



**RULE-MAKING ORDER  
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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DATE: August 31, 2020

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WSR 20-18-069

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (20-170)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) September 1, 2020

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes  No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** Amends freshwater fishing rules for the Grande Ronde, Snake, Touchet, Tucannon and Walla Walla rivers..

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

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-312-05000C
- Amended: 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 needed to adjust steelhead daily limits for the Snake River and its tributaries. Updated forecasts indicate returns of Snake River tributary stocks, particularly Tucannon and Touchet, tracking below the preseason forecast. Reductions in daily limits to the Snake River and its tributaries are needed to ensure that broodstock needs are met and to limit impacts on wild steelhead.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_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 1

**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:** August 31, 2020

**Name:** Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



## NEW SECTION

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

Effective September 1, 2020 and until further notice or until this rule expires on December 30, 2020 the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050 regarding steelhead seasons for the Snake River and its tributaries, the Grande Ronde, Touchet, Tucannon, and Walla Walla rivers shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 not addressed herein, or otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

- (1) **Grande Ronde River (Asotin County):** from the mouth to the Washington/Oregon border: Steelhead:
  - (a) Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead.
  - (b) Barbless hooks required.
  - (c) Anglers may not continue to fish for steelhead once their daily limit of steelhead has been retained.
  - (d) Anglers may not remove any Chinook, Coho, or steelhead from the water if it is not to be retained as part of the daily limit.
  
- (2) **Snake River (Franklin/Walla Walla Counties):**
  - (a) From the Burbank to Pasco railroad bridge at Snake River mile 1.25 to Lower Granite Dam: Steelhead:
    - (i) Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead.
    - (ii) Barbless hooks required.
    - (iii) Anglers may not continue to fish for steelhead once their daily limit of steelhead has been retained.
    - (iv) Anglers may not remove any Chinook, Coho, or steelhead from the water if it is not to be retained as part of the daily limit.
  
  - (b) From Lower Granite Dam to the Oregon/Idaho border: Steelhead:
    - (i) Daily limit 2 hatchery steelhead.
    - (ii) Barbless hooks required.
    - (iii) Anglers may not continue to fish for steelhead once their daily limit of steelhead has been retained.
    - (iv) Anglers may not remove any Chinook, Coho, or steelhead from the water if it is not to be retained as part of the daily limit.

- (3) **Touchet River (Walla Walla County): from the mouth to the confluence of the North and South Forks:** Steelhead:
- (a) Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead.
  - (b) Barbless hooks required.
  - (c) Anglers may not continue to fish for steelhead once their daily limit of steelhead has been retained.
  - (d) Anglers may not remove any Chinook, Coho, or steelhead from the water if it is not to be retained as part of the daily limit.
- (4) **Tucannon River (Columbia/Garfield Counties):** from the mouth to the Tucannon Hatchery Road Bridge: Steelhead:
- (a) Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead.
  - (b) Barbless hooks required.
  - (c) Anglers may not continue to fish for steelhead once their daily limit of steelhead has been retained.
  - (d) Anglers may not remove any Chinook, Coho, or steelhead from the water if it is not to be retained as part of the daily limit.
- (5) **Walla Walla River (Walla Walla County):** from the mouth to the Washington/Oregon border: Steelhead:
- (a) Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead.
  - (b) Barbless hooks required.
  - (c) Anglers may not continue to fish for steelhead once their daily limit of steelhead has been retained.
  - (d) Anglers may not remove any Chinook, Coho, or steelhead from the water if it is not to be retained as part of the daily limit.

## REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective September 1, 2020:

WAC 220-312-05000C Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. (20-114)