



# 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 27, 2024

TIME: 9:06 AM

WSR 24-20-070

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-211)

**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:** The purpose of this emergency rule is to clarify the section of Columbia River from Wells Dam to Highway 173 at Brewster is open for sockeye retention only. Maintains seasons opening recreational coho retention in the Columbia River upstream of Priest Rapids Dam.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New:  
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-06000V  
 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 to clarify that the section of Columbia River from Wells Dam to Highway 173 at Brewster is open for sockeye retention only, through September 30. This stems from a previous rule (WSR 24-17-052) closing Chinook retention since the non-treaty harvest share had been met, and had unintentionally been left off of the most recent filing (WSR 24-20-015) opening coho seasons in surrounding areas of the Columbia 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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 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	____

<b>Date Adopted:</b> September 27, 2024	<b>Signature:</b> 
<b>Name:</b> Kelly Susewind	
<b>Title:</b> Director	

## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-312-06000X Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.**

Effective immediately, 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:** Immediately through October 15, 2024:  
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:** Immediately through October 15, 2024:  
Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than coho.
- (3) **Wells Dam to Highway 173 Bridge at Brewster:** Immediately, through September 30, 2024:  
Salmon: Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than sockeye.
- (4) **Highway 173 Bridge at Brewster to the rock jetty at the upstream shoreline of Foster Creek (Douglas County side):** Immediately through October 15, 2024:  
Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than coho.

## REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-312-06000V Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River. (24-196)