



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

CODE REVISER USE ONLY

OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

DATE: October 08, 2024

TIME: 3:00 PM

WSR 24-21-042

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-226)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) October 9, 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 open recreational fishing seasons in the lower Cascade River seven days per week.

**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 Repealed:  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 open recreational fishing seasons daily in the lower Cascade River. Treaty fisheries for coho in this section of the Cascade River have concluded for the season, therefore, Sunday through Tuesday closures to avoid gear conflicts between recreational anglers and treaty fishers are no longer necessary.

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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_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

<b>Date Adopted:</b> October 8, 2024
<b>Name:</b> Kelly Susewind
<b>Title:</b> Director

**Signature:**



## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-312-04000Y Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.**

Effective October 9 through October 31, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 recreational fishing seasons for the Cascade River, shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

Cascade River (Skagit Co.); from mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge:

Gamefish and salmon open daily, October 9 through October 31:

- (a) Anti-snagging rules.
- (b) Night closure.
- (c) Salmon: Daily limit 4 coho. Release all other salmon.
- (d) Game fish: Statewide length/daily limit, except:
  - (i) Cutthroat trout and wild rainbow trout: Minimum length 14 inches.
  - (ii) Dolly Varden/bull trout: Minimum length of 20 inches, count as part of the trout daily limit.