



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

## CR-103E (August 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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DATE: September 15, 2017

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**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (17-251)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify)

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

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** The purpose of this rule-making is to provide for Treaty Indian fishing opportunity in the Columbia River while protecting salmon listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. This rule-making implements federal court orders governing Washington's relationship with Treaty Indian Tribes and federal law governing Washington's relationship with Oregon.

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

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-359-02000G
- Amended: WAC 220-359-020
- Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.130, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047

**Other authority:** *United States v. Oregon*, Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2008-2017 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement (Aug. 12, 2008) (Doc. No. 2546); *Northwest Gillnetters Ass'n v. Sandison*, 95 Wn.2d 638, 628 P.2d 800 (1981); Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission policies concerning Columbia River fisheries; 40 Stat. 515 (Columbia River Compact).

**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.

**Reasons for this finding:** This order continues the fall Treaty commercial gillnet fishery and allows the sale of fish caught in Zone 6. The platform and hook and line fisheries were set at a previous Compact hearing. The expectation for treaty fisheries to be within the preseason ESA guidelines continues to be unchanged. The sale of fish caught in Yakama Nation tributary fisheries is also allowed when open under Yakama Nation regulations. The area downstream of Bonneville Dam (SMCRA 1E1) is open to sales of fish when open under tribal regulations. The forecast for upriver fall Chinook is 484,100 fish. Fisheries are consistent with the 2008-2017 Management Agreement and the associated Biological Opinion. This rule is consistent with actions of the Columbia River Compacts on September 6, 2017, August 16, 2017 and July 27, 2017. This action conforms state rules with tribal rules. There is insufficient time to promulgate permanent regulations.

The Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce Indian Tribes have treaty fishing rights in the Columbia River and inherent sovereign authority to regulate their fisheries. Washington and Oregon also have some authority to regulate fishing by treaty Indians in the Columbia River, authority that the states exercise jointly under the Congressionally-ratified Columbia River Compact. *Sohappy v. Smith*, 302

F. Supp. 899 (D. Or. 1969). The Tribes and the States adopt parallel regulations for Treaty Indian fisheries under the supervision of the federal courts. A court order sets the current parameters. United States v. Oregon, Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2008-2017 United States v. Oregon Management Agreement (Aug. 12, 2008) (Doc. No. 2546). Some salmon and steelhead stocks in the Columbia River are listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act. On May 5, 2008, the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a biological opinion under 16 U.S.C. § 1536 that allow for some incidental take of these species in the fisheries as described in the 2008-2017 U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement. Columbia River fisheries are monitored very closely to ensure consistency with court orders and Endangered Species Act guidelines. Because conditions change rapidly, the fisheries are managed almost exclusively by emergency rule. As required by court order, the Washington and Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife convene public hearings and invite tribal participation when considering proposals for new emergency rules affecting treaty fishing rights. Sohappy, 302 F. Supp. at 912. WDFW and ODFW then adopt regulations reflecting agreements reached.

**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	<u>1</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	<u>1</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>1</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	<u>1</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>1</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	<u>1</u>

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New \_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New 1 Amended \_\_\_ Repealed 1

**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New \_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_

**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	___

**Date adopted:** September 15, 2017

**Name:** J W Unsworth

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-359-02000H Columbia River salmon seasons above Bonneville Dam.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-359-010, WAC 220-359-020, WAC 220-359-030 and WAC 220-359-090, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful for a person to take or possess salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, or yellow perch taken for commercial purposes in Columbia River Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1E1, 1F, 1G, and 1H, and in the Wind River, Klickitat River, Drano Lake, Yakima River and Icicle Creek. However, those individuals possessing treaty fishing rights under the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce treaties may fish for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, or yellow perch under the following provisions.

- (1) Open Area: SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H (Zone 6):
  - (a) Season: Immediately to 6:00 PM September 15, 2017
  - (b) 6:00 AM September 18 to 6:00 PM September 22, 2017
  - (c) Gear: Set nets and drift gillnets. 8-inch minimum mesh restriction.
  - (d) Allowable sale: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.
  - (e) Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries are in place, including the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary.
  
- (2) Open Area: SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H (Zone 6):
  - (a) Season: Immediately through October 31, 2017
  - (b) Gear: Hoop nets, bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
  - (c) Allowable sale: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, or carp. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be retained for subsistence purposes. Live release of all oversize and under-size sturgeon is required.
  - (d) All sanctuaries for these gear types are in effect.
  
- (3) Columbia River Tributaries upstream of Bonneville Dam:
  - (a) Season: Immediately until further notice, and only during those days and hours when the tributaries listed below are open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.
  - (b) Area: Drano Lake, and Klickitat River.
  - (c) Gear: Hoop nets, bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line. Gill nets may only be used in Drano Lake.
  - (d) Allowable Sale: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, or carp. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length harvested in tributaries within Bonneville pool may not be sold but may be kept for subsistence purposes only. Live release of all oversize and under-size sturgeon is required.

- (4) Open Area: SMCRA 1E1. Each of the four Columbia River treaty tribes has an MOA or MOU with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for tribal fisheries in the area just downstream of Bonneville Dam. Tribal fisheries in this area may only occur in accordance with the appropriate MOA or MOU specific to each tribe, and only within any specific regulations set by each tribe.
- (a) Participants:
- (i) Tribal members may participate under the conditions described in the 2007 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Yakama Nation (YN), in the 2010 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), in the 2010 MOU with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Spring Reservation (CTWS), and in the 2013 MOU with the Nez Perce Tribe.
- (ii) Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.
- (b) Season: Immediately through October 31, 2017. Open only during those days and hours when allowed under lawfully enacted tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled tribal members.
- (c) Allowable gear: Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
- (d) Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, or carp. Sturgeon retention is prohibited for any purpose. Sale of platform or hook-and-line-caught fish is allowed. Sales may not occur on USACE property.
- (5) 24-hour quick reporting is required as provided in WAC 220-352-180, for Washington wholesale dealers for all areas, except that all landings from treaty fisheries described above must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.
- (6) Sales of fish are allowed after open period concludes, as long as the fish sold were landed during the open period.

#### REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-359-02000G Columbia River salmon seasons above Bonneville Dam.  
(17-237)

