



# 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 18, 2025

TIME: 2:32 PM

WSR 25-09-101

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-58)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.  
☒ Later (specify) April 24, 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 rule is necessary to open salmon seasons targeting spring Chinook salmon in the Skagit 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Repealed:  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 open salmon seasons in the Skagit River as agreed to with comanagers during the 2025 North of Falcon proceedings. Harvestable numbers of hatchery spring Chinook are forecast to return to Marblemount Hatchery. This fishery is covered through May 14th by the 2024-2025 NOAA Fisheries biological opinion. The fishery is expected to be extended through May 31st provided it is approved under a 2025-2026 Biological Opinion covering fisheries resulting from the 2025-2026 North of Falcon Process, and the fishery is within conservation guidelines. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	_____

<b>The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:</b>			
	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____
<b>The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:</b>			
	New	1	Amended _____ Repealed _____
<b>The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:</b>			
	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____
<b>The number of sections adopted using:</b>			
Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____
<b>Date Adopted:</b> April 18, 2025		<b>Signature:</b> 	
<b>Name:</b> Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind			
<b>Title:</b> Director			

## NEW SECTION

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

Effective April 24 through May 14, 2025, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 and WAC 220-220-160 regarding salmon seasons and two-pole fishing for the Skagit River from the Hwy. 536 Bridge in Mt. Vernon to Gilligan Creek, shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 and WAC 220-220-160 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

Skagit River (Skagit Co.); from the Hwy. 536 (Memorial Hwy.) Bridge in Mt. Vernon to Gilligan Creek: Salmon:

- (a) Daily limit 2. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
- (b) Night Closure in effect.
- (c) Anglers who possess a valid two-pole endorsement may fish with two lines.
- (d) All species other than salmon are closed to fishing for or retaining.