



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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DATE: October 31, 2023

TIME: 2:00 PM

WSR 23-22-113

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 23-242)

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 return gamefish seasons in the Snohomish watershed to permanent rules and to open or extend salmon seasons targeting coho in the Skykomish River, Snohomish River, Snoqualmie River, and Wallace River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000Y
 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: In-season observations indicate coho salmon returns are sufficient to increase the salmon daily limit. The abundance of wild coho is greater than the preseason forecast.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1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 31, 2023
Name: Kelly Susewind
Title: Director

Signature:



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

Effective immediately, until further notice, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding recreational salmon fishing seasons for the Snohomish River system shall be modified 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, from mouth to confluence of North and South forks:

Effective November 1, through November 30: Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release Chinook and chum. Single-point barbless hooks required.

(2) Snohomish River: From the mouth to the confluence of Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers:

Effective November 1, through November 30: Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release Chinook and chum. Single-point barbless hooks required.

(3) Snoqualmie River: From mouth to Snoqualmie Falls:

Effective November 1, through November 30, 2023: Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release Chinook and chum.

(4) Wallace River: From mouth (farthest downstream RR bridge) to 200' upstream of water intake of salmon hatchery:

Effective immediately, through November 30, 2023: Salmon daily limit is 4. Release all salmon other than coho and pinks.

R E P E A L E R

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective November 1, 2023:

WAC 220-312-04000Y Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules---Puget Sound. (23-235)