



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: June 02, 2025

TIME: 8:31 AM

WSR 25-12-084

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-99)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☒ Immediately upon filing.
☐ Later (specify)

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 Cascade River spring Chinook seven days per week and to set Skagit River sockeye seasons.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000K
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 hatchery Chinook harvest opportunity in Cascade River daily and sockeye harvest opportunity in Skagit River.

Treaty fisheries in Cascade River have concluded, rendering weekly recreational closures to avoid gear conflicts unnecessary. Skagit River sockeye returns are forecasted to be sufficient for this in-river fishery. It is also consistent with North of Falcon salmon seasons agreed to with co-managers.

This rule also carries forward previously opened spring Chinook fisheries in the Skagit River in filing WSR 25-12-018. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

Recently enacted state statutes: New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____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: June 2, 2025

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

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

Effective immediately, through July 15, 2025, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 and WAC 220-220-160 regarding salmon seasons 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) Cascade River (Skagit County):

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

Salmon, effective immediately, 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.

(b) From Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge upstream 300 feet: immediately, through July 15, closed waters for all species.

(2) Skagit River (Skagit Co.):

(a) From the Hwy. 536 (Memorial Hwy.) Bridge in Mt. Vernon to the Dalles Bridge in Concrete:

Salmon, effective June 16 through July 15:

- (i) Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than sockeye.
- (ii) Night closure in effect.
- (iii) Anglers who possess a valid two-pole endorsement may fish with two lines.

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

Salmon, effective immediately, 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.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-312-04000K Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (25-92)