



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: July 15, 2021

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WSR 21-15-055

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 21-115)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) July 17, 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 retention seasons for sockeye salmon in Baker Lake.

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

New:  
 Repealed:  
 Amended: WAC 220-312-040  
 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 open seasons for sockeye salmon in Baker Lake. The 2021 Baker Lake sockeye preseason forecast is sufficient to allow for a targeted harvest season and harvestable numbers of sockeye have been transported to Baker Lake.

WDFW plans to closely monitor the fishery to ensure lake escapement goals are met. This fishery may close early if fishery monitoring data indicates the sockeye escapement goal to the lake is threatened. The lake escapement goal is 1,500 sockeye to spawn naturally in the lake and tributaries.

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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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 \_\_\_\_

**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:** July 12, 2021

**Name:** Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-04000G Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.**

Effective July 17 through August 31, 2021, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040, regarding recreational salmon seasons fishing for Baker Lake, shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Baker Lake (Whatcom Co.): Salmon:

- (a) Daily limit 2 sockeye only. Minimum size 18 inches.
- (b) Each angler aboard a vessel may deploy salmon angling gear until the daily salmon limit for all anglers aboard has been achieved.