



**RULE-MAKING ORDER  
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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DATE: September 15, 2021

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**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 21-194)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) September 18, 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 recreational coho seasons in the Icicle River and the Columbia River from Priest Rapids Dam to Wells Dam.

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

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 220-312-050; 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 emergency rule is needed to open coho retention seasons in the Icicle River and upper Columbia River from Priest Rapids Dam to Wells Dam.

Through September 12th, 2021, the approximately 113,000 coho that have passed over Bonneville Dam is the second highest count on record. The estimated number of UCR-bound coho is currently at about 30,000 fish. At this abundance there is sufficient fish to meet spawner escapement and broodstock needs and provide for sport angler harvest.

Expected returns of Coho to the Icicle River are sufficient to provide for sport angler harvest as are returns of upper Columbia River-bound Coho salmon.

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	_____



## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-312-05000A Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.**

Effective September 18, through November 30, 2021, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050 regarding salmon seasons for the Icicle River shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 not addressed herein, or otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Icicle River (Chelan County):

- (1) From the closure signs located 800 feet upstream of the mouth of the river to 500 feet downstream of the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery Barrier Dam: Salmon:
  - (a) Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than coho.
  - (b) It is unlawful to use bait.
  - (c) Night Closure in effect.
  
- (2) From the shoreline markers where Cyo Road intersects the Icicle River at the Sleeping Lady Resort to the Icicle Peshastin Irrigation Footbridge (approximately 750 feet upstream from the Snow Lakes trailhead parking area): Salmon:
  - (a) Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than coho.
  - (b) It is unlawful to use bait.
  - (c) Night Closure in effect.

## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-312-06000Y Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia**

Effective September 18 through October 15, 2020, provisions of WAC 220-312-060 and 220-220-160 regarding Columbia River salmon seasons from Priest Rapid Dam upstream are modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 and WAC 220-220-160 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

- (1) From Priest Rapids Dam to Rock Island Dam: Salmon:

Effective September 18 through October 15, 2021: Daily limit is 6; of which, up to 2 adult Chinook and up to 4 coho may be retained. Release sockeye.

- (2) From Rock Island Dam to Rocky Reach Dam: Salmon:

Effective September 18 through October 15, 2021: Daily limit is 6; of which, up to 2 adult hatchery Chinook and up to 4 coho may be retained. Release wild adult Chinook and sockeye.