



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 22, 2025

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WSR 25-12-018

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-92)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) May 28, 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 open salmon seasons in upper Skagit River and Cascade River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-313-060001
Amended: WAC 220-313-060
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 hatchery Chinook harvest opportunity in upper Skagit River and Cascade River. The forecasted return of hatchery spring Chinook to Marblemount hatchery is sufficient to support these fisheries. Cascade River is closed Sundays through Tuesdays to all recreational fishing during this spring Chinook fishery to avoid gear conflicts with tribal fisheries. This rule also carries forward previously opened spring Chinook fisheries in the lower Skagit River in filing WSR 25-11-074. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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 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: May 22, 2025			Signature: 	
Name: Kelly Susewind				
Title: Director				

NEW SECTION

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

Effective May 28 through July 15, 2025, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 and WAC 220-220-160 regarding salmon seasons and for the Skagit River and Cascade River shall be as described in this section. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 and WAC 220-220-160 not addressed in this section, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

(1) Skagit River (Skagit Co.);

(a) From the Hwy. 536 (Memorial Hwy.) Bridge in Mt. Vernon to Gilligan Creek:

Salmon, effective May 28 through May 30:

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

(b) From Hwy. 530 Bridge at Rockport to Cascade River Rd. (Marblemount Bridge):

Salmon, effective May 28 through July 15:

- (i) Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
- (ii) Night closure in effect.
- (iii) Anti-snagging rule in effect.

(2) Cascade River (Skagit County):

(a) From mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge:

- (i) Salmon, effective May 28 through July 15:
 - (A) Open Wednesdays through Saturdays only. Closed Sundays through Tuesdays.
 - (B) Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
 - (C) Night closure in effect.
 - (D) Anti-snagging rule in effect.
- (ii) Game fish, effective May 31 through July 15: Closed Sundays through Tuesdays.

(b) From Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge upstream 300 feet: Closed waters.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective May 28, 2025:

WAC 220-312-04000I Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (25-85)