



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: May 14, 2024

TIME: 5:11 PM

WSR 24-11-072

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-70)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) May 25, 2024

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

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: This emergency rule is needed to close recreational fishing in much of the Snohomish River system.

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 Repealed: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 rule is necessary to close fishing in much of the Snohomish River system. Limited allowable take of wild Chinook in the Snohomish system necessitates strict controls to conserve impacts for fall in-river fisheries. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed ____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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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: May 14, 2024

Name: Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



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

Effective May 25, 2024, until further notice, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding recreational 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) The following waters are closed to all fishing May 25, 2024, until further notice:
 - (a) **Cherry Creek**, from mouth upstream
 - (b) **Raging River**, from mouth upstream
 - (c) **Skykomish River**, from mouth to Hwy. 2 Bridge
 - (d) **Skykomish River, North Fork**, from mouth upstream to Bear Creek Falls
 - (e) **Skykomish River, South Fork**, from mouth to 600' downstream of Sunset Falls Fishway
 - (f) **Snohomish River**, from mouth to confluence of Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers
 - (g) **Snoqualmie River**, from mouth to Snoqualmie Falls
 - (h) **Sultan River**, from mouth upstream
 - (i) **Tolt River**, from mouth to confluence of North and South forks
 - (j) **Wallace River**, from mouth to 200' upstream of water intake of salmon hatchery

- (2) The following waters are closed to all fishing from May 25 through June 14, 2024 and from July 11, 2024, until further notice:

Skykomish River, from Hwy. 2 Bridge to confluence of North and South forks.