



**RULE-MAKING ORDER  
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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DATE: June 01, 2018

TIME: 4:21 PM

WSR 18-12-077

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 18-116)

**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:** Amend recreational angling gear regulation for coastal marine areas.

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

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 220-310-110
- Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045 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.

**Reasons for this finding:** This emergency rule is needed because The Department is in the process of adopting permanent rules for coastal bottomfish and halibut fisheries angling gear requirements. This rule conforms to federal action taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The agreed-to management plan is interim until permanent rules take effect. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New  Amended  Repealed

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

New 1 Amended  Repealed

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

New  Amended  Repealed

**The number of sections adopted using:**

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Other alternative rule making:	New <input type="text"/>	Amended <input type="text"/>	Repealed <input type="text"/>

**Date Adopted:** June 1, 2018

**Name:** Ron Warren for Joe Stohr

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-310-11000B Angling gear—Lawful and unlawful acts.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-310-110, effective immediately:

In Catch Record Card Areas, 1 through 13: It is unlawful for any person to take, fish for, or possess bottomfish or halibut taken for personal use, to fail to have onboard the vessel a fish descending or fish recompression device, rigged for immediate use, and capable of rapidly returning fish to depth of capture.