



**RULE-MAKING ORDER  
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

DATE: August 31, 2018

TIME: 3:38 PM

WSR 18-18-072

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 18-226)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) September 4, 2018

**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 Grande Ronde, Snake, Touchet, Tucannon, Walla Walla, and White Salmon Rivers.

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

New:  
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-03000B; WAC 220-312-05000U  
 Amended: WAC 220-312-030; WAC 220-312-050  
 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 necessary to limit steelhead impacts as the Columbia River run size has been reduced to 96,500 A/B Index steelhead from a pre-season forecast of 182,400 fish. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_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New 2 Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed 2

**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	____

<b>Date Adopted:</b> August 31, 2018	<b>Signature:</b> 
<b>Name:</b> Nate Pamplin for Kelly Susewind	
<b>Title:</b> Director	

## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-312-05000W Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-050, effective September 4, 2018 until further notice:

(1) **Grande Ronde River (Asotin County):** from county road bridge (approximately 2.5 miles upstream of mouth) to the Washington/Oregon boundary: Steelhead daily limit is 1 hatchery steelhead.

(2) **Snake River (Franklin/Walla Wall Counties):** from the Burbank-to-Pasco railroad bridge at river mile 1.25 upstream to the Oregon State line:

(a) Salmon: open immediately through October 31, 2018

(i) Daily limit 6.

(ii) Release all salmon other than adult hatchery Chinook and jack Chinook.

(b) Steelhead: daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead

(c) Anglers must cease fishing for salmon and steelhead once either the daily limit for adult salmon or steelhead has been retained.

(3) **Touchet River (Walla Walla County):** from mouth to the confluence of North and South Forks: Steelhead daily limit is 1 hatchery steelhead.

(4) **Tucannon River (Columbia/Garfield Counties):** from mouth to the Tucannon Hatchery Road Bridge: Steelhead daily limit is 1 hatchery steelhead.

(5) **Walla Walla River (Walla Walla County):** from mouth to the Washington/Oregon border: Steelhead daily limit is 1 hatchery steelhead.

## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-312-03000C Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-030, effective September 4, 2018 until further notice:

(1) **Drano Lake (Skamania County):**

(a) Release all steelhead.

(b) Closed to fishing at night for salmon and steelhead.

(2) **White Salmon River (Klickitat/Skamania counties):** from mouth (BNSF Railroad bridge) to county road bridge downstream of the former location of the powerhouse:

(a) Release all steelhead.

(b) Closed to fishing at night for salmon and steelhead.

(3) **Wind River (Skamania County):** from mouth to 400 feet below Shipherd Falls fish ladder:

(a) Release all steelhead.

(b) Closed to fishing at night for salmon and steelhead.

## REPEALERS

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed effective September 4, 2018:

WAC 220-312-05000U Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. (18-190)

WAC 220-312-03000B Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest. (18-204)