



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife: 17-247

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: To restrict goat hunting in the Naches Pass (3-6) and to allow holders of current goat hunting permits in the Naches Pass to obtain re-issued permits.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 220-415-130
- Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047 and 77.12.150

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.

Reasons for this finding: Due to recent forest fires in Eastern Washington, the U.S Forest Service has closed access to most of the Naches Pass (3-6) mountain goat hunting area. This closure will likely remain in effect for most of the 2017 hunting season. By this emergency rule, the department seeks to allow holders of current mountain goat hunting permits for the Naches Pass mountain goat hunt area to hunt in 2018.

The department has specifically decided to re-issue goat hunting permits for the following reasons: 1) the small geographic area in which goat hunts typically occur; 2) the likelihood that the entire Naches Pass will be legally closed to entry during the 2017 hunting season, and 3) the unlikelihood that holders of mountain goat special permits will have to draw a goat permit again in the future. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**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 on the agency's own initiative:

New	___	Amended	<u>1</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	___

Date adopted: September 21, 2017

Name: Jim Unsworth

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-415-13000A Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-415-130, effective immediately, until further notice, the following rules apply:

(1) Due to the recent forest fires in Eastern Washington, the U.S Forest Service has closed access to most of the Naches Pass mountain goat hunt area (3-6, hunt #6002), and it is unlikely that the U.S. Forest Service will re-open access during the rest of the 2017 hunting season.

(2) This rule allows current holders of mountain goat hunting permits for the Naches Pass mountain goat hunting area (3-6, hunt #6002) the option to return their permits to the department, which will then re-issue these permits to the same holders for the 2018 mountain goat hunting season.