

WAC 220-111-010 Emergency rule criteria. (1) The director may close or shorten a season pursuant to RCW 77.12.150 only:

(a) By emergency rule, and

(b) When the director determines from biological data or climatic conditions which were unforeseen by the commission when the season was established, that the population of game fish, game animals, or game birds is in jeopardy with established seasons, and

(c) When the delay necessary to have the issue determined by emergency action of the commission presents a real and immediate threat to wildlife.

(2) Any emergency rule issued by the director pursuant to this rule shall state:

(a) The time and date when it shall be effective, and

(b) The time and date when it shall terminate, and

(c) The justification for its issuance.

(3) If the director has taken emergency action pursuant to this rule, he/she shall, upon determination that the threat to wildlife has abated, thereafter reopen the season limited to the time period originally set by the commission, and reestablish bag limits as originally set by the commission.

(4) Whenever the director takes action to close, shorten, or reopen a season pursuant to (1) or (3) above, he/she shall first take all reasonable steps to notify commission members the action contemplated.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-111-010, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.150 and 77.12.040. WSR 88-24-004 (Order 325), § 232-12-083, filed 11/29/88.]