



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: September 19, 2024

TIME: 5:08 PM

WSR 24-20-015

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-196)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) September 21, 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 coho retention seasons in the Columbia River upstream of Priest Rapids Dam and in Icicle River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-06000S
 Amended: WAC 220-312-050; 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 to open coho retention in some areas of the Columbia River upstream of Priest Rapids Dam and in some areas of Icicle River. Returns of upper Columbia River-bound coho salmon are sufficient to meet conservation objectives and to provide for sport angler harvest between Priest Rapids Dam and Chief Joseph Dam and in Icicle River.

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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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 2 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: September 19, 2024	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

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

Effective September 21 through October 15, 2024, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding recreational salmon seasons from Priest Rapids Dam to Chief Joseph 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) Priest Rapids Dam to Rock Island Dam:

Salmon: Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult Chinook and no more than 2 coho. Release all salmon other than Chinook and coho.

(2) Rock Island Dam to Wells Dam:

Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than coho.

(3) Highway 173 Bridge at Brewster to the rock jetty at the upstream shoreline of Foster Creek (Douglas County side):

Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than coho.

NEW SECTION

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

Effective 1 hour before official sunrise September 21 through 1 hour after official sunset November 30, 2024, provisions of WAC 220-312-050 regarding salmon seasons for the Icicle River shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

Icicle River:

(a) From the closure signs located 800 feet upstream of the mouth of the river to 500 feet downstream from the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery Barrier Dam: Salmon:

- (i) Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than coho.
- (ii) Bait is prohibited.
- (iii) Night closure in effect.

(b) From the shoreline markers where Cyo Road intersects the Icicle River at the Sleeping Lady Resort to the Icicle Peshastin Irrigation Footbridge (approximately 750 feet upstream from the Snow Lakes trailhead parking area): Salmon:

- (i) Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than coho.
- (ii) Bait is prohibited.
- (iii) Night closure in effect.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective September 21, 2024:

WAC 220-312-06000S Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River. (24-154)