mile 107.1) to the BNSF railroad bridge approximately 600 feet downstream of Roza Dam (river mile 127.8).
- (2) Daily limit of two hatchery Chinook, minimum size 12 inches in length. Terminal gear is restricted to two, single (point), barbless hooks with a hook gap from point to shank of 3/4 inch or less when fishing for salmon. Use of bait is allowed.
- (3) The Selective Gear Rules requirement prohibiting use of bait and knotted nets is temporarily suspended for all species, but only in the river section open to salmon fishing.
- (4) Night closure is in effect.
- (5) The Columbia River Salmon/Steelhead Endorsement is required to participate in this fishery.
- (6) In all areas open to salmon fishing, the use of two (2) fishing poles is permitted during the salmon fishery provided the participating angler has purchased a “Two-Pole Endorsement” (in addition to the freshwater fishing license and Columbia River salmon/steelhead endorsement).