



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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WSR 24-14-132

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-118)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) July 3, 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 close Chinook retention in the Columbia River from Columbia Point to Priest Rapids Dam.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-312-06000P
- Amended: WAC 220-312-060
- 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 close Chinook retention from Columbia Point to Priest Rapids Dam. This Chinook closure is needed because the recreational Chinook allocation has been met.

This rule carries forward salmon and steelhead rules from the Megler-Astoria Bridge to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco previously announced in WSR 24-14-063.

There is insufficient time to promulgate 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1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: July 2, 2024	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-06000Q Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.

Effective July 3 through August 15, 2024, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding recreational salmon and steelhead seasons from the Megler-Astoria Bridge to Priest Rapids Dam, shall be modified as described below, except in areas closed to fishing for salmon and steelhead year-round in WAC 220-312-060. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

(1) From the Megler-Astoria Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam: Salmon and steelhead:

Effective immediately, through July 31, 2024: Daily limit 6 including no more than 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery jack Chinook and hatchery steelhead.

(2) From Bonneville Dam to The Dalles Dam:

Effective immediately, through July 31, 2024: Daily limit 6 including no more than 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery jack Chinook and hatchery steelhead.

(3) From The Dalles Dam upstream to a line starting from a fishing boundary sign on the Washington north shore located approximately 1300' upstream of The Dalles Dam and Lock boat ramp projected easterly across the Columbia River to a boundary sign on the Washington southern shore located approximately 200' above the fish ladder exit: Salmon and steelhead:

Effective immediately, until further notice: Closed to fishing for and retention of salmon and steelhead.

(4) From a line starting from a fishing boundary sign on the Washington north shore located approximately 1300' upstream of The Dalles Dam and Lock boat ramp projected easterly across the Columbia River to a boundary sign on the Washington south shore located approximately 200' above the fish ladder exit upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco: Salmon and steelhead:

Effective immediately, through July 31, 2024: Daily limit 6 including no more than 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery jack Chinook and hatchery steelhead.

(5) From Columbia Point (approximately 1/3 mile downstream of I-182 Bridge) upstream to I-182 Bridge: Salmon:

(a) Effective July 3 through July 15, 2024: Closed to angling from a floating device or by any method except hand-cast lines from the west shore (Richland side of the river).

(b) Effective July 3 through July 15, 2024: Daily limit 6 including no more than 4 sockeye.
Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery jack Chinook and sockeye.

(6) From I-182 Bridge upstream to Priest Rapids Dam: Salmon:

Effective July 3 through August 15, 2024: Daily limit 6 including no more than 4 sockeye.
Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery jack Chinook and sockeye.

R E P E A L E R

The following sections of Washington Administrative Code are repealed, effective July 3, 2024:
WAC 220-312-06000P Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River. (24-115)