



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: October 29, 2024

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Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-246)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) November 1, 2024

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

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: This emergency rule will open recreational salmon seasons in Snohomish, Skykomish, and Wallace rivers and close recreational fishing in Snoqualmie 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- Repealed: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: This rule is necessary to extend the recreational salmon seasons in the Snohomish, Skykomish, and Wallace rivers. Additionally, this rule will also temporarily close recreational fishing in the Snoqualmie River. Snohomish basin coho runsize in-season update (ISU) indicates a low risk of exceeding management objectives for coho. Chinook salmon are nearing the end of their spawning run, and the risk of incidental sport fishery encounters of natural Chinook salmon is reduced in Snohomish, Snoqualmie, and Wallace Rivers, allowing for salmon season openings targeting coho. Chinook spawning activity is still present in Snoqualmie River necessitates a temporary closure until they are clear of the system. 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: October 29, 2024	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

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

Effective November 1 through December 31, 2024, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding salmon seasons for Snohomish, Skykomish and Wallace rivers shall be as described herein. Additionally, recreational fishing seasons for Snoqualmie River for all species shall be modified as described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

- (1) **Skykomish River (Snohomish County):** From the mouth to confluence of North and South Forks:

Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release Chinook and chum.

- (2) **Snohomish River (Snohomish County):** From mouth (Burlington-Northern Railroad bridges) (including all channels, sloughs, and interconnected waterways, but excluding all tributaries) to confluence of the Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers (all channels).

Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release Chinook and chum.

- (3) **Snoqualmie River (Snohomish County):** From mouth to Snoqualmie Falls, including all tributaries:

All species: Closed.

- (4) **Wallace River (Snohomish County):** From the mouth to 200 feet upstream of water intake of salmon hatchery:

Salmon: Daily limit 2. Release Chinook and chum.