



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 17-144

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) June 30, 2017

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes
 - No
- If Yes, explain:

Purpose: To prevent new and multiple wildfires during this period of extreme fire danger; and to prevent the severe deterioration of air quality, which exacerbates the risk to life, health, and property.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:
 Amended: 220-500-030, 220-500-110, 220-500-040
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.32.470.

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: Addresses an emergency need to prevent new and multiple wildfires during this period of extreme fire danger, and reduces the risk to life, health, and property.

Date adopted: June 29, 2017

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

Jim Unsworth

SIGNATURE

TITLE

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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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		Amended	<u>3</u>	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:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-500-03000A Operating chainsaws, welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-500-030, effective June 30, 2017, until further notice, in wildlife areas and access sites in eastern Washington owned or controlled by the department, it is unlawful to:

- (a) Operate a chainsaw without a permit or approval from the director; or
- (b) Weld or operate an acetylene torch or other open flame without a permit or approval from the director.

(2) A violation of this section is an infraction punishable under RCW 77.15.160(5)(b).

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-500-11000A Fires, campfires and smoking.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-500-110, effective June 30, 2017, until further notice, it is unlawful to build, start, or maintain fires or campfires in wildlife areas and access sites owned or controlled by the department in eastern Washington without a permit or approval from the director. However, it is permissible to use personal camp stoves or lanterns fueled by liquid petroleum, liquid petroleum gas, or propane.

(2) Effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to smoke in wildlife areas and access sites owned or controlled by the department in eastern Washington, except in an enclosed vehicle.

(3) A violation of this section is an infraction punishable under RCW 77.15.160(5)(b).

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-500-04000A Operating a motor vehicle off developed roadways.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-500-040, effective June 30, 2017, until further notice, it is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle off developed roadways in wildlife areas and access sites owned or controlled by the department in eastern Washington. However, it is permissible to park in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway, and to park overnight in developed campgrounds and at trailheads.

(2) A violation of this section is an infraction punishable under RCW 77.15.160(5)(b).