



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) 20-241

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 add an additional Ram (male) bighorn sheep hunt for the Cleman Mountain hunt area (Sheep Unit 7). The hunt dates would be Nov. 4-29 and would include five permits.

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- Repealed: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: Bighorn sheep in the Cleman Mountain herd have recently tested positive for Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae, which is a bacteria that causes pneumonia in wild bighorn and proves fatal for many of the bighorn that are infected. This pathogen is highly infectious and typically results in substantial die offs when it first enters wild bighorn herds. The department has already started to receive reports of coughing or dead bighorn within this herd area. Providing hunters with additional opportunities to harvest rams would reduce lost opportunities for hunters as a result of the pneumonia outbreak.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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: November 3, 2020	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: WDFW Director	

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NEW SECTION

WAC 220-415-12000A—2020 Bighorn sheep seasons and permit quotas. Effective November 4, 2020, the following provisions of WAC 220-415-120 regarding bighorn sheep seasons and permit quotas for the Cleman Mountain (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:

It is unlawful to fail to comply with the bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Bighorn Sheep Permit Hunts

Ram (male) bighorn sheep only				
Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	Permits
Cleman Mountain	Nov. 4-29	Sheep Unit 7	Any Legal Weapon	5