



# 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 20, 2024

TIME: 1:24 PM

WSR 24-20-026

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-195)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) September 23, 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 recreational fishing in Hoh River and South Fork Hoh River, including their tributaries.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 220-312-020
- 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 emergency rule is necessary to close recreational fishing seasons for the Hoh River, including the South Fork including their tributaries. Low flows have resulted in coho and Chinook holding in the lower river and not moving upstream to spawning grounds. Returning salmon abundance will be monitored and fishing may be reopened as conditions change. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_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 20, 2024

**Name:** Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-312-02000L Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Coast.**

Effective September 23, 2024, until further notice, provisions of WAC 220-312-020 regarding fishing seasons for the Hoh River (Jefferson Co.), Hoh River, South Fork (Jefferson Co.), and their tributaries, shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-020 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

- (1) **Hoh River (Jefferson Co.):** From the Olympic National Park boundary near the mouth upstream to the Olympic National Park boundary below mouth of South Fork Hoh River, including all tributaries:

All species: Closed Waters

- (2) **Hoh River, South Fork (Jefferson Co.):** Outside the Olympic National Park Boundary, including all tributaries:

All species: Closed Waters