



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: May 02, 2025

TIME: 9:09 AM

WSR 25-10-059

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-65)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) May 6, 2025

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

- ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: Opens spring Chinook season in a portion of Snake River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed:
Amended: WAC 220-312-050
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 2025 Columbia River forecasted return of upriver spring Chinook salmon is sufficiently abundant to allow for harvest opportunity on the Snake River based on WDFW Commission Policy C-3630. The U.S. v. Oregon (2018-2027) Management Agreement provides Endangered Species Act coverage for this fishery.

Current allocation based on the preseason forecast and prior to a run update is 407 fish for recreational fisheries in the Snake River (harvest plus release mortalities).

WDFW will monitor spring Chinook returns throughout the season and may close the fishery at any time due to harvest levels, ESA impacts, in-season run adjustments, or a combination of thereof.

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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

Recently enacted state statutes: New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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: April 30, 2025

Name: Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-05000C Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.

Effective May 6, 2025, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050, regarding salmon seasons in the Snake River shall be open as follows. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 remain in effect unless modified by emergency rule:

Snake River (Franklin/Walla Wall Counties): From Texas Rapids boat launch (located on the south side of the river upstream of the mouth of Tucannon River) to the fishing restriction boundary below Little Goose Dam and including the rock and concrete area between the juvenile bypass return pipe and little Goose Dam along the shoreline of the facility (including the walkway area locally known as “the Wall” in front of the juvenile collection facility): Salmon:

- (a) Effective May 6, 2025, until further notice: Open Tuesdays and Fridays only; closed Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- (b) Daily limit 4, of which up to 1 adult may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
- (c) Night Closure.
- (d) Barbless hooks required.
- (e) Salmon may not be removed from the water unless retained as part of the daily limit.