



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: April 07, 2025

TIME: 2:50 PM

WSR 25-09-025

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-50)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) April 11, 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 is needed to return Skagit River and Sauk River to permanent rules.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000F
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: The preseason Skagit River wild Steelhead preseason forecast was 7,019 steelhead. The in-season runsize estimates have continued to trend down, leading Skagit River comanagers to agree to an in-season runsize update estimate of 5,151 steelhead. The catch-and-release fishery previously opened by emergency rule is being closed to protect spawning steelhead and ensure Skagit River steelhead Resource Management Plan guidelines are met. Maximum allowable mortality guidelines are based on the actual final runsize.


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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____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 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: April 7, 2025			Signature: 	
Name: Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind				
Title: Director				

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective April 11, 2025:

WAC 220-312-04000F Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (25-11)