



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 23, 2024

TIME: 2:39 PM

WSR 24-15-128

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-135)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) July 25, 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 extend sockeye seasons in the Skagit River.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed:
 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 extend sockeye seasons in Skagit River, from the Hwy. 536 bridge in Mt. Vernon to the Dalles Bridge at Concrete.

Current data indicates the river sport fishery has not reached the harvest guideline for sockeye, and incidental Chinook encounters remain within conservation goals.

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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed ____

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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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: July 23, 2024	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

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

Effective July 25 through July 31, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding Skagit River salmon seasons, shall be modified described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

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

Salmon:

- (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.