



**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
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DATE: September 20, 2018

TIME: 5:46 PM

WSR 18-20-014

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 18-258)

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 fishing rules for Willapa Bay and tributaries.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed:
 Amended: WAC 220-312-020; WAC 220-313-070
 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 to close salmon fisheries in Willapa Bay and its tributaries. Fall chinook returning to tributaries of Willapa Bay have been significantly lower than preseason predictions in all fisheries and hatchery returns are lower than needed to make egg take at this time. Managers will continue to assess Chinook returns and re-open if warranted. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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 ____

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 20, 2018	Signature: 
Name: Nate Pamplin for Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-02000F Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules--Coast.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-312-020, effective September 22, 2018 until further notice the following rules apply. Unless otherwise amended, all permanent rules remain in effect:

(1) Salmon angling is closed in the following waters:

- (a) Bear River (Pacific Co.)
- (b) Naselle River (Pacific Co.)
- (c) Nemah River, Middle (Pacific Co.)
- (d) Nemah River, North (Pacific Co.)
- (e) Nemah River, South (Pacific Co.)
- (f) Willapa River (Pacific Co.)
- (g) Willapa River, South Fork (Pacific, Co.)

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-313-07000K Coastal Salmon—Saltwater seasons and daily limits.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-313-070, effective September 22, 2018 until further notice the following rules apply. Unless otherwise amended, all permanent rules remain in effect: Salmon angling is closed in the waters of Willapa Bay (Marine Area 2-1).