



**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 03, 2022

TIME: 2:15 PM

WSR 22-23-016

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 22-263)

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 open additional recreational coho seasons in the Snohomish River system.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000W
- 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 action is necessary to extend recreational coho fisheries in the Snohomish, Skykomish, and Snoqualmie rivers. In-season observations indicate Snohomish River system spawning escapement remains on track to exceed target goals. A recreational harvest fishery is warranted.

Fishery managers will continue to monitor Snohomish system coho returns, seasons will be adjusted accordingly. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1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: November 3, 2022

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

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

Effective immediately, through November 13, 2022, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding salmon seasons for Snohomish, Skykomish, and Snoqualmie rivers 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:

- (1) **Skykomish River (Snohomish Co.):** From the mouth to confluence of North and South Forks:

Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than coho.

- (2) **Snohomish River (Snohomish Co.):** From the mouth (Burlington-Northern RR bridges)(including all channels, sloughs, and interconnected waterways, but excluding all tributaries) to confluence of the Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers (all channels):

Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than coho.

- (3) **Snoqualmie River (King/Snohomish Co.):** From the mouth to Snoqualmie Falls:

Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than coho.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-312-04000W Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (22-256)