



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: September 16, 2024

TIME: 3:31 PM

WSR 24-19-069

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-189)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) September 18, 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 temporarily close recreational fishing in Skagit River from the Hwy. 9 Bridge in Sedro Woolley to the Baker 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 Repealed: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 temporarily close a portion of the Skagit River to avoid gear conflicts with treaty fisheries. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed ____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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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Negotiated rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____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: September 16, 2024	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

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

Effective September 18 through September 19, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding fishing seasons for the Skagit River from the Hwy 9 Bridge in Sedro Woolley to the Baker River shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:

Skagit River (Skagit Co.): From the Hwy 9 Bridge in Sedro Woolley to the Baker River:

All species: Closed Waters.