



**RULE-MAKING ORDER
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

CODE REVISER USE ONLY

OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER
STATE OF WASHINGTON
FILED

DATE: October 21, 2022
TIME: 10:00 AM

WSR 22-22-019

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 22-248)

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: Amend recreational fishing rules for the Skagit and Cascade rivers

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000S
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: There is sufficient remaining state share of harvestable coho to sustain additional sport fishing opportunity. Incidental Chinook encounters remain within conservation guidelines. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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Negotiated rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____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	____

Date Adopted: October 21, 2022

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

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

Effective immediately until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding fishing seasons for the Cascade River and Skagit River shall be modified in locations listed, as described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040, not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

(1) Cascade River (Skagit County); from mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge:

- (a) Use of bait (including scent or flavoring) is prohibited.
- (b) Anti-snagging rules.
- (c) Night closure.
- (d) Closed to all fishing Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays until further notice.
- (e) Daily limit 4 coho. Min. size 12". Release all other species.

(2) Skagit River (Skagit County):

- (a) **From the mouth (a line projected from the terminus of the jetty with McGlenn Island to the white monument on the easterly end of Ika Island, then to a white monument on the westerly end of Craft Island, then to a white monument near the corner of the levee on the westerly side of Dry Slough, and then to a white monument on the easterly side of Tom Moore Slough) to Cascade River Rd. (Marblemount Bridge):**

Effective immediately, until further notice: All species: Bait is prohibited.

(3) Skagit River From the mouth to Cascade River Rd. Bridge (Marblemount Bridge) .

- (a) Salmon
 - i. Minimum size 12"
 - ii. Daily limit 2
 - iii. Release Chinook and chum

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-312-04000S Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (22-236)

