



**RULE-MAKING ORDER  
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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FILED

DATE: September 21, 2018

TIME: 10:12 AM

WSR 18-20-017

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (18-257)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) September 22, 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 Willapa Bay commercial fishery

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

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 220-354-250
- Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.045 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 the commercial fishery in Willapa Bay Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 2N, 2M, 2U and 2T. Fall Chinook salmon 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_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 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:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Pilot rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Other alternative rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____

<b>Date Adopted:</b> September 21, 2018	<b>Signature:</b> 
<b>Name:</b> Nate Pamplin for Kelly Susewind	
<b>Title:</b> Director	

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-354-25000A Willapa Bay salmon fall fishery.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-354-250, effective September 22, 2018, until further notice it is unlawful to fish for commercial purposes in Willapa Bay Salmon Management and Catch reporting Areas 2N, 2M, 2U and 2T.