



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: January 15, 2025
TIME: 2:54 PM

WSR 25-03-083

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-07)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) January 21, 2025

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 returns Methow River and upper Columbia River to permanent rules.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WACS 220-312-06000Y; 220-312-05000A
Amended:
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 needed to close recreational hatchery steelhead and coho harvest in Methow River and the mainstem upper Columbia River. The allowable incidental take (i.e., mortality) of wild steelhead will be at or near maximum limits by January 20. In addition, hook-and-line hatchery broodstock collection efforts for wild steelhead will begin in February. This break in pressure increases the likelihood of meeting broodstock collection goal in the timeframe needed. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____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		Amended	_____ Repealed 2
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: January 15, 2025		Signature: 		
Name: Kelly Susewind				
Title: Director				

REPEALERS

The following sections of Washington Administrative code are repealed, effective January 21, 2025:

WAC 220-312-06000Y Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River. (24-225)

WAC 220-312-05000A Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. (24-225)