



**RULE-MAKING ORDER  
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

DATE: September 10, 2020

TIME: 8:00 AM

WSR 20-19-039

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 20-185)

**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 purpose of this rule is to open a limited Chinook retention season in the Columbia River, from the mouth to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco.

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

New:  
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-06000V; WAC 220-312-06000W  
 Amended: WAC 220-312-060  
 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 rule is needed to open a limited Chinook salmon retention season in the lower Columbia River, from the mouth to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco, beginning September 11 through September 13, 2020. Additional recreational fishery impacts to URB and LRH fall Chinook are available, as are coho under the preseason fishing plan. This action is consistent with decisions made by the States of Washington and Oregon during compact actions of September 3 and September 9, 2020.

Immediate adoption of this rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare. Observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent regulations.

**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 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	____

**Date Adopted:** September 10, 2020

**Name:** Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-312-06000W Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.**

Effective immediately through December 31, 2020, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding recreational sturgeon seasons in the Columbia River downstream of Bonneville Dam and the Cowlitz River and Columbia River salmon and steelhead seasons from the mouth (Buoy 10) to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line, shall be as described below. Salmon and steelhead seasons for the Columbia River from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point Line from September 11 through September 13 will also be described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

- (1) From Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River:  
Sturgeon:
  - (a) It is permissible to retain white sturgeon on Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, September 19, 2020.
    - (i) The daily limit of white sturgeon is one fish.
    - (ii) Minimum fork length 44 inches. Maximum fork length 50 inches.
  - (b) Catch and release angling is permissible on days not open to sturgeon retention.
  
- (2) From a true North and South line through Buoy 10 to a projected line from Rocky Point on the Washington bank through Red Buoy 44 to the red navigation marker 2 at Tongue Point on the Oregon Bank (the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line), and including Youngs Bay:  
Salmon and Steelhead
  - (a) Effective immediately through September 10, 2020: Daily limit 2. Coho minimum size 16 inches. Release all salmon other than hatchery coho. Release all steelhead.
  - (b) Effective September 11 through September 13: Daily limit 2, no more than 1 may be a Chinook. Coho minimum size 16 inches. Chinook minimum size 24". Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho. Release all steelhead.
  - (c) Effective September 14 through September 22, 2020: Daily limit 2. Coho minimum size 16 inches. Release all salmon other than hatchery coho. Release all steelhead.
  - (d) Effective September 23 through September 30, 2020: Daily limit 2, no more than 1 may be a Chinook. Coho minimum size 16 inches. Chinook minimum size 24". Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho. Release all steelhead.
  - (e) Effective October 1 through October 31, 2020: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, no more than 1 may be a Chinook. Coho minimum size 16 inches. Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho. Release all steelhead.
  - (f) Effective November 1 through December 31, 2020: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, no more than 1 may be a Chinook and no more than 1 may be a steelhead. Coho minimum size 16 inches. Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho. Release wild steelhead.
  
- (3) From the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line to the Hood River Bridge: salmon and steelhead:  
  
Effective September 11 through September 13: Daily limit 1. Release all salmon other than Chinook and hatchery coho. Release all steelhead.

(4) From the Hood River Bridge to the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco: salmon and steelhead:

Effective September 11 through September 13: Daily limit 1. Release all salmon other than Chinook and coho. Release all steelhead.

## REPEALERS

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-312-06000V Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River. (20-182)

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective January 1, 2021:

WAC 220-312-06000W Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River. (20-185)