



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) P2023-18

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- 31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is amending WAC 220-417-010 - Trapping seasons and regulations to restrict trapping of red fox. The rule closes fox trapping within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests to prevent accidental take of the state endangered Cascade red fox in areas where Cascade red fox are found to be present or may possibly be present in Washington. To protect the Cascade red fox in these areas, we are preventing harvest of the potentially overlapping lowland red fox, which cannot be distinguished from the Cascade red fox without genetic analyses.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 220-417-010
- Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047.

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PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-14-151 on July 03, 2024 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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- Other:

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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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: September 27, 2024

Name: Barbara Baker

Title: WDFW Chair

Signature:



WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations. (1) Statewide trapping seasons:

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	RESTRICTIONS
Badger, Beaver, Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, (Red Fox) River Otter, and Weasel	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year	
Marten	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year	CLOSED in Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, and Grays Harbor counties.
<u>Red Fox</u>	<u>Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year</u>	<u>CLOSED within the exterior boundaries of Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests.</u>

(2) Participation requirements:

- (a) A valid Washington state trapper's license is required.
- (b) To be issued your first Washington state trapping license an individual must pass the Washington state trapper education exam.
- (c) Licensed trappers must comply with reporting requirements in WAC 220-417-020.