



# 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 24, 2024

TIME: 8:35 AM

WSR 24-14-011

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-105)

**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 rule is needed to set gear restrictions and open seasons in the Reiter Ponds area of the Skykomish River.

**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- Repealed: WAC 220-312-04000K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 needed to impose Night closure and Anti-snagging rules in a portion of the Skykomish River. This rule will also close the Reiter Ponds area of Skykomish River beginning July 11, 2024. These gear restrictions and seasons were agreed to during the North of Falcon season setting process and are interim until permanent rules take effect.

This rule also carries forward closures in the Snohomish system, previously announced in WSR 24-11-072 and gear restrictions announced in WSR 24-13-086.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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	____

<b>Date Adopted:</b> June 21, 2024
<b>Name:</b> Kelly Susewind
<b>Title:</b> Director

**Signature:**



**WAC 220-312-04000L Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules---Puget Sound.**

Effective immediately, until further notice, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding recreational fishing seasons for the Snohomish River system shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

(1) The following waters are closed to all fishing immediately, until further notice:

- (a) **Cherry Creek**, from mouth upstream
- (b) **Raging River**, from mouth upstream
- (c) **Skykomish River**, from mouth to Hwy. 2 Bridge
- (d) **Skykomish River, North Fork**, from mouth upstream to Bear Creek Falls
- (e) **Skykomish River, South Fork**, from mouth to 600' downstream of Sunset Falls Fishway
- (f) **Snohomish River**, from mouth to confluence of Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers
- (g) **Snoqualmie River**, from mouth to Snoqualmie Falls
- (h) **Sultan River**, from mouth upstream
- (i) **Tolt River**, from mouth to confluence of North and South forks
- (j) **Wallace River**, from mouth to 200' upstream of water intake of salmon hatchery

(2) **Skykomish River**, from Hwy. 2 Bridge to confluence of North and South forks:

- (a) Effective immediately, through July 10, 2024, until further notice: Night closure, Anti-snagging rule, and Selective gear rules in effect for all species.
- (b) Effective July 11, 2024, until further notice: All species: Closed.

**R E P E A L E R**

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

WAC 220-312-04000K Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules---Puget Sound. (24-100)