



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: March 31, 2020

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WSR 20-08-108

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) 20-51

**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:** The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is delaying the opening of the spring bear hunts scheduled to open on April 1, 2020, until further notice. We will reassess to determine when the spring bear hunt can open. The next assessment will occur on April 6.

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

New:  
 Repealed:  
 Amended: WAC 220-415-080  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240

**Other authority:** None

**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:** The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is delaying the spring bear hunt as part of an effort to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. This decision is necessary to comply with Governor Inslee's recent statewide proclamation for all Washingtonians to stay home for the next two weeks.

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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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 \_\_\_\_ Amended 1 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:** 3/31/2020

**Name:** Kelly Susewind

**Title:** WDFW Director

**Signature:**



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-415-08000A 2020 Spring black bear special permits.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-415-080, effective immediately, until further notice, the hunt areas, permit levels, and season dates for each license year shall be as follows:

**Hunt Areas, Permit Levels, and Season Dates for Each License Year:**

Hunt Name	Hunt Area	Permits	Season Dates
Sherman	GMU 101 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	Delayed until further notice
Kelly Hill	GMU 105 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	
Douglas	GMU 108 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	40	
Aladdin	GMU 111 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	
49 Degrees North	GMU 117 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	100	
Huckleberry	GMU 121	100	
Blue Creek	GMU 154	18	April 15 - June 15
Dayton	GMU 162	18	April 15 - June 15
Tucannon	GMU 166	5	April 15 - June 15
Wenaha	GMU 169	60	April 15 - June 15
Mt. View	GMU 172	24	April 15 - June 15
Lick Creek	GMU 175	18	April 15 - June 15
Peola	GMU 178	5	April 15 - June 15
Couse	GMU 181	5	April 15 - June 15
Grande Ronde	GMU 186	5	April 15 - June 15
Kitsap	GMU 627	5	April 15 - May 31
Mason	GMU 633	5	April 15 - May 31
Bear River	GMU 681	20	April 15 - May 31
Long Beach	GMU 684	12	April 15 - May 31
North Skagit	That portion of GMU 418 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR, Sierra Pacific, Weyerhaeuser-Columbia Timber Lands, and Grandy Lake Timber company. Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	30	April 15 - June 15
Copalis	GMU 642, 648, and 638 (excluding U.S. Forest Service lands).	50	April 15 - June 15