



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: November 10, 2021

TIME: 7:11 PM

WSR 21-23-060

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (21-256)

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 emergency rule is to extend the salmon season and also expand the fishing area 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- Repealed: WAC 220-312-06000E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: This emergency rule is needed to extend salmon seasons at the Ringold Springs Hatchery access area. Ringold Springs Hatchery began rearing and releasing coho in 2019 with the first release of 250,000 juvenile fish to the Columbia River at Ringold in 2020. Adult coho returns to the hatchery have increased and are sufficient to provide additional fishing opportunity for salmon fishing in this area of the Columbia River. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	<u>1</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	1
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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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 10, 2021

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-06000F Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia

Effective Immediately through November 30, 2021, provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding Columbia River salmon seasons from the Columbia River powerline crossing ½ mile downstream of the Ringold Springs access area upstream to the old Hanford townsite powerline crossing are modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

Permits both bank and boat fishing from the Columbia River powerline crossing ½ mile downstream of the Ringold Springs access area upstream to the old Hanford townsite powerline crossing: Salmon

Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release all salmon other than Chinook and coho. Night closure in effect.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-312-06000E Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River (21-244)