



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: October 20, 2023

TIME: 3:11 PM

WSR 23-22-026

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 23-236)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) November 1, 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 increase the adult coho portion of the salmon daily limit in the Hanford Reach area of the Columbia River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed:
- 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 necessary to increase the adult coho portion of the salmon daily limit in the Hanford Reach area. In-season observations indicate coho returns to Ringold Hatchery are sufficient to allow for an increase in the adult coho daily limit.

There is insufficient time to promulgate 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed ____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: October 20, 2023
Name: Kelly Susewind
Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-06000Z Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.

Effective November 1 through December 31, 2023, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding recreational salmon seasons from I-182 Bridge to the Old Hanford townsite powerline crossing, shall be modified during the dates listed and as described below. All year-round Closed Waters areas remain in effect. Other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

From I-182 Bridge to the Old Hanford townsite powerline crossing:

Salmon: November 1 through December 31, 2023: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults including no more than 1 adult Chinook may be retained. Release all salmon other than Chinook and coho.