



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: October 14, 2024

TIME: 10:16 AM

WSR 24-21-071

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-234)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) October 16, 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 a portion of the Dungeness River.

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

New:  
 Repealed:  
 Amended: 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:** Unseasonably dry weather has resulted in low water conditions in the Dungeness River system. This closure is necessary to protect Chinook eggs from disruption until river flows are higher and the eggs are more fully developed.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_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New 1 Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_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New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_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 11, 2024	<b>Signature:</b> 
<b>Name:</b> Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind	
<b>Title:</b> Director	

NEW SECTION

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

Effective October 16 through October 22, 2024, provisions of WAC 220-312-020 regarding fishing seasons for the Dungeness River from the mouth to Woodcock Road Bridge, 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:

**Dungeness River (Clallam Co.) from mouth to Woodcock Rd. Bridge:**

All species: Closed.