



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: April 29, 2024

TIME: 9:59 AM

WSR 24-10-068

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-63)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) May 7, 2024

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 spring Chinook seasons in portions of the Snake River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 220-312-050
- 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: The 2024 Columbia River forecasted return of upriver spring Chinook salmon is sufficiently abundant to allow for harvest opportunity on the Snake River based on WDFW Commission Policy C-3630. The U.S. v. Oregon (2018-2027) Management Agreement provides Endangered Species Act coverage for this fishery.

WDFW will monitor spring Chinook returns throughout the season and may close the fishery at any time due to harvest levels, ESA impacts, in-season run adjustments, or a combination of thereof.

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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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: April 29, 2024	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000N Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.

Effective May 7, 2024, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050, regarding salmon seasons in the Snake River shall be open as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 remain in effect unless modified by emergency rule:

- (1) **Snake River (Franklin/Walla Wall Counties): From Texas Rapids boat launch (located on the south side of the river upstream of the mouth of Tucannon River) to the fishing restriction boundary below Little Goose Dam and including the rock and concrete area between the juvenile bypass return pipe and little Goose Dam along the shoreline of the facility (including the walkway area locally known as “the Wall” in front of the juvenile collection facility):** Salmon:
 - (a) Effective May 7, 2024, until further notice: Open Tuesdays and Fridays only; closed Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
 - (b) Daily limit 4, of which up to 1 adult may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
 - (c) Night Closure.
 - (d) Barbless hooks required.
 - (e) Salmon may not be removed from the water unless retained as part of the daily limit.

- (2) **Snake River (Franklin/Walla Wall Counties): From the South Bound Highway 12 Bridge near Pasco upstream about 7 miles to the fishing restriction boundary below Ice Harbor Dam:** Salmon:
 - (a) Effective May 8, 2024, until further notice: Open Wednesdays and Thursdays only; closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
 - (b) Daily limit 4, of which up to 1 adult may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
 - (c) Night Closure.
 - (d) Barbless hooks required.
 - (e) Salmon may not be removed from the water unless retained as part of the daily limit.