



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 05, 2024

TIME: 4:30 PM

WSR 24-13-004

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-84)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) June 16, 2024

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

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open sockeye seasons in a portion of the Skagit River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000H
 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 sockeye seasons in Skagit River, in accordance with agreed to seasons in the List of Agreed Fisheries (LOAF) set during the 2024 North of Falcon season setting process. Harvestable numbers of sockeye are forecast to return to the Baker system.

The sockeye harvest guideline in the river fishery will be 25% of the state share. The remaining 75% will be reserved for Baker Lake opportunity. Current river sport share is over 4,000 fish, but exact number could change with in-season run-size updates. There will be periodic closures to prevent gear conflicts during tribal fisheries. In-season closures will be announced as soon as possible.

This rule carries forward spring Chinook seasons for Cascade River and Skagit River, previously announced in WSR 24-11-142, on May 21, 2024.

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	___
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:


New	1	Amended	___	Repealed	1
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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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 5, 2024	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

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

Effective June 16 through July 15, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 and WAC 220-220-160 regarding salmon seasons and two-pole fishing for the Skagit River and salmon seasons and all species weekly closures for Cascade River, shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 and WAC 220-220-160 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

(1) Cascade River (Skagit Co.); from mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge:

(a) Salmon, effective immediately, through July 15, 2024:

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

(b) All Species, effective immediately through July 15, 2024: Closed Sundays through Tuesdays.

(2) Skagit River (Skagit Co.):

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

Salmon, effective June 16 through July 15, 2024:

- (i) Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than sockeye.
- (ii) Night Closure in effect.
- (iii) Selective gear rules are not in effect for salmon.

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

Salmon, effective, immediately through July 15, 2024:

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

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective June 16, 2024:
WAC 220-312-04000H Puget Sound salmon—saltwater seasons and daily limits. (24-74)