



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 21, 2024

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WSR 24-11-142

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-74)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify)

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 open recreational salmon seasons targeting hatchery Chinook in a portion of Skagit River and salmon seasons in Catch Record Card Area 13.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-313-06000U
 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: Federal Endangered Species Act consultations on 2024-25 Puget Sound salmon fisheries have been completed (NMFS Consultation #WCRO-2024-00942), and a Biological Opinion and Incidental Take Statement have been issued. Accordingly, Marine Area 13 (by Repealer), Skagit River, and Cascade River salmon fisheries can be reopened consistent with preseason fishing plans.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1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: May 21, 2024
Name: Kelly Susewind
Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

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

Effective immediately, through July 15, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 and WAC 220-220-160 regarding salmon seasons and two-pole fishing for the Skagit River from the Hwy. 536 Bridge in Mt. Vernon to Gilligan Creek, shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 and WAC 220-220-160 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

(1) Cascade River (Skagit Co.); from mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge:

(a) Salmon, effective May 29 through July 15, 2024:

- (i) Open Wednesdays through Saturdays.
- (ii) Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
- (iii) Night closure and Anti-snagging rule in effect.

(b) All Species, effective June 2 through July 15, 2024: Closed Sundays through Tuesdays.

(2) Skagit River (Skagit Co.):

(a) From the Hwy. 536 (Memorial Hwy.) Bridge in Mt. Vernon to Gilligan Creek:

Salmon, effective immediately, through May 31, 2024:

- (i) Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
- (ii) Night Closure in effect.
- (iii) Anglers who possess a valid two-pole endorsement may fish with two lines.

(b) From Hwy. 530 Bridge at Rockport to Cascade River Rd. (Marblemount Bridge):

Salmon, effective, May 29 through July 15, 2024:

- (i) Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
- (ii) Night Closure and Anti-snagging rule in effect.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:
WAC 220-313-06000U Puget Sound salmon—saltwater seasons and daily limits. (24-66)