



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: July 16, 2024

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WSR 24-15-063

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-130)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) July 20, 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 close Chinook retention in the Columbia River from Rock Island Dam to Rocky Reach Dam.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed:
 Amended: WAC 220-312-060
 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 close Chinook retention from Rock Island Dam to 400 feet downstream of Rocky Reach fish ladders.

This Chinook retention closure is needed to ensure broodstock and escapement objectives are met. The current and projected hatchery and natural-origin summer Chinook return to the Wenatchee River are below what is needed to meet minimum spawning escapement and broodstock objectives for the Wenatchee River.

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:

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| Federal statute: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
| Federal rules or standards: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |
| Recently enacted state statutes: | New | _____ | Amended | _____ | Repealed | _____ |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 ____

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____

The number of sections adopted using:

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| Negotiated rule making: | New ____ | Amended ____ | Repealed ____ |
| Pilot rule making: | New ____ | Amended ____ | Repealed ____ |
| Other alternative rule making: | New ____ | Amended ____ | Repealed ____ |

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| Date Adopted: July 16, 2024 | Signature:  |
| Name: Kelly Susewind | |
| Title: Director | |

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-312-06000R Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.

Effective July 20 through October 15, 2024, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding recreational salmon seasons from the Rock Island Dam to 400 feet downstream of Rocky Reach fish ladders, shall be modified as described below, except in areas closed to fishing for salmon and steelhead year-round in WAC 220-312-060. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

Rock Island Dam to the boundary markers 400 feet downstream of the Rocky Reach Dam fish ladders:

Effective July 20 through October 15, 2024: Salmon: Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than sockeye.