

**WSR 24-05-056  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 24-24—Filed February 16, 2024, 3:51 p.m., effective February 16, 2024, 3:51 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this rule is to close fox trapping within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests to prevent accidental take of state endangered Cascade red fox.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-417-010.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047.

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.

Reasons for this Finding: This rule is necessary to protect Cascade red fox populations, which are listed as an endangered species in Washington state. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: February 16, 2024.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-417-01000A Trapping seasons and regulations.** Effective immediately, through March 31, 2024, the provisions of WAC 220-417-010 regarding trapping seasons for Fox shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-417-010 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

Fox trapping is <sup>CLOSED</sup> within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests. Effective immediately.