



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 26, 2024

TIME: 5:32 PM

WSR 24-14-054

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-114)

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: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open recreational fishing in a portion of Cascade River, daily. This rule also imposes a temporary all species fishing closure on Skagit River, from Hwy. 9 in Sedro Woolley to the mouth of the Baker River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-312-040001
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 Cascade River, from the mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge, daily.

Treaty fisheries for hatchery spring Chinook in this section of the Cascade have concluded for the season. Sunday through Tuesday closures to avoid gear conflicts are no longer necessary. The ongoing Skagit system sport fisheries are still within conservation objectives for wild spring Chinook encounters.

A fishing closure in Skagit River, from Hwy. 9 in Sedro Woolley to the Baker River is necessary to avoid gear conflicts during scheduled treaty fisheries.

This rule carries forward spring Chinook and sockeye seasons for Skagit River, previously announced in WSR 24-13-004, on June 5, 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 26, 2024

Name: Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

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

Effective immediately, 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 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:

Salmon, effective immediately, through July 15, 2024:

- (a) Open daily.
- (b) Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.
- (c) Night closure and Anti-snagging rule in effect.

(2) Skagit River (Skagit Co.):

- (a) From the Hwy. 536 (Memorial Hwy. Bridge) in Mt. Vernon to the Hwy. 9 Bridge in Sedro Woolley:

Salmon, effective immediately, 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. 9 Bridge in Sedro Woolley to the Dalles Bridge at Concrete:

(i) Salmon, effective immediately, through June 29, 2024:

- (A) Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than sockeye.
- (B) Night Closure in effect.
- (C) Selective gear rules are not in effect for salmon.

(ii) All species, effective June 30 through July 2, 2024: Closed.

(iii) Salmon, effective July 3 through July 15, 2024:

- (A) Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than sockeye.
- (B) Night Closure in effect.
- (C) Selective gear rules are not in effect for salmon.

- (c) From the Dalles Bridge at Concrete to the mouth of the Baker River:

All species, effective June 30 through July 2, 2024: Closed.

- (d) 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 immediately:
WAC 220-312-04000I Puget Sound salmon—saltwater seasons and daily limits. (24-84)