



**RULE-MAKING ORDER  
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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DATE: April 05, 2021

TIME: 4:30 PM

WSR 21-08-066

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 21-46)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) April 7, 2021

**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 emergency rule is to open a recreational steelhead fishery at the Ringold Springs Hatchery access area.

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

New:  
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-06000E  
 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:** The steelhead fishery in the Hanford Reach was closed for the 2020/2021 fishery as a result of low expected returns. Ringold Springs Hatchery has completed broodstock collection for 2021. Sufficient broodstock has been collected through a combination of volunteer trap operations and surplus adults supplied by Wells Hatchery. A total of 300,000 fertilized eggs were needed at Ringold Springs Hatchery this spring to meet the production of 180,000 juvenile steelhead scheduled for release in 2022. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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 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	____

<b>Date Adopted:</b> April 5, 2021	<b>Signature:</b> 
<b>Name:</b> Kelly Susewind	
<b>Title:</b> Director	

## NEW SECTION

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

Effective April 7 through April 15, 2021, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding recreational steelhead seasons at the Ringold Springs Hatchery access area, shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

From WDFW markers ¼ mile downstream of the Ringold Wasteway outlet to ½ mile upstream of Ringold Springs Hatchery Creek: Steelhead:

- (a) Daily limit 2. Steelhead must be both adipose fin clipped and ventral fin clipped to be retained, release all other steelhead.
- (b) Bank angling only from the hatchery side of the river only. (Ringold Springs Hatchery access area). Angling from a vessel is prohibited.

## REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective April 7, 2021:  
WAC 220-312-06000E Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River. (20-261)