



# 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 24, 2024

TIME: 5:17 PM

WSR 24-20-046

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-203)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) September 26, 2024

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

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** Amends recreational fishing rules for the Stillaguamish River.

**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- Repealed: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:** Catch of coho in the marine area adjacent to the Stillaguamish greatly exceeded pre-season expectations. While early indicators are that coho returns to river systems neighboring the Stillaguamish are strong, it is too early to assess abundance returning to the Stillaguamish. A reduction to the daily limit for the recreational fishery will allow the fishery to continue prior to having in-season indicators of the number of coho returning to the river, while minimizing the risk of not meeting conservation objectives for Stillaguamish coho. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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:** September 24, 2024

**Name:** Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



NEW SECTION

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

Effective September 26, 2024, until further notice, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding salmon fishing seasons for the Stillaguamish River 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:

**Stillaguamish River (Snohomish Co.)** From Marine Drive (south of Stanwood) upstream to forks.

**Daily limit:** One salmon, release Chinook and chum.