



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 12, 2025

TIME: 2:55 PM

WSR 25-13-058

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-117)

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 modify gear restrictions for the previously announced lower Skykomish River hatchery Chinook season.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000N
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 recreational salmon retention and game fish seasons in portions of Skykomish River. Salmon seasons are consistent with fisheries agreed to with co-managers during the 2025 North of Falcon (NOF) Season setting process. Chinook impacts agreed to during the NOF season setting process are sufficient to allow for the game fish seasons listed in this rule. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____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 12, 2025			Signature: 	
Name: Kelly Susewind				
Title: Director				

NEW SECTION

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

Effective immediately, through July 13, 2025, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding salmon and game fish seasons for Skykomish river shall be as described in this section. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed in this section, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

Skykomish River (Snohomish County):

(a) From the mouth to Wallace River:

- (i) Salmon; effective immediately through July 10: Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
- (ii) Game fish; effective immediately, through July 10:
 - (A) Dolly varden/Bull trout: Minimum size 20 inches. May be retained as part of trout daily limit;
 - (B) Trout: Statewide minimum size/daily limit, except cutthroat trout and wild rainbow trout minimum size 14 inches;
 - (C) Other game fish: Statewide minimum size/daily limit;
- (iii) All species; effective immediately, through July 10:
 - (A) Only single-point hooks allowed;
 - (B) Night closure.

(b) From the Railroad Bridge at Big Eddy to the confluence of North and South forks:

Game fish; effective immediately, through July 13:

- (i) Dolly varden/Bull trout: Minimum size 20 inches. May be retained as part of trout daily limit;
- (ii) Trout: Statewide minimum size/daily limit, except cutthroat trout and wild rainbow trout minimum size 14 inches;
- (iii) Other game fish: Statewide minimum size/daily limit;
- (iv) Anti-snagging rules in effect;
- (v) Selective gear rules in effect;
- (vi) Night closure.

REPEALER

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

WAC 220-312-04000N Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (25-118)

