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# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: June 14, 2024 TIME: 11:49 AM

WSR 24-13-068

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) 24-95						
Effective date of rule:						
Emergency Rules						
☐ Immediately upon filing.						
☐ Later (specify) June 16, 2024.						
Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?  ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, explain:						
<b>Purpose:</b> The purpose of this rule is to close fox trapping within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National forests to prevent accidental take of state endangered Cascade red fox.						
Citation of rules affected by this order:  New: Repealed: Amended: WAC 220-417-010 Suspended:						
Statutory authority for adoption: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047.						
Other authority: None EMERGENCY RULE						
<ul> <li>Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:</li> <li>         ☐ 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.</li> <li>         ☐ That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.     </li> </ul>						
Reasons for this finding: This rule is necessary to protect Cascade red fox population which is listed as an endangered species in Washington State. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules; however, the agency has started the rulemaking process and the rule publication (CR-102) will occur on or before July 3, 2024.						
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Federal statute: New Amended Repealed						
Federal rules or standards: New Amended Repealed						
Recently enacted state statutes: New Amended Repealed						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:							
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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: June 14, 2024	5	Signature:		- 0			
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Title: WDFW Director		/					

### NEW SECTION

## WAC 220-417-01000B Trapping seasons and regulations.

Effective immediately, through March 31, 2024, the provisions of WAC 220-417-010 regarding trapping seasons for fox shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-417-010 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

Fox trapping is CLOSED within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National forests. Effective immediately.