



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) 20-195

**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 change the season dates for the Umtanum and Cleman Mountain A ram (male) only special permits from Sept. 15-Oct. 9 to Sept. 15-Oct. 31. The fire is currently 95% contained and is expected to stay within control lines and minimal spread is expected in the interior unburned islands. Although the fire is mostly contained, the area remains closed to public access. It is anticipated the area will reopen within the next two weeks. The season opener associated with these permits is September 15, which could result in hunters not being able to access a substantial portion of their hunt area during the first two weeks of their season. In response, the department is proposing to extend the season by approximately the same length of time. Doing so will still provide meaningful recreational opportunity without compromising conservation goals.

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

New:  
 Repealed:  
 Amended: 220-415-120  
 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:** Hunter access to the hunt areas associated with these special permits has been significantly impacted by the Evans Canyon wildfire. The fire has been nearly contained and the area is expected to be open to public access within the next week or two. Extending the season dates will replace opportunity that may have been lost during the early part of the season.

**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:** September 16, 2020

**Name:** Kelly Susewind

**Title:** WDFW Director

**Signature:**



ORDER 20-195

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-415-12000A—2020 Bighorn sheep seasons and permit quotas.** Effective October 9, 2020, the following provisions of WAC 220-415-120 regarding bighorn sheep seasons and permit quotas for the Umtanum (Sheep Unit 5) and Cleman Mountain A (Sheep Unit 7) special permits shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-415-120 not addressed herein, or otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

<b>Ram (male) bighorn sheep only</b>				
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Permit Season</b>	<b>Permit Hunt Boundary Description</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Permits</b>
Umtanum	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Sheep Unit 5	Any Legal Weapon	3
Cleman Mountain A	Sept. 15-Oct. 31	Sheep Unit 7	Any Legal Weapon	5