



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 06, 2023

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WSR 23-15-014

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 23-118)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) July 8, 2023

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 sockeye seasons 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 Repealed: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.

A record number of sockeye have been trucked Baker Lake for this early in July. Due to the unprecedented number of early returning fish, the lake will open earlier than scheduled to maximize opportunity.

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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed ____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 6, 2023	Signature: 
Name: Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

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

Effective July 8 through August 31, 2023, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040, regarding recreational salmon seasons 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 3 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.