



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 29, 2025

TIME: 9:25 AM

WSR 25-12-052

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-96)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) June 4, 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 Snake River salmon seasons targeting spring Chinook.

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Repealed: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 upriver spring Chinook salmon run has been upgraded, increasing the catch balance in the Snake River to 957 based on WDFW Commission Policy C-3630. The U.S. v. Oregon (2018-2027) Management Agreement provides Endangered Species Act coverage for this fishery.

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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____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: May 29, 2025

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:

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NEW SECTION

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

Effective June 4 through June 6, 2025, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050, regarding salmon seasons in the Snake River shall be open as described in this section. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 remain in effect unless modified by emergency rule:

- (1) 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) Open June 3 and June 6, 2025
 - (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.
- (2) Snake River (Franklin/Walla Wall Counties): From the South Bound Highway 12 Bridge near Pasco upstream about 7 miles to the fishing restriction boundary below Ice Harbor Dam:** Salmon:

 - (a) Open June 4 and June 5, 2025
 - (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.