

**WSR 22-18-046**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**

**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

(Developmental Disabilities Administration)

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Effective Date of Rule: September 1, 2022.

Purpose: These changes to chapter 388-845 WAC are necessary to implement amendments to the developmental disabilities administration's (DDA) home and community-based services (HCBS) waivers as approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Major changes to the chapter: Adjust the yearly limits applicable to certain waivers; add assistive technology to multiple waivers; remove the positive behavior support and consultation service from all waivers except the community protection waiver; amend the definition of the specialized evaluation and consultation service; and make other changes necessary to implement amendments to DDA's HCBS waivers as approved by CMS.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 388-845-2141, 388-845-2142 and 388-845-2143; repealing WAC 388-845-0501 and 388-845-0506; and amending WAC 388-845-0001, 388-845-0005, 388-845-0010, 388-845-0045, 388-845-0050, 388-845-0070, 388-845-0110, 388-845-0111, 388-845-0210, 388-845-0215, 388-845-0220, 388-845-0225, 388-845-0230, 388-845-0415, 388-845-0425, 388-845-0500, 388-845-0505, 388-845-0510, 388-845-0515, 388-845-0800, 388-845-0805, 388-845-0810, 388-845-0820, 388-845-0900, 388-845-0940, 388-845-1030, 388-845-1040, 388-845-1163, 388-845-1190, 388-845-1192, 388-845-1195, 388-845-1197, 388-845-1660, 388-845-1810, 388-845-1865, 388-845-1890, 388-845-2000, 388-845-2005, 388-845-2010, 388-845-2130, 388-845-2210, 388-845-2260, 388-845-2290, 388-845-3080, 388-845-4000, and 388-845-4005.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120.

Other Authority: 42 C.F.R. 441.301, Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act.

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds 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: Filing these amendments on an emergency basis is necessary to ensure federal compliance and maintain federal funding for the state.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 3, Amended 46, Repealed 2; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 0, 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 3, Amended 46, Repealed 2.

Date Adopted: August 29, 2022.

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## SHS-4942.3

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0001 Definitions.** "Aggregate services" means a combination of services subject to the dollar limits in the basic plus waiver and CIIBS waiver.

"Allocation" means the amount of individual and family services (IFS) waiver funding available to a client for a maximum of ~~((twelve))~~ 12 months.

"Behavior support plan" means a plan written by a professionally trained behavioral health or similar provider to address behavioral health intervention needs.

"CARE" means comprehensive assessment and reporting evaluation.

"Client" means a person who has a developmental disability under RCW 71A.10.020(5) and has been determined eligible to receive services from the administration under chapter 71A.16 RCW.

"DDA" means the developmental disabilities administration, of the department of social and health services.

"DDA assessment" refers to the standardized assessment tool under chapter 388-828 WAC, used by DDA to measure the support needs of people with developmental disabilities.

"Department" means the department of social and health services (DSHS).

"Evidence-based treatment" means the use of physical, mental, and behavioral health interventions for which systematic, empirical research has provided evidence of statistically significant effectiveness as treatments for specific conditions. Alternate terms with the same meaning are evidence-based practice (EBP) and empirically supported treatment (EST).

"Family" means one or more of the following relatives: Spouse or registered domestic partner; natural, adoptive or step((-))parent; grandparent; child; stepchild; sibling; stepsibling; uncle; aunt; first cousin; niece; or nephew.

"Family home" means the residence where you and your family live.

"Gainful employment" means employment that reflects achievement of or progress towards a living wage.

"General utility" describes something used by people in the absence of illness, injury, or disability.

"HCBS waiver" is a home and community based services waiver program under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act.

"Home" means present place of long-term residence.

"ICF/IID" means an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

"Integrated business settings" means a setting that enables participants to either work alongside or interact with individuals who do not have disabilities, or both.

"Integrated settings" mean typical community settings not designed specifically for individuals with disabilities in which the majority of persons employed and participating are individuals without disabilities.

"Legal representative" means a parent of a person who is under ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years of age, a person's legal guardian, a person's limited guardian when the subject matter is within the scope of limited guardianship, a person's attorney-at-law, a person's attorney-in-

fact, or any other person who is authorized by law to act for another person.

"Living wage" means the amount of earned wages needed to enable an individual to meet or exceed his or her living expenses.

"Necessary supplemental accommodation representative" means an individual who receives copies of DDA planned action notices (PANs) and other department correspondence in order to help a client understand the documents and exercise the client's rights. A necessary supplemental accommodation representative is identified by a client of DDA when the client does not have a legal guardian and the client is requesting or receiving DDA services.

"Participant" means a client who is enrolled in a home and community based services waiver program.

"Person-centered service plan" is a document that identifies your goals and assessed health and welfare needs. Your person-centered service plan also indicates the paid services and natural supports that will assist you to achieve your goals and address your assessed needs.

"Primary caregiver" means the person who provides the majority of your care and supervision.

"Provider" means an individual or agency who meets the provider qualifications and is contracted with DSHS to provide services to you.

"Respite assessment" means an algorithm within the DDA assessment that determines the number of hours of respite care you may receive per year if you are enrolled in the basic plus, children's intensive in-home behavioral support, or core waiver.

"SSI" means supplemental security income, an assistance program administered by the federal Social Security Administration for blind, disabled, and aged individuals.

"SSP" means state supplementary payment program, a state-paid cash assistance program for certain clients of the developmental disabilities administration.

"State-funded services" means services that are funded entirely with state dollars.

"You" means the client or participant.

"Waiver year" means the ~~((twelve))~~ 12-month period starting from the initial or annual plan effective date in the client's person-centered service plan.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0001, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-0001, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0001, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0001, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.520, and 2012 c 49. WSR 12-16-095, § 388-845-0001, filed 8/1/12, effective 9/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1) (i), and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-0001, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 08-20-033, § 388-845-0001, filed 9/22/08, effective 10/23/08; WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-0001, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0001, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-04-005, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13)

**WAC 388-845-0005 What are home and community based services (HCBS) waivers?** (1) Home and community based services (HCBS) waivers are services approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act as an alternative to intermediate care facility for the individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID).

(2) Certain federal regulations are "waived" enabling the provision of services in the home and community to individuals who would otherwise require the services provided in an ICF/IID as defined in chapters 388-835 and 388-837 WAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 74.08.090 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-04-005, § 388-845-0005, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0005, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-04-005, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13)

**WAC 388-845-0010 What is the purpose of HCBS waivers?** The purpose of HCBS waivers is to provide services in the community to individuals with ICF/IID level of need to prevent their placement in an ICF/IID.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 74.08.090 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-04-005, § 388-845-0010, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0010, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0045 When there is capacity to add people to a waiver, how does DDA determine who will be enrolled?** When there is capacity on a waiver (~~and available funding for new waiver participants~~), DDA may enroll people from the statewide database in a waiver based on the following priority considerations:

(1) First priority will be given to current waiver participants assessed to require a different waiver because their identified health and welfare needs have increased and these needs cannot be met within the scope of their current waiver.

(2) DDA may also consider any of the following populations in any order:

(a) Priority populations as identified and funded by the legislature.

(b) Persons DDA has determined to be in immediate risk of ICF/IID admission due to unmet health and welfare needs.

(c) Persons identified as a risk to the safety of the community.

(d) Persons currently receiving services through state-only funds.

(e) Persons on an HCBS waiver that provides services in excess of what is needed to meet their identified health and welfare needs.

(f) Persons who were previously on an HCBS waiver since April 2004 and lost waiver eligibility per WAC 388-845-0060 (1)(k).

(3) DDA may consider persons who need the waiver services available in the basic plus or IFS waivers to maintain them in their family's home or in their own home.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0045, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0045, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0045, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 74.08.090 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-04-005, § 388-845-0045, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1)(i), and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-0045, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 08-20-033, § 388-845-0045, filed 9/22/08, effective 10/23/08; WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-0045, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0045, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-24-045, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14)

**WAC 388-845-0050 How do I request to be enrolled in a waiver?**

(1) You can contact DDA and request to be enrolled in a waiver or to enroll in a different waiver at any time.

(2) If you are assessed as meeting ICF/IID level of care as defined in WAC 388-845-0070 and chapter 388-828 WAC, your request for waiver enrollment will be documented by DDA in a statewide database.

(3) For the children's intensive in-home behavioral support (CIIBS) waiver only, if you are assessed as meeting both ICF/IID level of care and CIIBS eligibility as defined in WAC 388-845-0030 and chapter 388-828 WAC, your request for waiver enrollment will be documented by DDA in a statewide database.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0050, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 74.08.090 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-04-005, § 388-845-0050, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1)(i), and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-0050, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-0050, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0050, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-24-045, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14)

**WAC 388-845-0070 What determines if I need ICF/IID level of care?** DDA determines if you need ICF/IID level of care based on your need for waiver services. To reach this decision, DDA uses the DDA assessment as specified in chapter 388-828 WAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0070, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 74.08.090 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-04-005, § 388-845-0070, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-0070, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0070, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0110 What are the limits to the waiver services you may receive?** The following limits apply to the waiver services you may receive:

(1) A service must be available in your waiver and address an unmet need identified in your person-centered service plan.

(2) Stabilization services may be added to your person-centered service plan after the services have been provided.

(3) Waiver services are limited to services required to prevent placement in an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID).

(4) The daily cost of your waiver services must not exceed the average daily cost of care in an ICF/IID.

(5) Waiver services must not replace or duplicate other available paid or unpaid supports or services. Before DDA will cover a service through waiver services, you must first request and be denied all applicable covered benefits through private insurance, medicare, the medicaid state plan, and other resources.

(6) Waiver funding must not be authorized for treatments determined by DSHS to be experimental or investigational under WAC 182-531-0050.

(7) For the individual and family services (IFS) waiver, basic plus waiver, and children's intensive in-home behavioral support waiver, services must not exceed the yearly limits specified in these programs for specific services or combinations of services.

(8) Your choice of qualified providers and services is limited to the most cost-effective option that meets your unmet need identified in your person-centered service plan.

(9) Services provided out-of-state, other than in recognized bordering cities, are limited to respite care ((and personal care)) during vacations of not more than ((thirty)) 30 consecutive days.

(10) You may receive services in a recognized out-of-state bordering city under WAC 182-501-0175.

(11) Other out-of-state waiver services require an approved exception to rule before DDA will authorize payment.

(12) Waiver services do not cover:

- (a) Copays;
- (b) Deductibles;
- (c) Dues;
- (d) Membership fees; or
- (e) Subscriptions.

(13) Waiver services do not cover a product unless the product is:

- (a) The most basic model of the product available that can meet your health and safety need related to your intellectual or developmental disability;
- (b) The least restrictive means for meeting that need; and
- (c) Requested by you.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0110, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-0110, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0110, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0110, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-0110, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0110, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-17-009, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16)

**WAC 388-845-0111 Are there limitations regarding who can provide services?** The following limitations apply to providers for waiver services:

- (1) Your spouse must not be your paid provider for any waiver service.
- (2) If you are under age (~~(eighteen)~~) 18, your natural, step, or adoptive parent must not be your paid provider for any waiver service.
- (3) If you are age (~~(eighteen)~~) 18 or older, your natural, step, or adoptive parent must not be your paid provider for any waiver service with the exception of:
  - ~~((a) Personal care;))~~
  - ~~((b))~~ (a) Transportation to and from a waiver service;
  - ~~((e))~~ (b) Residential habilitation services per WAC 388-845-1510 if your parent is certified as a residential agency per chapter 388-101 WAC; or
  - ~~((d))~~ (c) Respite care if you and the parent who provides the respite care live in separate homes.
- (4) If you receive CIIBS waiver services, your legal representative or family member per WAC 388-845-0001 must not be your paid provider for any waiver service with the exception of:
  - (a) Transportation to and from a waiver service; and
  - (b) Respite per WAC 388-845-1605 through 388-845-1620.

[Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0111, filed

8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1)(i), and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-0111, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-0111, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07.]

**Reviser's note:** The typographical error in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0210 What services are available under the basic plus waiver?** The following services are available under the basic plus waiver:

SERVICE	YEARLY LIMIT
AGGREGATE SERVICES: <u>Assistive technology</u> Extermination of cimex lectularius (bedbugs) Community engagement Environmental adaptations Occupational therapy Physical therapy ((Positive behavior support and consultation Skilled nursing Specialized equipment and supplies Specialized habilitation Speech, hearing, and language services Staff and family consultation Transportation Wellness education	Total costs must not exceed ((six thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars)) <u>\$6,192</u> per year per participant
Therapeutic adaptations	Limited to a single one-time authorization every five years and limited to funds available in the client's aggregate and emergency funding
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES: Individual technical assistance Supported employment Community inclusion	Limits determined by DDA assessment and employment status Limits determined by the person-centered service plan



SERVICE	YEARLY LIMIT
STABILIZATION SERVICES: Crisis diversion bed Specialized habilitation Staff and family consultation	Limits determined by ((a)) the person-centered service plan
Respite care	Limits determined by DDA assessment
Risk assessment	Limits determined by DDA
Community engagement Environmental adaptations Occupational therapy Physical therapy <del>((Positive behavior support))</del> Specialized equipment and supplies Speech, hearing, and language services Skilled nursing Staff and family consultation Transportation	<del>((Six thousand dollars))</del> \$6,000 per year for emergency assistance funding

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0210, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-0210, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0210, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0210, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 08-20-033, § 388-845-0210, filed 9/22/08, effective 10/23/08; WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-0210, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120. WSR 07-05-014, § 388-845-0210, filed 2/9/07, effective 3/12/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0210, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

**Reviser's note:** RCW 34.05.395 requires the use of underlining and deletion marks to indicate amendments to existing rules. The rule published above varies from its predecessor in certain respects not indicated by the use of these markings.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0215 What services are available under the core waiver?** (1) The following services are available under the core waiver:

SERVICE	YEARLY LIMIT
<u>Assistive technology</u> Extermination of cimex lectularius (bedbugs) Community engagement Community transition Environmental adaptations Occupational therapy Physical therapy ((Positive behavior support and consultation)) Residential habilitation Risk assessment Skilled nursing Specialized equipment and supplies <u>Specialized habilitation</u> Speech, hearing, and language services Staff and family consultation <u>Supported parenting</u> Transportation Wellness education	Determined by the person-centered service plan
((Specialized habilitation	Limited to four thousand dollars per waiver year))
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES: Individualized technical assistance Supported employment	Limits determined by DDA assessment and employment status
Community inclusion	Limits determined by the person-centered service plan
STABILIZATION SERVICES: Crisis diversion bed Specialized habilitation Staff and family consultation	Limits determined by the person-centered service plan
Respite care	Limits determined by DDA assessment

(2) A participant's core waiver services are subject to additional limits under this chapter.

(3) The total cost of a participant's core waiver services must not exceed the average cost of care at an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0215, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-0215, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and

71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0215, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0215, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-0215, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0215, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0220 What services are available under the community protection waiver?** (1) The following services are available under the community protection waiver:

SERVICE	YEARLY LIMIT
<u>Assistive technology</u> Extermination of cimex lectularius (bedbugs) Community transition Environmental adaptations Occupational therapy Physical therapy Positive behavior support and consultation Residential habilitation Risk assessment Skilled nursing Specialized equipment and supplies <u>Specialized evaluation and consultation</u> Speech, hearing, and language services Staff and family consultation Transportation	Determined by the person-centered service plan
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES: Individual technical assistance Supported employment	Limits determined by DDA assessment and employment status
STABILIZATION SERVICES: Crisis diversion bed Specialized habilitation Staff and family consultation	Limits determined by the person-centered service plan

(2) A participant's community protection waiver services are subject to additional limits under this chapter.

(3) The total cost of a participant's community protection waiver services must not exceed the average cost of care at an intermediate

care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0220, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-0220, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0220, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0220, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-0220, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0220, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0225 What services are available under the children's intensive in-home behavioral support (CIIBS) waiver?** (1) The following services are available under the children's intensive in-home behavioral support (CIIBS) waiver:

SERVICE	YEARLY LIMIT
Assistive technology Environmental adaptations Nurse delegation Specialized clothing Specialized equipment and supplies Specialized habilitation Staff and family consultation Transportation Vehicle modifications	<del>((Fifteen thousand dollars))</del> <u>\$15,000</u> per year for any combination of services
Respite care	Limits determined by the DDA assessment.
STABILIZATION SERVICES: Crisis diversion bed Specialized habilitation Staff and family consultation	Limits determined by the person-centered service plan
<del>((Risk assessment Positive behavior support</del>	<del>Limits determined by DDA))</del>
Environmental adaptations (Accessibility and repairs) Specialized habilitation Staff and family consultation Vehicle modifications	<del>((Six thousand dollars))</del> <u>\$6,000</u> per year for emergency assistance funding

SERVICE	YEARLY LIMIT
Music therapy Equine therapy Peer mentoring Person-centered plan facilitation	<del>((Five thousand dollars))</del> \$5,000 per year for combination of services
Therapeutic adaptations	Limited to a single, one-time authorization not to exceed <del>((fifteen thousand dollars))</del> \$15,000 every five waiver years

(2) A participant's CIIBS waiver services are subject to additional limits under this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0225, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-0225, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0225, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0225, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1)(i), and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-0225, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0230 What services are available under the individual and family services (IFS) waiver?** (1) The following services are available under the individual and family services (IFS) waiver:

SERVICE	YEARLY LIMIT
Assistive technology Community engagement Environmental adaptations Occupational therapy Peer mentoring Person-centered plan facilitation Physical therapy <del>((Positive behavior support and consultation))</del> Respite care Skilled nursing Specialized clothing Specialized equipment and supplies	Total cost of waiver services must not exceed annual allocation determined by the person-centered service plan

SERVICE	YEARLY LIMIT
Specialized habilitation Speech, hearing, and language services Staff and family consultation Supported parenting services Transportation Vehicle modifications Wellness education	
Therapeutic adaptations	Limited to a one-time authorization every five years and limited to funds available in the client's <del>((aggregate and emergency services))</del> <u>annual allocation</u>
Risk assessment	Limits determined by the person-centered service plan
STABILIZATION SERVICES: Crisis diversion bed Specialized habilitation Staff and family consultation	Limits determined by the person-centered service plan. Costs are excluded from the annual allocation.

(2) Your IFS waiver services annual allocation is based upon the DDA assessment under chapter 388-828 WAC. The DDA assessment determines your service level and annual allocation based on your assessed need. Annual allocations are as follows:

- (a) Level 1 = (~~one thousand two hundred dollars~~) \$1,560;
- (b) Level 2 = (~~one thousand eight hundred dollars~~) \$2,340;
- (c) Level 3 = (~~two thousand four hundred dollars~~) \$3,120; or
- (d) Level 4 = (~~three thousand six hundred dollars~~) \$4,680.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0230, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21; WSR 20-05-080, § 388-845-0230, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-0230, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0230, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-05-080, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20)

**WAC 388-845-0415 What is assistive technology?** Assistive technology consists of items, equipment, or product systems, not related to a client's physical health, that are used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of waiver participants, increase safety, or increase social engagement in the community, as well as supports to directly assist the participant to select, acquire, and use

the technology. Assistive technology is available (~~in the CIIBS and IFS~~) on all DDA HCBS waivers, and includes the following:

- (1) The evaluation of the needs of the waiver participant, including a functional evaluation of the participant in the participant's customary environment;
- (2) Purchasing, leasing, or otherwise providing for the acquisition of assistive technology devices;
- (3) Selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, retaining, repairing, or replacing assistive technology devices;
- (4) Coordinating and using other therapies, interventions, or services with assistive technology devices, such as those associated with existing education and rehabilitation plans and programs;
- (5) Training or technical assistance for the participant and(~~/~~~~or~~) if appropriate, the participant's family; and
- (6) Training or technical assistance for professionals, including individuals providing education and rehabilitation services, employers, or other individuals who provide services to, employ, or are otherwise involved in the assistive technology related life functions of individuals with disabilities.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 20-05-080, § 388-845-0415, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0415, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1)(i), and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-0415, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0425 Are there limits to the assistive technology you may receive?** The assistive technology you may receive has the following limits:

- (1) Assistive technology is limited to additional services not otherwise covered under the medicaid state plan, including EPSDT, but consistent with waiver objectives of avoiding institutionalization.
- (2) Clinical and support needs for assistive technology must be identified in your DDA assessment and documented in the person-centered service plan.
- (3) DDA requires a treating professional's written recommendation regarding your need for the technology. This recommendation must take into account that:
  - (a) The treating professional has personal knowledge of and experience with the requested assistive technology; and
  - (b) The treating professional has recently examined you, reviewed your medical records, and conducted a functional evaluation of your use of the equipment and determined its effectiveness in meeting your identified need.
- (4) Assistive technology exceeding \$550 requires prior approval by the DDA regional administrator or designee.
- (5) DDA may require a written second opinion from a DDA-selected professional.

(6) The dollar amounts for your individual and family services (IFS) waiver annual allocation limit the amount of assistive technology you are authorized to receive.

(7) Assistive technology excludes any item that is for recreational or diversion purposes such as a television, cable, or DVD player.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0500 What is positive behavior support and consultation?** (1) Positive behavior support and consultation is ~~((available on all of the DDA HCBS waivers. A participant is eligible for positive behavior support and consultation if the participant is:~~

~~(a) Under age 21 and currently authorized to receive positive behavior support and consultation for the support of behavioral health or autism treatment when unable to access through the medicaid state plan; or~~

~~(b) On the community protection waiver and requires behavior support to address sexual aggression, arson, or assaultive behaviors which make the client eligible for the community protection waiver)) a service available only on the community protection waiver. Effective September 1, 2022, this service is no longer available on any other waiver.~~

(2) Positive behavior support and consultation includes the development and implementation of programs designed to support waiver participants using:

(a) Individualized strategies for effectively relating to caregivers and other people in the waiver participant's life; and

(b) Direct interventions with the person to decrease aggressive, destructive, and sexually inappropriate or other behaviors that compromise their ability to remain in the community (i.e., training, specialized cognitive counseling, conducting a functional assessment, and development and implementation of a positive behavior support plan).

(3) Effective September 1, 2022, positive behavior support and consultation is available to a community protection waiver participant if the participant:

(a) Is currently authorized to receive positive behavior support and consultation; and

(b) Is receiving positive behavior support and consultation for the sexual aggression, arson, or assaultive behaviors that make the participant eligible for the community protection waiver.



(4) Effective September 1, 2022, a community protection participant currently receiving positive behavior support and consultation shall only be eligible for that service until the end of their waiver year.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-14-001, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18)

**WAC 388-845-0505 Who is a qualified provider of positive behavior support and consultation?** Under the (~~(basic plus, core,)~~) community protection (CP) waiver, (~~(and individual and family services (IFS) waivers,)~~) the provider of positive behavior support and consultation must be one of the following professionals contracted with DDA and duly licensed, registered, or certified as a:

- (1) Marriage and family therapist;
- (2) Mental health counselor;
- (3) Psychologist;
- (4) Sex offender treatment provider;
- (5) Social worker;
- (6) Registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN);
- (7) Psychiatrist;
- (8) Psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP);
- (9) Physician assistant working under the supervision of a psychiatrist;
- (10) Counselor registered or certified under chapter 18.19 RCW; (~~((11) Polygrapher;))~~ or (~~((12))~~) (11) State-operated positive behavior support agency qualified to provide behavioral health stabilization services.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-0505, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0505, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0505, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1)(i), and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-0505, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0505, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0510 Are there limits to the positive behavior support and consultation you may receive?** (1) Clinical and support needs for positive behavior support and consultation must be identified in your DDA assessment and documented in the person-centered service plan.

(2) DDA determines the amount of positive behavior support and consultation you may receive based on your needs and information from your treating professional.

(3) ~~((The dollar amounts for aggregate services in your basic plus waiver or the dollar amounts in the annual allocation for the individual and family services (IFS) waiver limit the amount of service unless provided as a stabilization service.))~~ Positive behavior support and consultation is closed to new enrollment effective September 1, 2022.

(4) DDA must not authorize positive behavior support and consultation for service dates on or after September 1, 2023.

(5) Effective September 1, 2022, a community protection participant currently receiving positive behavior support and consultation shall only be eligible for that service until the end of their waiver year.

~~((4))~~ (6) DDA may require a second opinion from a DDA-selected provider.

~~((5) Positive behavior support and consultation requires prior approval by the DDA regional administrator or designee for the following waivers:~~

~~(a) Basic plus;~~

~~(b) Core;~~

~~(c) Children's intensive in-home behavior support (CIIBS); and~~

~~(d) IFS.))~~

~~((6) Positive behavior support and consultation services are limited to services:~~

~~(a) Consistent with waiver objectives of avoiding institutionalization; and~~

~~(b) That are not a covered benefit under the medicaid state plan.))~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0510, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-0510, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-0510, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-0510, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 74.08.090 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-04-005, § 388-845-0510, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-0510, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0510, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0515 What is extermination of bedbugs?** (1) Extermination of cimex lectularius (bedbugs) is professional extermination of bedbugs.

(2) DDA covers professional extermination of bedbugs in your primary residence if you:

(a) (~~Receive residential habilitation services~~) Live with a non-relative primary caregiver; or

(b) Live in a private house or apartment for which you are financially responsible.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0515, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-0515, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0800 What is emergency assistance funding?** Emergency assistance funding is a temporary increase of (~~ninety~~) 90 days or less to the yearly basic plus or CIIBS waiver aggregate dollar limit when additional waiver aggregate services under WAC 388-845-0820 are required to avoid placement in an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID).

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 06-01-024, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06)

**WAC 388-845-0805 Who is a qualified provider of emergency assistance funding?** The provider of the service you need to meet your emergency must meet the provider qualifications for that service.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-0805, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0810 How do I qualify for emergency assistance fund-  
ing?** You qualify for emergency assistance funding only if you have used all of your CIIBS or basic plus aggregate funding and your current situation meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) You involuntarily lose your present residence for any reason either temporary or permanent;
- (2) You lose your present caregiver for any reason, including death;
- (3) There are changes in your caregiver's mental or physical status resulting in the caregiver's inability to perform effectively for the individual; or
- (4) There are significant changes in your emotional or physical condition that requires a temporary increase in the amount of a waiver service.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0820 Are there limits to your use of emergency as-**  
**sistance funding?** All of the following limits apply to the emergency assistance funding you may receive.

(1) Prior approval by the DDA regional administrator or designee is required based on a reassessment of your person-centered service plan to determine the need for emergency assistance.

(2) Payment authorizations are reviewed every (~~thirty~~) 30 days and must not exceed (~~six thousand dollars~~) \$6,000 per (~~twelve~~) 12 months based on the effective date of your current person-centered service plan.

(3) Emergency assistance funding is limited to the following aggregate services when on the basic plus waiver:

- (a) Community engagement;
- (b) Environmental adaptations;
- (c) Occupational therapy;
- (d) Physical therapy;
- (e) Positive behavior support and consultation;
- (f) Skilled nursing;
- (g) Specialized equipment and supplies;
- (h) Speech, hearing, and language services;
- (i) Staff and family consultation, which excludes individual and family counseling;
- (j) Transportation; and
- (k) Therapeutic adaptations.

(4) Emergency assistance funding is limited to the following services when on the CIIBS waiver:

- (a) Environmental adaptations;

- (b) Specialized habilitation;
- (c) Staff and family consultation; and
- (d) Vehicle modifications.

(5) Emergency assistance funding may be used for interim services until:

- (a) The emergency situation has been resolved;
- (b) You are transferred to alternative supports that meet your assessed needs; or
- (c) You are transferred to an alternate waiver that provides the service you need.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0900 What are environmental adaptations?** (1) Environmental adaptations provide minimum necessary physical adaptations to the existing home and existing rooms within the home required by the individual's person-centered service plan needed to:

- (a) Ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the individual;
- (b) Enable the individual who would otherwise require institutionalization to function with greater independence in the home; and
- (c) Increase the individual's independence inside or outside the home to allow the individual to physically enter and move within the home.

(2) Examples of environmental adaptations include installing stair lifts, installing ramps and grab bars, widening doorways, modifying the individual's primary bathroom, or installing specialized electrical or plumbing systems necessary to accommodate the medical equipment and supplies that are necessary for the welfare of the individual.

(3) Environmental adaptations are available in all of the DDA HCBS waivers.

(4) Only the children's intensive in-home behavioral support (~~((CIIBS))~~ and) individual and family services (~~((IFS))~~), core, and community protection waivers may include adaptations to the home necessary to prevent or repair damage to the structure of the home caused by the participant's behavior, as addressed in the participant's behavior support plan.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0900, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21; WSR 20-05-080, §

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-0940 Are there limits to the equine therapy I may receive?** The following limits apply to your receipt of equine therapy:

(1) Support needs for equine therapy are limited to those identified in your DDA assessment and documented in the person-centered service plan.

(2) The department requires your behavior specialist's written recommendation regarding your need for the service. This recommendation must take into account that the service is expected to complement the existing behavior support plan to address behavior support needs.

~~((3) Equine therapy requires prior approval by the DDA regional administrator or designee.)~~

~~((4))~~ (3) DDA may require a second opinion by the department-selected provider.

~~((5))~~ (4) Equine therapy services must not exceed the CIIBS combined specialized-hourly services allocation of ~~((five thousand dollars))~~ \$5,000 per ~~((plan))~~ waiver year.

~~((6))~~ (5) Equine therapy services must not be used to provide hippotherapy, which is an occupational therapy service.

~~((7))~~ (6) The department reserves the right to terminate the authorization for equine therapy services if there is not a demonstrable improvement in behavior as documented by the contracted equine therapist or other treatment provider.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-0940, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21.]

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-03-174, filed 1/23/18, effective 2/23/18)

**WAC 388-845-1030 What are individualized technical assistance services?** Individualized technical assistance services:

- (1) Provide short-term, professional expertise to identify and address barriers to employment services or community inclusion; and
- (2) Are available in addition to supports received through supported employment services and community inclusion for an individual who has not yet achieved his or her goal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.040, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, and 42 C.F.R. § 441.301 (c)(4)-(5). WSR 18-03-174, § 388-845-1030, filed 1/23/18, effective 2/23/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-1030, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.520, and 2012 c 49. WSR 12-16-095, § 388-845-1030, filed 8/1/12, effective 9/1/12.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-03-174, filed 1/23/18, effective 2/23/18)

**WAC 388-845-1040 Are there limits to the individualized technical assistance services you may receive?** (1) The developmental disabilities administration (DDA) may authorize a maximum of (~~three~~) six months of individualized technical assistance at a time, not to exceed six months in the (~~plan~~) waiver year.

(2) Individualized technical assistance services are available on the basic plus, core, and community protection waivers.

(3) Individualized technical assistance services are available only to individuals who are receiving supported employment services, unless approved by the regional administrator or his or her designee.

(4) Individualized technical assistance services are limited to additional hours under WAC 388-828-9355 and 388-828-9360.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.040, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, and 42 C.F.R. § 441.301 (c)(4)-(5). WSR 18-03-174, § 388-845-1040, filed 1/23/18, effective 2/23/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-1040, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-1040, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.520, and 2012 c 49. WSR 12-16-095, § 388-845-1040, filed 8/1/12, effective 9/1/12.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-1163 Are there limits to the music therapy I may receive?** The following limits apply to your receipt of music therapy:

- (1) Support needs for music therapy are limited to those identified in your DDA assessment and documented in the person-centered service plan.

(2) The department requires your behavior specialist's written recommendation regarding your need for the service. This recommendation must take into account that music therapy is expected to complement the existing behavior support plan to address behavior support needs.

~~((3) Music therapy requires prior approval by the DDA regional administrator or designee.))~~

~~((4))~~ (3) DDA may require a second opinion by a department-selected provider.

~~((5))~~ (4) Music therapy must not exceed the CIIBS combined specialized-hourly services allocation of ~~((five thousand dollars))~~ \$5,000 per year.

~~((6))~~ (5) The department reserves the right to terminate the service authorization for music therapy if there is not a demonstrable improvement in behavior as documented by the certified music therapist or other treatment provider.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-1163, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21.]

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-05-080, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20)

**WAC 388-845-1190 What is peer mentoring?** (1) Peer mentoring is a form of mentorship that takes place between a person who has lived through an experience (peer mentor) and a person who is new to that experience (mentee). Peer mentors use their experience to inform, support, and train mentees to successfully navigate new experiences related to or impacted by their disability.

(2) A peer mentor may provide support and guidance to a waiver participant and the participant's family.

(3) A peer mentor may connect a waiver participant to local community services, programs, and resources and answer participant questions or suggest other sources of support.

(4) Peer mentoring is available in the IFS and CIIBS waivers.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 20-05-080, § 388-845-1190, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-1190, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-05-080, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20)

**WAC 388-845-1192 What limits apply to peer mentoring?** (1) Support needs for peer mentoring are limited to those identified in the waiver participant's DDA assessment and documented in the person-centered service plan.

(2) DDA does not contract with a peer mentor to mentor a member of the mentor's own family.



(3) A waiver participant's peer mentoring services are limited to the participant's annual IFS waiver allocation.

(4) A CIIBS waiver participant's peer mentoring services are limited to the funding available in their CIIBS funding allocation under WAC 388-845-0225.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 20-05-080, § 388-845-1192, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-1192, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-17-009, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16)

**WAC 388-845-1195 What is person-centered plan facilitation?** (1)

Person-centered plan facilitation is an approach to forming life plans that is centered on the individual. It is used as a life planning process to enable individuals with disabilities to increase personal self-determination. Person-centered plan facilitation is available in the IFS and CIIBS waivers.

(2) Person-centered plan facilitation typically includes:

- (a) Identifying and developing a potential circle of people who know and care about the individual;
- (b) Exploring what matters to the waiver participant by listening to and learning from the person;
- (c) Developing a vision for a meaningful life, as defined by the waiver participant, which may include goals for education, employment, housing, relationships, and recreation;
- (d) Discovering capacities and assets of the waiver participant, and his or her family, neighborhood, and support network;
- (e) Generating an action plan; and
- (f) Facilitating follow-up meetings to track progress toward goals.

[Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-1195, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-1197 What limitations are there for person-centered plan facilitation?** (1) Support needs for person-centered planning facilitation are limited to those identified in the waiver participant's DDA assessment and documented in the person-centered service plan.

(2) Person-centered plan facilitation may include follow up contacts with the waiver participant and his or her family to consult on plan implementation.

(3) ~~((The dollar amounts for the waiver participants' annual allocation in the IFS waiver limit the amount of person-centered plan facilitation service the individual is authorized to receive.))~~ An IFS

waiver participant's person-centered plan facilitation is limited to the participant's annual allocation.

(4) A CIIBS waiver participant's person-centered plan facilitation is limited to the funding available in their CIIBS funding allocation under WAC 388-845-0225.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-1197, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-1197, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-14-001, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18)

**WAC 388-845-1660 Are there limits to the risk assessment you may receive?** (1) Clinical and support needs for a risk assessment are limited to those identified in your DDA assessment and documented in your person-centered service plan.

(2) A risk assessment must meet requirements under WAC ((246-930-320)) 388-831-0060.

(3) A risk assessment requires prior approval by the DDA regional administrator or designee.

(4) The cost of a risk assessment does not count toward the:

(a) Dollar limit for aggregate services in the basic plus waiver;

(b) Annual allocation in the individual and family services waiver; or

(c) ((Monthly average cost limit)) Aggregate budget amounts available in the children's intensive in-home behavior support waiver.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-1660, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-1660, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-1660, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 08-20-033, § 388-845-1660, filed 9/22/08, effective 10/23/08; WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-1660, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-1660, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-1810 Are there limits to the specialized equipment and supplies you may receive?** The following limits apply to the specialized equipment and supplies you may receive:

(1) Habilitative support needs for specialized equipment and supplies are limited to those identified in your DDA person-centered assessment and documented in your person-centered service plan.

(2) Specialized equipment and supplies over \$550 require prior approval by the DDA regional administrator or designee (~~for each authorization~~).

(3) When your medical professional recommends specialized equipment and supplies for you, DDA may require a second opinion by a DDA-selected provider.

(4) Items must be of direct medical or remedial benefit to you or required to prevent institutionalization and necessary as a result of your disability.

(5) Items requested to address a sensory integration need must have an accompanying therapeutic plan written by a current treating professional.

~~((5))~~ (6) Medications, first aid supplies, antiseptic supplies, personal hygiene products, supplements, and vitamins are excluded.

~~((6))~~ (7) The dollar amounts for aggregate services in your basic plus or CIIBS waiver limit the amount of service you may receive.

~~((7))~~ (8) The dollar amounts for your annual allocation in your individual and family services (IFS) waiver limit the amount of service you may receive.

~~((8))~~ (9) Items excluded from specialized equipment and supplies include:

(a) Items of general utility; and

(b) Nonspecialized recreational or exercise equipment, including but not limited to trampolines, treadmills, swing sets, and hot tubs.

~~((9))~~ (10) Specialized equipment and supplies are limited to additional services not otherwise covered under the medicaid state plan, including EPSDT, but consistent with waiver objectives of avoiding institutionalization.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-1810, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21; WSR 20-05-080, § 388-845-1810, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-1810, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-1810, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-1810, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-1810, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-1810, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-14-001, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18)

**WAC 388-845-1865 Are there limits to your receipt of specialized clothing?** (1) The following limits apply to specialized clothing you may receive:

(a) Clinical and support needs for specialized clothing are limited to those identified in your DDA assessment and documented in your person-centered service plan.

(b) DDA requires written documentation from an appropriate health professional regarding your need for the service. This recommendation

must take into account that the health professional has recently examined you, reviewed your medical records, and conducted an assessment.

(c) DDA may require a second opinion from a DDA-selected provider.

(2) For the IFS waiver, the dollar amount for your annual allocation limits the amount of service you may receive.

(3) For the CIIBS waiver, the dollar amount for your aggregate services limits the amount of service you may receive.

~~((3))~~ (4) You must receive prior approval from the DDA regional administrator or designee to receive specialized clothing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-1865, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-1865, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-1890 Are there limits to the specialized habilitation I may receive?** The following limits apply to your receipt of specialized habilitation:

(1) Specialized habilitation is limited to address a maximum of three goals at a time.

(2) Specialized habilitation support needs must be identified in your DDA assessment and specialized habilitation must be documented in your person-centered service plan.

(3) Specialized habilitation must not exceed:

~~((a) Four thousand dollars of your basic plus aggregate funding;))~~

~~((b))~~ (a) Your IFS annual allocation in combination with other waiver services; or

~~((c) Fifteen thousand dollars))~~ (b) \$15,000 within your total CIIBS aggregate budget and ~~((six thousand dollars))~~ \$6,000 emergency assistance funding when eligible per WAC 388-845-0800 and 388-845-0820.

(4) Specialized habilitation does not cover education, vocational, skills acquisition training through community first choice, behavioral health, ABA, skilled nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or speech, language, and hearing services that are covered benefits through the medicaid state plan, including early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment, and part B special education services.

(5) Specialized habilitation must not be authorized to clients enrolled in residential habilitation.

(6) Habilitation plans must be documented as formal plans as outlined in the provider's contract.

(7) Specialized habilitation, not provided as a stabilization service, requires prior approval by the DDA regional administrator or designee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-1890, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21.]

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-2000 What is staff and family consultation? (1)**

Staff and family consultation is assistance, not covered by the medic-aid state plan, to families or direct service providers to help them meet the individualized and specific needs of a participant as outlined in the participant's person-centered service plan and necessary to improve the participant's independence and inclusion in their community.

(2) Staff and family consultation is available in all DDA HCBS waivers.

(3) Staff and family consultation is consultation and guidance to a staff member or family member about one or more of the following:

(a) Health and medication monitoring to track and report to healthcare provider;

(b) Positioning and transfer;

(c) Basic and advanced instructional techniques;

(d) Consultation with potential referral resources;

(e) Augmentative communication systems;

(f) Diet and nutritional guidance;

(g) Disability information and education;

(h) Strategies for effectively and therapeutically interacting with the participant;

(i) Environmental consultation;

(j) Assistive technology safety;

(k) Parenting skills; and

~~((k) An existing plan of care; and))~~

(l) For the basic plus, IFS, and CIIBS waivers only, individual and family counseling.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-2000, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21; WSR 20-05-080, § 388-845-2000, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-2000, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-2000, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-2000, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 74.08.090 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-04-005, § 388-845-2000, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1)(i), and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-2000, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-2000, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-2000, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-2005 Who is a qualified provider of staff and family consultation?** To provide staff and family consultation, a provider must be contracted with DDA and be one of the following licensed, registered, or certified professionals:

- (1) Audiologist;
- (2) Licensed practical nurse;
- (3) Marriage and family therapist;
- (4) Mental health counselor;
- (5) Occupational therapist;
- (6) Physical therapist;
- (7) Registered nurse;
- (8) Sex offender treatment provider;
- (9) Speech-language pathologist;
- (10) Social worker;
- (11) Psychologist;
- (12) Certified American Sign Language instructor;
- (13) Nutritionist;
- (14) Counselors registered or certified in accordance with chapter 18.19 RCW;
- (15) Certified dietician;
- (16) Recreation therapist registered in Washington and certified by the national council for therapeutic recreation;
- ~~((17) Providers listed in WAC 388-845-0506 and contracted with DDA to provide CIIBS intensive services;))~~
- ~~((18))~~ (17) Certified music therapist (for CIIBS only);
- ~~((19))~~ (18) Psychiatrist;
- ~~((20))~~ (19) Professional advocacy organization;
- (20) DDA-contracted specialized habilitation provider; or
- (21) Teacher certified under chapter 181-79A WAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-2005, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21; WSR 20-05-080, § 388-845-2005, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-2005, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-2005, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.520, and 2012 c 49. WSR 12-16-095, § 388-845-2005, filed 8/1/12, effective 9/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1)(i), and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-2005, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-2005, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-2005, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

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**WAC 388-845-2010 Are there limits to the staff and family consultation you may receive?** (1) Staff and family consultation are limited to supports identified in your DDA assessment and documented in the person-centered service plan.

(2) Expenses to the family or provider for room and board or attendance, including registration, at conferences are excluded as a service under staff and family consultation.

(3) The dollar amounts for aggregate service in your basic plus or CIIBS waiver or the dollar amount of the annual allocation in your individual and family services (IFS) waiver limit the amount of staff and family consultation you may receive.

(4) (~~Under the basic plus waiver, i~~) Individual and family counseling is limited to family members who:

(a) Live with the participant; and

(b) Have been assaulted by the participant and the assaultive behavior was:

(i) Documented in the participant's person-centered service plan; and

(ii) Addressed in the participant's positive behavior support plan or therapeutic plan.

(5) Staff and family consultation does not provide training or consultation necessary to meet a provider's or staff's contractual licensing or certification requirements or to complete the necessary functions of their job.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-2010, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21; WSR 20-05-080, § 388-845-2010, filed 2/18/20, effective 3/20/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 42 C.F.R. 441 Subpart G. WSR 18-14-001, § 388-845-2010, filed 6/20/18, effective 7/21/18. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-2010, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-2010, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-2010, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-2010, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-17-009, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16)

**WAC 388-845-2130 What are supported parenting services?** (1) Supported parenting services are professional services offered to participants who are parents or expectant parents.

(2) Services may include teaching, parent coaching, and other supportive strategies in areas critical to parenting, including child development, nutrition and health, safety, child care, money management, time and household management, and housing.

(3) Supported parenting services are designed to build parental skills around the child's developmental domains of cognition, language, motor, social-emotional, and self-help.

(4) Supported parenting services are offered in the Core and IFS waivers.

[Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-2130, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16.]

#### NEW SECTION

**WAC 388-845-2141 What is specialized evaluation and consultation?** (1) Specialized evaluation and consultation is direct, individualized, rehabilitative skill building support in the areas of sex education, fire safety, social skills training, and understandings of laws, rights, and responsibilities.

(2) Supports are provided in order to support a client to reduce the likelihood of:

(a) Fire setting; or

(b) Sexual or physical assault in the home and community.

(3) Supports must be used to promote safe engagement and participation in the community.

(4) Supports may be provided in an individual or group setting and includes a special needs evaluation to identify client goals and the specific support needs in order to reach those goals.

(5) Services must assist a client to learn to maintain skills using individual or group supports, treatment team participation, and plan writing.

(6) Specialized evaluation and consultation is available on the community protection waiver.

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#### NEW SECTION

**WAC 388-845-2142 Who are qualified providers of specialized evaluation and consultation services?** All specialized evaluation and consultation providers must be contracted with DDA and:

(1) Be licensed, registered, or certified in Washington state according to the standards of their approved profession in Title 18 RCW and Title 246 WAC; or

(2) Have a bachelor's degree or higher in social services and at least three years of prior experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities who engage in challenging behaviors.

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NEW SECTION

**WAC 388-845-2143 What are the limits to specialized evaluation and consultation services?** The following limits apply to your receipt of specialized evaluation and consultation:

- (1) You must be enrolled on the community protection waiver.
- (2) Specialized evaluation and consultation support needs must be identified in your DDA assessment and must be documented in your person-centered service plan.
- (3) Specialized evaluation and consultation is limited to services that are:
  - (a) Consistent with waiver objectives of avoiding institutionalization; and
  - (b) Not a covered benefit under the medicaid state plan.
- (4) This service must not replace one-on-one, group, or other treatments to address a mental health condition which are covered by the medicaid state plan.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-19-108, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21)

**WAC 388-845-2210 Are there limitations to the transportation services you can receive?** The following limitations apply to transportation services:

- (1) Support needs for transportation services are limited to those identified in your DDA assessment and documented in your person-centered service plan.
- (2) Transportation is limited to travel to and from a waiver service. When the waiver service is supported employment, transportation is limited to days when you receive employment support services.
- (3) Transportation does not include the purchase of a bus pass.
- (4) Reimbursement for provider mileage requires prior authorization by DDA and is paid according to contract.
- (5) This service does not cover the purchase or lease of vehicles.
- (6) Reimbursement for provider travel time is not included in this service.
- (7) Reimbursement to the provider is limited to transportation that occurs when you are with the provider.
- (8) You are not eligible for transportation services if the cost and responsibility for transportation is already included in your provider's contract and payment.
- (9) The dollar limitations for aggregate services in your basic plus waiver or the dollar amount of your annual allocation in the IFS waiver limit the amount of service you may receive.
- ~~((10) If your individual waiver personal care provider uses his or her own vehicle to provide transportation to you for essential shopping and medical appointments as a part of your personal care service, your provider may receive up to one hundred miles per month in mileage reimbursement. If you work with more than one individual personal care provider, your limit is still a total of one hundred miles per month. This cost is not counted toward the dollar limitation for aggregate services in the basic plus waiver.))~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120. WSR 21-19-108, § 388-845-2210, filed 9/20/21, effective 10/21/21. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-2210, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-2210, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 08-20-033, § 388-845-2210, filed 9/22/08, effective 10/23/08; WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-2210, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-2210, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-17-009, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16)

**WAC 388-845-2260 What are vehicle modifications?** (1) Vehicle modifications are adaptations or alterations to a vehicle required in order to accommodate the unique needs of the participant, enable full integration into the community, and ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the participant or the safety of a caregiver.

(2) Vehicle modifications over \$550 require prior approval from the DDA regional administrator or designee.

(3) Examples of vehicle modifications include:

- (a) Manual hitch-mounted carrier and hitch for all wheelchair types;
- (b) Wheelchair cover;
- (c) Wheelchair strap-downs;
- (d) Portable wheelchair ramp;
- (e) Accessible running boards and steps;
- (f) Assist poles and grab handles((-));
- (g) Power activated carrier for all wheelchair types;
- (h) Permanently installed wheelchair ramps;
- (i) Repairs and maintenance to vehicular modifications as needed for client safety; and
- (j) Other access modifications.

[Statutory Authority: 2014 c 139, 2014 c 166, 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4, RCW 71A.12.030, and 71A.12.120. WSR 16-17-009, § 388-845-2260, filed 8/4/16, effective 9/4/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1)(i), and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-2260, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-05-053, filed 2/11/16, effective 3/13/16)

**WAC 388-845-2290 Who are qualified providers of wellness education?** The wellness education provider must have the ability and resources to:

- (1) Receive and manage client data in compliance with all applicable federal ((HIPPA)) HIPAA regulations, state law and rules, and ensure client confidentiality and privacy;

- (2) Translate materials into the preferred language of the participant;
- (3) Ensure that materials are targeted to the participant's assessment and person-centered service plan;
- (4) Manage content sent to participants to prevent duplication of materials;
- (5) Deliver newsletters and identify any undeliverable client/representative addresses prior to each monthly mailing and manage any returned mail in a manner that ensures participants receive the monthly information; and
- (6) Contract with AL TSA or DDA to provide this service.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030. WSR 16-05-053, § 388-845-2290, filed 2/11/16, effective 3/13/16.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-24-045, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14)

**WAC 388-845-3080 What if my needs exceed the maximum yearly funding limit or the scope of services under the basic plus waiver?**

- (1) If you are on the basic plus waiver and your assessed need for services exceeds the maximum permitted, DDA will make the following efforts to meet your health and welfare needs:
  - (a) Identify more available natural supports;
  - (b) Initiate an exception to rule to access available nonwaiver services not included in the basic plus waiver other than natural supports;
  - (c) Authorize emergency assistance funding up to ((~~six thousand dollars~~)) \$6,000 per year if your needs meet the definition of emergency assistance funding in WAC 388-845-0800.
- (2) If emergency assistance funding and other efforts are not sufficient to meet your needs, you will be offered:
  - (a) An opportunity to apply for an alternate waiver that has the services you need;
  - (b) Priority for placement on the alternative waiver when there is capacity to add people to that waiver;
  - (c) Placement in an ICF/IID.
- (3) If none of the options in subsections (1) and (2) ((~~above~~)) in this section is successful in meeting your health and welfare needs, DDA may terminate your waiver eligibility.
- (4) If you are terminated from a waiver, you will remain eligible for nonwaiver DDA services but access to state-only funded DDA services is limited by availability of funding.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-3080, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 74.08.090 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-04-005, § 388-845-3080, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-3080, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-04-005, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13)

**WAC 388-845-4000 What are my appeal rights under the waiver?** In addition to your appeal rights under WAC 388-825-120, you have the right to appeal the following decisions:

(1) Disenrollment from a waiver under WAC 388-845-0060, including a disenrollment from a waiver and enrollment in a different waiver.

(2) A denial of your request to receive ICF/IID services instead of waiver services; or

(3) A denial of your request to be enrolled in a waiver, subject to the limitations described in WAC 388-845-4005.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 74.08.090 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-04-005, § 388-845-4000, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-4000, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-4000, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-24-045, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14)

**WAC 388-845-4005 Can I appeal a denial of my request to be enrolled in a waiver?** (1) If you are not enrolled in a waiver and your request to be enrolled in a waiver is denied, your appeal rights are limited to the decision that you are not eligible to have your request documented in a statewide database due to the following:

(a) You do not need ICF/IID level of care per WAC 388-845-0070, 388-828-8040, and 388-828-8060; or

(b) You requested enrollment in the CIIBS waiver and do not meet CIIBS eligibility per WAC 388-828-8500 through 388-828-8520.

(2) If you are enrolled in a waiver and your request to be enrolled in a different waiver is denied, your appeal rights are limited to the following:

(a) DDA's decision that the services contained in a different waiver are not necessary to meet your health and welfare needs and that the services available on your current waiver can meet your health and welfare needs; or

(b) DDA's decision that you are not eligible to have your request documented in a statewide database because you requested enrollment in the CIIBS waiver and do not meet CIIBS eligibility per WAC 388-828-8500 through 388-828-8520.

(3) If DDA determines that the services offered in a different waiver are necessary to meet your health and welfare needs, but there is not capacity on the different waiver, you do not have the right to appeal any denial of enrollment on a different waiver when DDA determines there is not capacity to enroll you on a different waiver.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-24-045, § 388-845-4005, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 74.08.090 and 2012 c 49. WSR 13-04-005, § 388-845-4005, filed 1/24/13, effective 2/24/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120, 2009 c 194, and 2008 c 329 § 205 (1)(i),

and Title 71A RCW. WSR 10-22-088, § 388-845-4005, filed 11/1/10, effective 12/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.120 and Title 71A RCW. WSR 07-20-050, § 388-845-4005, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.12 [71A.12.120] and chapter 71A.12 RCW. WSR 06-01-024, § 388-845-4005, filed 12/13/05, effective 1/13/06.]

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

WAC 388-845-0501      What is included in positive behavior support and consultation for the children's intensive in-home behavioral support (CIIBS) waiver?

WAC 388-845-0506      Who is a qualified provider of positive behavior support and consultation for the children's intensive in-home behavioral support (CIIBS) waiver?

**WSR 22-19-003**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-193—Filed September 8, 2022, 3:02 p.m., effective September 16, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 16, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close all fishing in a portion of the Wallace River.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-040.

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 close recreational fishing in a portion of the Wallace River to protect broodstock for the Wallace Hatchery.

Wallace River is experiencing very low flows and salmon are not able to move upstream into the hatchery. Chinook holding downstream of the hatchery are vulnerable to low water conditions and increased fishing pressure, impacting essential broodstock collection.

The Washington department of fish and wildlife will evaluate reopening once conditions improve and broodstock goals for Chinook and coho are assured.

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: September 8, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-04000L Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.** Effective September 16 through November 30, 2022, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding fishing seasons for Wallace River shall be modified during the dates and in locations lis-

ted and described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

**Wallace River (Snohomish County): From the mouth (farthest downstream RR bridge) to Wallace Falls:**

All Species: Closed.

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## WSR 22-19-006

## EMERGENCY RULES

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission)

[Filed September 9, 2022, 8:42 a.m., effective September 9, 2022, 8:42 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: WAC 246-840-930 and 246-841-405, amending specific training requirements for nursing assistants-registered (NARs) and home care aides (HCAs). These rules continue the initial emergency rules filed as WSR 22-07-046 on March 14, 2022, and later on July 12, 2022, as WSR 22-15-020.

The nursing care quality assurance commission (commission) is re-filing these emergency rules to continue to allow a registered nurse delegator to delegate nursing tasks to NARs or HCAs based on requirements established by the department of social and health services (DSHS). NARs and HCAs must complete basic caregiver training as part of their licensure requirements. DSHS provides this training, but was unable to do so during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and is currently experiencing significant delays due to the backlog. DSHS adopted permanent rules effective July 1, 2022, as WSR 22-12-081, which outline dates by which NARs and HCAs must complete basic caregiver training. These dates may extend through September 30, 2023, or within 120 days after the end of the COVID-19 training waivers established by the governor, whichever is later.

To align registered nurse delegator rules with nursing assistant rules, the commission is amending existing emergency rule language to reference DSHS's rules that describe when basic caregiver training must be completed based on hire or rehire date. The commission is also adding language that expands the documentation allowed for proof of training from a "certificate of completion" to "evidence as required by DSHS," as stated in DSHS's rule. This emergency rule will replace the existing emergency rule, filed as WSR 22-15-020, prior to the 120 day expiration because WAC 246-840-930 (8)(c)-(d) were amended by a separate rule making (WSR 22-12-026) and this rule must be updated to reflect the new language that has changed; the effect of the emergency rule has not changed.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-840-930 and 246-841-405

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.88A.060, 18.79.110.

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: The immediate amendment of existing rules is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, and general welfare. DSHS is responsible for providing basic caregiver training for NARs and HCAs. Due to impacts on training caused by COVID-19, DSHS was not able to provide basic caregiver training for NARs and HCAs for a period of time. Commission emergency rules starting in April 2020 at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic allowed NARs and HCAs to work without the required training. DSHS has since filed emergency and permanent rules that outline the dates by which HCAs and NARs must complete basic caregiver training dependent on hire and rehire dates.



The commission rules need to align with DSHS rules to assure NARs and HCAs can continue to provide necessary health care to patients.

This emergency rule will replace the existing emergency rule and will be refiled every 120 days until such time that DSHS can resume its standard training schedule, after the end of the training waivers established by gubernatorial proclamation.

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 0, Amended 2, 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 2, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: September 9, 2022.

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## OTS-3966.2

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-12-026, filed 5/23/22, effective 9/9/22)

**WAC 246-840-930 Criteria for delegation.** (1) Before delegating a nursing task, the registered nurse delegator decides the task is appropriate to delegate based on the elements of the nursing process: ASSESS, PLAN, IMPLEMENT, EVALUATE.

### ASSESS

(2) The setting allows delegation because it is a community-based care setting as defined by RCW 18.79.260 (3) (e) (i) or an in-home care setting as defined by RCW 18.79.260 (3) (e) (ii).

(3) Assess the patient's nursing care needs and determine the patient's condition is stable and predictable. A patient may be stable and predictable with an order for sliding scale insulin or terminal condition.

(4) Determine the task to be delegated is within the delegating nurse's area of responsibility.

(5) Determine the task to be delegated can be properly and safely performed by the nursing assistant or home care aide. The registered nurse delegator assesses the potential risk of harm for the individual patient.

(6) Analyze the complexity of the nursing task and determine the required training or additional training needed by the nursing assistant or home care aide to competently accomplish the task. The registered nurse delegator identifies and facilitates any additional training of the nursing assistant or home care aide needed prior to delegating.

tion. The registered nurse delegator ensures the task to be delegated can be properly and safely performed by the nursing assistant or home care aide.

(7) Assess the level of interaction required. Consider language or cultural diversity affecting communication or the ability to accomplish the task and to facilitate the interaction.

(8) Verify that the nursing assistant or home care aide:

(a) Is currently registered or certified as a nursing assistant or home care aide in Washington state without restriction;

(b) Has completed both the basic caregiver training in accordance with dates established by the department of social and health services per WAC 388-71-0876, 388-71-0992, 388-112A-0081, 338-112A-0613, and core delegation training before performing any delegated task;

(c) Has evidence as required by the department of social and health services of successful completion of nurse delegation core training;

(d) Has evidence as required by the department of social and health services of successful completion of nurse delegation special focus on diabetes training when providing insulin injections to a diabetic client; and

(e) Is willing and able to perform the task in the absence of direct or immediate nurse supervision and accept responsibility for their actions.

(9) Assess the ability of the nursing assistant or home care aide to competently perform the delegated nursing task in the absence of direct or immediate nurse supervision.

(10) If the registered nurse delegator determines delegation is appropriate, the nurse:

(a) Discusses the delegation process with the patient or authorized representative, including the level of training of the nursing assistant or home care aide delivering care.

(b) Obtains written consent. The patient, or authorized representative, must give written, consent to the delegation process under chapter 7.70 RCW. Documented verbal consent of patient or authorized representative may be acceptable if written consent is obtained within 30 days; electronic consent is an acceptable format. Written consent is only necessary at the initial use of the nurse delegation process for each patient and is not necessary for task additions or changes or if a different nurse, nursing assistant, or home care aide will be participating in the process.

**PLAN**

(11) Document in the patient's record the rationale for delegating or not delegating nursing tasks.

(12) Provide specific, written delegation instructions to the nursing assistant or home care aide with a copy maintained in the patient's record that includes:

(a) The rationale for delegating the nursing task;

(b) The delegated nursing task is specific to one patient and is not transferable to another patient;

(c) The delegated nursing task is specific to one nursing assistant or one home care aide and is not transferable to another nursing assistant or home care aide;

(d) The nature of the condition requiring treatment and purpose of the delegated nursing task;

(e) A clear description of the procedure or steps to follow to perform the task;

- (f) The predictable outcomes of the nursing task and how to effectively deal with them;
  - (g) The risks of the treatment;
  - (h) The interactions of prescribed medications;
  - (i) How to observe and report side effects, complications, or unexpected outcomes and appropriate actions to deal with them, including specific parameters for notifying the registered nurse delegator, health care provider, or emergency services;
  - (j) The action to take in situations where medications and/or treatments and/or procedures are altered by health care provider orders, including:
    - (i) How to notify the registered nurse delegator of the change;
    - (ii) The process the registered nurse delegator uses to obtain verification from the health care provider of the change in the medical order; and
    - (iii) The process to notify the nursing assistant or home care aide of whether administration of the medication or performance of the procedure and/or treatment is delegated or not;
  - (k) How to document the task in the patient's record;
  - (l) Document teaching done and a return demonstration, or other method for verification of competency; and
  - (m) Supervision shall occur at least every 90 days. With delegation of insulin injections, the supervision occurs at least weekly for the first four weeks, and may be more frequent.
- (13) The administration of medications may be delegated at the discretion of the registered nurse delegator, including insulin injections. Any other injection (intramuscular, intradermal, subcutaneous, intraosseous, intravenous, or otherwise) is prohibited. The registered nurse delegator provides to the nursing assistant or home care aide written directions specific to an individual patient.

**IMPLEMENT**

(14) Delegation requires the registered nurse delegator teach the nursing assistant or home care aide how to perform the task, including return demonstration or other method of verification of competency as determined by the registered nurse delegator.

(15) The registered nurse delegator is accountable and responsible for the delegated nursing task. The registered nurse delegator monitors the performance of the task(s) to assure compliance with established standards of practice, policies and procedures and appropriate documentation of the task(s).

**EVALUATE**

(16) The registered nurse delegator evaluates the patient's responses to the delegated nursing care and to any modification of the nursing components of the patient's plan of care.

(17) The registered nurse delegator supervises and evaluates the performance of the nursing assistant or home care aide, including direct observation or other method of verification of competency of the nursing assistant or home care aide. The registered nurse delegator reevaluates the patient's condition, the care provided to the patient, the capability of the nursing assistant or home care aide, the outcome of the task, and any problems.

(18) The registered nurse delegator ensures safe and effective services are provided. Reevaluation and documentation occur at least every 90 days. Frequency of supervision is at the discretion of the registered nurse delegator and may be more often based upon nursing assessment.

(19) The registered nurse must supervise and evaluate the performance of the nursing assistant or home care aide with delegated insulin injection authority at least weekly for the first four weeks. After the first four weeks the supervision shall occur at least every 90 days.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.010, 18.79.110, and 18.79.260. WSR 22-12-026, § 246-840-930, filed 5/23/22, effective 9/9/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.110, 18.79.260, 2012 c 164, and 2012 c 10. WSR 13-15-063, § 246-840-930, filed 7/15/13, effective 8/15/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.110, 18.79.260, 18.88A060 [18.88A.060], and 18.88A.210. WSR 09-06-006, § 246-840-930, filed 2/18/09, effective 3/21/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.110, 18.79.260 (3) (f), 18.88A.210, 2003 c 140. WSR 04-14-065, § 246-840-930, filed 7/2/04, effective 7/2/04. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.79 and 18.88A RCW. WSR 02-02-047, § 246-840-930, filed 12/27/01, effective 1/27/02. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.79 RCW. WSR 97-13-100, § 246-840-930, filed 6/18/97, effective 7/19/97; WSR 96-05-060, § 246-840-930, filed 2/19/96, effective 3/21/96.]

### OTS-3665.3

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 09-06-006, filed 2/18/09, effective 3/21/09)

**WAC 246-841-405 Nursing assistant delegation.** Provision for delegation of certain tasks.

(1) Nursing assistants perform tasks delegated by a registered nurse for patients in community-based care settings or in-home care settings each as defined in RCW 18.79.260 (3) (e).

(2) Before performing any delegated task:

(a) Nursing assistants-registered must show ((the certificate of)) evidence as required by the department of social and health services of successful completion of both the basic caregiver training and the designated nurse delegation core ((delegation)) training from the department of social and health services to the registered nurse delegator. Nursing assistants-registered who were working or hired during the COVID-19 public health emergency must complete basic caregiver training by dates established by the department of social and health services per WAC 388-71-0876, 388-71-0992, 388-112A-0081, and 388-112A-0613.

(b) Nursing assistants-certified must show ((the certificate of)) evidence as required by the department of social and health services of successful completion of the core delegation training from the department of social and health services to the registered nurse delegator. Nursing assistants-certified who were working or hired during the COVID-19 public health emergency must complete basic caregiver training by dates established by the department of social and health services per WAC 388-71-0876, 388-71-0992, 388-112A-0081, and 388-112A-0613.

(c) All nursing assistants must comply with all applicable requirements of the nursing care quality assurance commission in WAC 246-840-910 through 246-840-970.

(d) All nursing assistants, registered and certified, who may be completing insulin injections must (~~give a certificate of completion of diabetic training from the department of social and health services~~) show evidence as required by the department of social and health services of successful completion of nurse delegation special focus on diabetes training to the registered nurse delegator.

(e) All nursing assistants must meet any additional training requirements identified by the nursing care quality assurance commission. Any exceptions to additional training requirements must comply with RCW 18.79.260 (3) (e) (v).

(3) Delegated nursing care tasks described in this section are:

(a) Only for the specific patient receiving delegation;

(b) Only with the patient's consent; and

(c) In compliance with all applicable requirements in WAC 246-840-910 through 246-840-970.

(4) A nursing assistant may consent or refuse to consent to perform a delegated nursing care task. The nursing assistant is responsible for their own actions with the decision to consent or refuse to consent and the performance of the delegated nursing care task.

(5) Nursing assistants shall not accept delegation of, or perform, the following nursing care tasks:

(a) Administration of medication by injection, with the exception of insulin injections;

(b) Sterile procedures;

(c) Central line maintenance;

(d) Acts that require nursing judgment.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.110, 18.79.260, 18.88A060 [18.88A.060], and 18.88A.210. WSR 09-06-006, § 246-841-405, filed 2/18/09, effective 3/21/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060 and 2003 c 140. WSR 04-14-064, § 246-841-405, filed 7/2/04, effective 7/2/04. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.88A RCW. WSR 96-06-029, § 246-841-405, filed 2/28/96, effective 3/30/96.]

## WSR 22-19-007

## EMERGENCY RULES

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission)

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Purpose: WAC 246-841-420, 246-841-470, 246-841-490, 246-841-500, 246-841-510 and 246-841-555. The nursing care quality assurance commission (commission) is amending specific training requirements for nursing assistant-certified (NAC) and nursing assistant-registered (NAR) in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and the critical demand for health care professionals. The rules in chapter 246-841 WAC provide regulatory requirements for NACs and NARs. These emergency rules allow additional pathways to complete necessary training to enter the workforce. This is the eighth emergency rule, and it continues the emergency rules that were filed on May 13, 2022, under WSR 22-11-049 without change. Prior filings were under WSR 20-14-066 beginning in June 2020, continuing under WSR 20-22-023, 21-04-004, 21-12-011, 21-19-091, 22-03-055, and 22-11-049.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-841-420, 246-841-470, 246-841-490, 246-841-500, 246-841-510, and 246-841-555.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.88A.060.

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: The immediate amendment of existing rules is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, and general welfare. Continued demand for health care professionals, especially qualified nursing assistants, and barriers to nursing assistant training impacts the inflow of a needed health care workforce. COVID-19 has impacted nursing assistant training by delaying access to clinical training due to restrictions on in-person training opportunities. Amendments allow program directors to award clinical hours for NAR work, NAR volunteer experiences, and planned simulation. Awarding clinical practice hours for these pathways allows additional opportunities for NAC students to complete training and enter the workforce. Amendments to the current language allow the commission to survey online classroom settings, which is essential to ensure that appropriate training is being provided. These amendments assure [ensure] that programs have adequate resources to implement these new allowances and that they document all related activities appropriately. All these actions will result in increasing the quantity of health care professionals able to respond to current demands. Observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to protecting immediate public interests. The commission is engaged in permanent rule making to consider adopting a number of these emergency amendments as permanent rules. A notice of intent to begin rule making was filed on February 8, 2021, under WSR 21-05-021. The commission is circulating rule drafts with partner agencies also responsible for nursing assistant regulation prior to distributing a draft to the public in upcoming rules workshops tentatively scheduled for fall 2022.

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.

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Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 6, 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 6, Repealed 0.

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## OTS-2953.5

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-06-100, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08)

**WAC 246-841-420 Requirements for approval of nursing assistant-certified training programs.** To qualify as a nursing assistant-certified training program, an institution or facility must:

(1) Submit a completed application packet provided by the department of health. The packet will include forms and instructions to submit the following:

(a) Program objectives.

(b) Curriculum content outline.

(c) Qualifications of program director and additional instructional staff.

(d) Contractual agreements related to providing this training. For any program that uses another facility to provide clinical training, this includes an affiliation agreement between the training program and the facility. The affiliation agreement must describe how the program will provide clinical experience in the facility. The agreement must specify the rights and responsibilities of both parties, students and clients or residents.

(e) Sample lesson plan for one unit.

(f) Skills checklist.

(g) Description of classroom facilities.

(h) Declaration of compliance with administrative guidelines signed by the program director.

(i) Verification that the program director has completed a course on adult instruction as required by WAC 246-841-470(3) or has one year of experience in the past three years teaching adults. Acceptable experience does not include in-service education or patient teaching. A program director working exclusively in a postsecondary educational setting is exempt from this requirement.

(j) Verification that the nursing assistant-certified training program or school is approved to operate in the state of Washington by:

- (i) The state board for community and technical colleges;
- (ii) The superintendent of public instruction; or
- (iii) The workforce training and education coordinating board.

(2) Agree to on-site survey of the training program(~~(r)~~) or on-line survey of the approved online classes as requested by the commission. This on-site will be coordinated with other on-site review requirements when possible.

(3) Participate in the renewal process every two years. Failure to renew results in automatic withdrawal of approval of the program.

(4) Comply with any changes in training standards and guidelines in order to maintain approved status.

(5) Notify the commission and any other approving agency of any changes in overall curriculum plan or major curriculum content changes prior to implementation.

(6) Notify the commission and any other approving agency of changes in program director or instructors.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060(1) and 18.88A.030(5). WSR 08-06-100, § 246-841-420, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060. WSR 91-07-049 (Order 116B), recodified as § 246-841-420, filed 3/18/91, effective 4/18/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88.080. WSR 90-20-018 (Order 091), § 308-173-230, filed 9/21/90, effective 10/22/90.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-06-100, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08)

**WAC 246-841-470 Program directors and instructors in approved nursing assistant-certified training programs.** (1) The program director must hold a current license in good standing as a registered nurse (RN) in the state of Washington.

(2) The commission may deny or withdraw a program director's approval if there is or has been any action taken against the director's health care license or any license held by the director which allows him or her to work with vulnerable populations.

(3) The program director must complete a training course on adult instruction or have demonstrated that he or she has one year experience teaching adults.

(a) Acceptable experience does not include in-service education or patient teaching.

(b) The training course on adult instruction must provide instruction in:

- (i) Understanding the adult learner.
- (ii) Techniques for teaching adults.
- (iii) Classroom methods for teaching adults.
- (iv) Audio visual techniques for teaching adults.

(c) A program director working exclusively in a postsecondary educational setting is exempt from this requirement.

(4) The program director will have a minimum of three years of experience as an RN, of which at least one year will be in direct patient care.



(5) The program director must meet the requirements for additional staff under subsection (7)(b) of this section if the program director will also be acting as an instructor.

(6) Program director responsibilities:

(a) Develop and implement a curriculum which meets as a minimum the requirements of WAC 246-841-490. The program director is responsible for all classroom and clinical training content and instruction provided by the training program. The clinical experience may occur in a health care facility or it may occur through planned simulation in the training program's skills lab in accordance with the requirements included in WAC 246-841-490.

(b) Assure compliance with and assume responsibility for meeting the requirements of WAC 246-841-490 through 246-841-510.

(c) Assure that all student clinical experience is directly supervised. Direct supervision means that an approved program director or instructor is observing students performing tasks. As an alternative, the program director may also award clinical hours' credit for nursing assistant-registered (NAR) employment or volunteer experience completed under the supervision of a licensed nurse in a care facility with competency demonstrated and documented in accordance with the commission procedure and form "Nursing Assistant-Registered (NAR) Verification of Clinical Hours and Competency," available at [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov) or by request to the commission. It is the program director's responsibility to verify that each student's employment or volunteer experience meets the qualifying standards included in WAC 246-841-490.

(d) Assure that the clinical instructor has no concurrent duties during the time he or she is instructing students.

(e) Create and maintain an environment conducive to teaching and learning.

(f) Select and supervise all other instructors involved in the course, including clinical instructors and guest lecturers.

(g) Assure that students are not asked to, nor allowed to, perform any clinical skill with patients or clients or in simulation activities until first demonstrating the skill satisfactorily to an instructor in a ~~((practice setting))~~ skills lab setting. As an alternative, a program director may provide students with instruction regarding the NAR employment or volunteer pathway and how to demonstrate competency and have competency documented under the supervision of a licensed nurse in a care facility in accordance with WAC 246-841-470 (6)(c).

(h) Assure evaluation of knowledge and skills of students before verifying completion of the course.

(i) Assure that students receive a verification of completion when requirements of the course have been satisfactorily met.

(7) The program director may select instructional staff to assist in the teaching of the course.

(a) Instructional staff must teach in their area of expertise.

(b) Instructional staff must have a minimum of one year experience within the past three years in caring for the elderly or chronically ill of any age or both.

(c) All instructional staff must hold a current Washington state license to practice as a registered or licensed practical nurse. The commission may deny or withdraw an instructor's approval if there is or has been any action taken against a health care license or any license held by the applicant which allows him or her to work with vulnerable populations.

(d) Instructional staff may assist the program director in development of curricula, teaching modalities, and evaluation. The instructor will be under the supervision of the program director at all times.

(e) A guest lecturer, or individual with expertise in a specific course unit may be used in the classroom setting for teaching without commission approval, following the program director's review of the currency of content. The guest lecturer, where applicable, must hold a license, certificate or registration in good standing in their field of expertise.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060(1) and 18.88A.030(5). WSR 08-06-100, § 246-841-470, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060. WSR 91-23-077 (Order 214B), § 246-841-470, filed 11/19/91, effective 12/20/91; WSR 91-07-049 (Order 116B), reclassified as § 246-841-470, filed 3/18/91, effective 4/18/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88.080. WSR 90-20-018 (Order 091), § 308-173-260, filed 9/21/90, effective 10/22/90.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-04-016, filed 1/22/21, effective 2/22/21)

**WAC 246-841-490 Core curriculum in approved nursing assistant-certified training programs.** (1) The curriculum must be competency based. It must be composed of learning objectives and activities that will lead to knowledge and skills required for the graduate to demonstrate mastery of the core competencies as provided in WAC 246-841-400.

(2) The program director will determine the amount of time required in the curriculum to achieve the objectives. The time designated may vary with characteristics of the learners and teaching or learning variables. There must be a minimum of eighty-five hours total, with a minimum of thirty-five hours of classroom training and a minimum of fifty hours of clinical training.

(a) Of the fifty hours of clinical training, at least forty clinical hours must be in the (~~practice setting~~) a health care facility or completed through planned simulation in the training program's skills lab.

(b) Training to orient the student to the health care facility (~~and~~), facility policies and procedures, planned simulation, and simulation policies and procedures are not to be included in the minimum hours above.

(c) Planned simulation as used in this section means a technique to replace or amplify real experiences with guided experiences evoking or replicating substantial aspects of the real world in a fully interactive manner. The requirements for training programs to offer planned simulation include:

(i) Nursing assistant training programs may use planned simulation activities as a substitute for traditional clinical experiences in health care facilities after submitting a request on a form provided by the commission and receiving approval from the commission.

(ii) For the purposes of planned simulation activities, the skills lab of the training program represents a health care facility with students acting in a variety of roles in predeveloped scenarios that provide opportunities for students to demonstrate nursing assis-

tant competencies as they would in a traditional clinical experience in a health care facility. Examples of roles students may play include: The nursing assistant providing care; another member of the health care team; a client or resident; a client's or resident's loved one. Simulated health care facility scenarios include, at a minimum: Policies and procedures for students to follow; a cadre of diverse clients or residents and their care plans; and opportunities to participate in shift reports, respond to and communicate status changes to the nurse, and document appropriately.

(iii) A written plan exists for each planned simulation activity and includes specific nursing assistant competencies identified as objectives. The written plan also includes a summary of the care situation or scenario and the various roles students will play in the scenario; and the time allotted for the planned simulation activity, including time for debriefing.

(iv) Debriefing is a critical component of planned simulation activities that helps students to learn from their clinical experiences. Debriefing is facilitated by the program instructor or director in a way that encourages active discussion and reflective thinking by students and provides relevant instructor and peer feedback regarding simulation events and participants' performance.

(v) Planned simulation activities reflect an array of objectives and care scenarios to support adequate evaluation of each student's competency in the nursing assistant role as reflected in WAC 246-841-400.

(vi) Documentation exists as a record of the evaluation of each student's performance in planned simulation activities.

(vii) The nursing assistant training program shall have adequate human and material resources to implement planned simulation activities, including adequate space, equipment, and supplies.

(viii) An approved program instructor or the program director must supervise and evaluate planned simulation activities. A guest lecturer may not supervise or evaluate planned simulation activities.

(ix) The nursing assistant training program obtains anonymous written student evaluations of the planned simulation activities at the end of each class and demonstrates use of student feedback for on-going quality improvement efforts as needed.

(3) Each unit of the core curriculum will have:

(a) Behavioral objectives, which are statements of specific observable actions and behaviors that the learner is to perform or exhibit.

(b) An outline of information the learner will need to know in order to meet the objectives.

(c) Learning activities such as lecture, discussion, readings, film, or clinical practice designed to enable the student to achieve the stated objectives.

(d) To meet qualifying standards to count as clinical hours' credit, the NAR employment or volunteer experience must:

(i) Be performed under an active NAR credential during enrollment in the class;

(ii) Include a background check prior to contact with clients or residents;

(iii) Occur in a care facility where a licensed nurse is present to supervise throughout the clinical experience and verify competency for tasks assigned;

(iv) Include opportunities for the NAR to successfully demonstrate the competencies of a nursing assistant as identified in WAC 246-841-400;

(v) Be supervised by a licensed nurse who is not a friend or relative;

(vi) Include care of clients or residents who are not friends or relatives; and

(vii) Be verifiable with the care facility.

(4) Clinical teaching in a competency area is closely correlated with classroom teaching to integrate knowledge with manual skills.

(a) Students must wear name tags clearly identifying them as students when interacting with patients, clients or residents, ~~((and))~~ families, and in planned simulation activities.

(b) An identified instructor(s) will supervise clinical teaching or learning at all times. At no time will the ratio of students to instructor exceed ten students to one instructor in the clinical setting whether the clinical setting is a health care facility or represented through planned simulation in the training program's skills lab. As an alternative, the program director may award clinical hours' credit for NAR employment or volunteer experience as described in WAC 246-841-470 (6) (c).

(5) The curriculum must include evaluation processes to assess mastery of competencies. Students cannot perform any clinical skill on clients or residents or in planned simulation activities until first demonstrating the skill satisfactorily to an instructor in ~~((the practice setting))~~ a skills lab setting; as an alternative, students can demonstrate skills satisfactorily to a licensed nurse who is supervising a student employed or volunteering as an NAR and assuring competency for tasks assigned in accordance with WAC 246-841-470 (6) (c).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.110, 18.88A.060 and 2020 c 76. WSR 21-04-016, § 246-841-490, filed 1/22/21, effective 2/22/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060(1) and 18.88A.030(5). WSR 08-06-100, § 246-841-490, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060. WSR 91-23-077 (Order 214B), § 246-841-490, filed 11/19/91, effective 12/20/91; WSR 91-07-049 (Order 116B), recodified as § 246-841-490, filed 3/18/91, effective 4/18/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88.080. WSR 90-20-018 (Order 091), § 308-173-270, filed 9/21/90, effective 10/22/90.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-06-100, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08)

**WAC 246-841-500 Physical resources required for approved nursing assistant-certified training programs.** (1) Classroom facilities must provide adequate space, lighting, comfort, and privacy for effective teaching and learning.

(2) Adequate classroom resources, such as white board or other writing device, audio visual materials, and written materials must be available.

(3) Appropriate equipment must be provided for teaching and practicing clinical skills and procedures before implementing the skills with clients or residents or in planned simulation in the training program's skills lab.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060(1) and 18.88A.030(5). WSR 08-06-100, § 246-841-500, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060. WSR 91-07-049 (Order 116B), recodified as § 246-841-500, filed 3/18/91, effective 4/18/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88.080. WSR 90-20-018 (Order 091), § 308-173-275, filed 9/21/90, effective 10/22/90.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-06-100, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08)

**WAC 246-841-510 Administrative procedures for approved nursing assistant-certified training programs.** (1) The program must establish and maintain a file for each student enrolled. The file must include:

- (a) Dates attended.
- (b) Test results.

(c) A skills evaluation checklist with dates of skills testing and signature of instructor. If the program grants clinical hours' credit for students employed or volunteering as nursing assistants-registered in accordance with WAC 246-841-470 (6)(c), the student file must also include a fully completed commission-approved student form to verify student clinical hours and competency "Nursing Assistant-Registered (NAR) Verification of Clinical Hours and Competency," available at [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov) or by request to the commission.

(d) Documentation of successful completion of the course, or documentation of the course outcome.

(2) Each student file must be maintained by the program for a period of five years, and copies of documents made available to students who request them.

(3) Verification of successful completion of the course of training will be provided to the commission on forms provided by the commission.

(4) For those programs based in a health care facility: Verification of program completion and the application for state testing will not be withheld from a student who has successfully met the requirements of the program. Successful completion will be determined by the training program director separately from other employer issues.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060(1) and 18.88A.030(5). WSR 08-06-100, § 246-841-510, filed 3/5/08, effective 4/5/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.060. WSR 91-07-049 (Order 116B), recodified as § 246-841-510, filed 3/18/91, effective 4/18/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88.080. WSR 90-20-018 (Order 091), § 308-173-280, filed 9/21/90, effective 10/22/90.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 11-16-042, filed 7/27/11, effective 8/27/11)

**WAC 246-841-555 Responsibilities of the program director in alternative programs.** The program director of an alternative program is responsible for:

- (1) Development and use of a curriculum which:
  - (a) Meets the requirements of WAC 246-841-545; or

(b) Meets the requirements of WAC 246-841-550.

(2) Ensuring compliance with the requirements of WAC 246-841-500 and 246-841-510.

(3) Verifying home care aides-certified have a valid certification before admission to the alternative program.

(4) Verifying medical assistants-certified have certification before admission to the alternative program.

(5) Direct supervision of all students during clinical experience in a health care facility or during planned simulation in the training program's skills lab. Direct supervision means an approved program director or instructor observes students performing tasks. As an alternative, the program director may also award clinical hours' credit for nursing assistant-registered (NAR) employment or volunteer experience completed under the supervision of a licensed nurse in a care facility with competency demonstrated and documented in accordance with commission procedure and form "Nursing Assistant-Registered (NAR) Verification of Clinical Hours and Competency," available at [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov) or by request to the commission. In addition, to meet qualifying standards to count as clinical hours' credit, the NAR employment or volunteer experience must:

(a) Be performed under an active NAR credential during enrollment in the class;

(b) Include a background check prior to contact with clients or residents;

(c) Occur in a care facility where a licensed nurse is present to supervise throughout the clinical experience and verify competency for tasks assigned;

(d) Include opportunities for the NAR to successfully demonstrate the competencies of a nursing assistant as identified in WAC 246-841-400;

(e) Be supervised by a licensed nurse who is not a friend or relative;

(f) Include care of clients or residents who are not friends or relatives; and

(g) Be verifiable with the care facility.

(6) Ensuring the clinical instructor has no concurrent duties during the time he or she is instructing students.

(7) Maintaining an environment acceptable to teaching and learning.

(8) Supervising all instructors involved in the course. This includes clinical instructors and guest lecturers.

(9) Ensuring students are not asked to, or allowed to perform any clinical skill with patients or clients or in planned simulation activities until the students have demonstrated the skill satisfactorily to an instructor in a practice setting, or as an alternative, providing students with instruction regarding the NAR employment or volunteer pathway and how to demonstrate competency and have competency documented under the supervision of a licensed nurse in a care facility in accordance with WAC 246-841-555(5).

(10) Evaluating knowledge and skills of students before verifying completion of the course.

(11) Providing students a verification of completion when requirements of the course have been satisfied.

(12) Providing adequate time for students to complete the objectives of the course. The time may vary with skills of the learners and teaching or learning variables.

(13) Establishing an evaluation process to assess mastery of competencies.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.087 and 18.88A.060. WSR 11-16-042, § 246-841-555, filed 7/27/11, effective 8/27/11.]

## WSR 22-19-008

## EMERGENCY RULES

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission)

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Purpose: WAC 246-840-365 and 246-840-367. The nursing care quality assurance commission (commission) is amending specific license requirements for advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs). These amendments are necessary in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and the critical demand for health care professionals. The rules in chapter 246-840 WAC provide regulatory requirements for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, and nurse technicians. These emergency rules remove barriers for license renewal for ARNPs returning to active practice while permanent rule making is underway. This is the ninth emergency rule; originally filed under WSR 20-10-014 in 2020, and continuing under WSR 20-14-065, 20-22-024, 21-04-005, 21-12-012, 21-19-092, 22-03-056, and on May 13, 2022, under WSR 22-11-047. This filing differs from the previous filing by removing WAC 246-840-533, which was included in permanent rule making filed on May 23, 2022, as WSR 22-12-026, and effective September 9, 2022.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-840-365 and 246-840-367.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.79.010, 18.79.050, and 18.79.110.

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: Essential functions, including increasing and maintaining the availability of health care professionals, must continue while taking necessary measures to help treat and prevent the spread of COVID-19 as permanent rule making is ongoing. The amendments remove specific barriers that nurses face to providing care in response to COVID-19. Waiving the restriction that ARNPs with an inactive or expired license must complete clinical practice hours while permanent rule making is underway removes barriers to reentering the health care workforce. More health care professionals will be available to continue responding to current demands because of these changes. Observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to protecting immediate public interests

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#### OTS-3406.4

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-08-031, filed 3/27/19, effective 4/27/19)

**WAC 246-840-365 Inactive and reactivating an ARNP license.** To apply for an inactive ARNP license, an ARNP shall comply with WAC 246-12-090 or 246-12-540, if military related.

(1) An ARNP may apply for an inactive license if he or she holds an active Washington state ARNP license without sanctions or restrictions.

(2) To return to active status the ARNP:

(a) Shall meet the requirements identified in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4;

(b) Must hold an active RN license under chapter 18.79 RCW without sanctions or restrictions;

(c) Shall submit the fee as identified under WAC 246-840-990; and

(d) Shall submit evidence of current certification by the commission approved certifying body identified in WAC 246-840-302(1) (~~(~~

~~(e) Shall submit evidence of thirty contact hours of continuing education for each designation within the past two years; and~~

~~(f) Shall submit evidence of two hundred fifty hours of advanced clinical practice for each designation within the last two years.~~

~~(3) An ARNP applicant who does not have the required practice requirements, shall complete two hundred fifty hours of supervised advanced clinical practice for every two years the applicant may have been out of practice, not to exceed one thousand hours.~~

~~(4) The ARNP applicant needing to complete supervised advanced clinical practice shall obtain an ARNP interim permit consistent with the requirements for supervised practice defined in WAC 246-840-340 (4) and (5)).~~

~~((5))~~ (3) To regain prescriptive authority after inactive status, the applicant must meet the prescriptive authority requirements identified in WAC 246-840-410.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.110. WSR 19-08-031, § 246-840-365, filed 3/27/19, effective 4/27/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.050, 18.79.110, and 18.79.160. WSR 16-08-042, § 246-840-365, filed 3/30/16, effective 4/30/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.010, [18.79.]050, [18.79.]110, and [18.79.]210. WSR 09-01-060, § 246-840-365, filed 12/11/08, effective 1/11/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-840-365, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.79 RCW. WSR 97-13-100, § 246-840-365, filed 6/18/97, effective 7/19/97.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-08-031, filed 3/27/19, effective 4/27/19)

**WAC 246-840-367 Expired license.** When an ARNP license is not renewed, it is placed in expired status and the nurse must not practice as an ARNP.

(1) To return to active status when the license has been expired for less than two years, the nurse shall:

(a) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2;

(b) Meet ARNP renewal requirements identified in WAC 246-840-360; and

(c) Meet the prescriptive authority requirements identified in WAC 246-840-450, if renewing prescriptive authority.

~~(2) ((Applicants who do not meet the required advanced clinical practice requirements must complete two hundred fifty hours of supervised advanced clinical practice for every two years the applicant may have been out of practice, not to exceed one thousand hours.~~

~~(3) The ARNP applicant needing to complete supervised advanced clinical practice shall obtain an ARNP interim permit consistent with the requirements for supervised practice defined in WAC 246-840-340 (4) and (5).~~

~~(4))~~ If the ARNP license has expired for two years or more, the applicant shall:

(a) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2;

(b) Submit evidence of current certification by the commission approved certifying body identified in WAC 246-840-302(3);

~~(c) ((Submit evidence of thirty contact hours of continuing education for each designation within the prior two years;~~

~~(d))~~ Submit evidence of ~~((two hundred fifty))~~ 250 hours of advanced clinical practice completed within the prior two years; and

~~((e))~~ (d) Submit evidence of an additional ~~((thirty))~~ 30 contact hours in pharmacology if requesting prescriptive authority, which may be granted once the ARNP license is returned to active status.

~~((5))~~ (3) If the applicant does not meet the required advanced clinical practice hours, the applicant shall obtain an ARNP interim permit consistent with the requirements for supervised advanced clinical practice as defined in WAC 246-840-340 (4) and (5).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.110. WSR 19-08-031, § 246-840-367, filed 3/27/19, effective 4/27/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.050, 18.79.110, and 18.79.160. WSR 16-08-042, § 246-840-367, filed 3/30/16, effective 4/30/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.010, [18.79.]050, [18.79.]110, and [18.79.]210. WSR 09-01-060, § 246-840-367, filed 12/11/08, effective 1/11/09.]

**WSR 22-19-011  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-195—Filed September 9, 2022, 11:19 a.m., effective September 12, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 12, 2022.

Purpose: Closes sea cucumber harvest in District 2-1 and reopens harvest in District 2-2.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-340-73000E; and amending WAC 220-340-730.

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 emergency rule closes harvest of sea cucumber management in District 2-1 and reopens harvest in District 2-2. The quota in District 2-1 is expected to be taken by September 12, 2022, and this closure is needed to fulfill obligations of state and tribal comanager agreements. There is harvestable surplus in District 2-2 for one more fishery week beginning September 12, 2022. 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 1.

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: September 9, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-340-73000F Commercial sea cucumber fishery** Effective September 12, 2022, and until further notice, or until this rule expires on January 6, 2023, pursuant to RCW 34.05.350, the following provisions of WAC 220-340-730 regarding Puget Sound commercial sea cucumber harvest and sales shall be described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-340-730 not addressed herein, and unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

(1) Sea cucumber harvest using shellfish diver gear is allowed in Sea Cucumber Districts 1 and 2-2, Monday through Sunday of each week.

(2) The maximum cumulative landing of sea cucumbers for each weekly fishery opening period is 1,800 pounds per valid designated sea cucumber harvest license.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective September 12, 2022:

WAC 220-340-73000E Commercial sea cucumber fishery.  
(22-176)

**WSR 22-19-012**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-192—Filed September 9, 2022, 11:50 a.m., effective September 9, 2022, 11:50 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this rule making is to provide for treaty Indian fishing opportunity in the Columbia River while protecting salmon listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This rule making implements federal court orders governing Washington's relationship with treaty Indian tribes and federal law governing Washington's relationship with Oregon.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing 220-359-02000G; and amending 220-359-020.

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

Other Authority: *United States v. Oregon*, Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement (February 26, 2018) (Doc. No. 2607-1). *Northwest Gillnetters Ass'n v. Sandison*, 95 Wn.2d 638, 628 P.2d 800 (1981); Washington fish and wildlife commission policies concerning Columbia River fisheries; 40 Stat. 515 (Columbia River Compact).

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 extends the 2022 tribal fall commercial fisheries upstream of Bonneville Dam. This rule is consistent with actions of the Columbia River Compact on June 2 and 30, July 13 and 27, August 18, and September 8, 2022, and conforms state rules with tribal rules. The general public welfare is protected with the immediate opening of nontreaty buyers purchasing fish from treaty fisheries. This harvest opportunity allows for the tribal use and public access to the resource as well as the maintenance of sustainable fish populations. There is insufficient time to promulgate permanent regulations.

The Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce Indian tribes have treaty fishing rights in the Columbia River and inherent sovereign authority to regulate their fisheries. Washington and Oregon also have some authority to regulate fishing by treaty Indians in the Columbia River, authority that the states exercise jointly under the congressionally ratified Columbia River Compact. *Sohappy v. Smith*, 302 F. Supp. 899 (D. Or. 1969). The tribes and the states adopt parallel regulations for treaty Indian fisheries under the supervision of the federal courts. A court order sets the current parameters. *United States v. Oregon*, Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement (February 26, 2018) (Doc. No. 2607-1). Some salmon and steelhead stocks in the Columbia River are listed as threatened or endangered under ESA. On February 23, 2018, the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a biological opinion under 16 U.S.C. § 1536 that allows for some incidental take of these species in the fisheries as described in the 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement.

Columbia River fisheries are monitored very closely to ensure consistency with court orders and ESA guidelines. Because conditions change rapidly, the fisheries are managed almost exclusively by emergency rule. As required by court order, the Washington (WDFW) and Oregon (ODFW) departments of fish and wildlife convene public hearings and invite tribal participation when considering proposals for new emergency rules affecting treaty fishing rights. *Sohappy*, 302 F. Supp. at 912. WDFW and ODFW then adopt regulations reflecting agreements reached.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1; Federal Rules or Standards: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

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 1.

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: September 9, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

#### NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-359-02000H Columbia River salmon seasons.** Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-359-010, WAC 220-359-020, WAC 220-359-030, and WAC 220-359-090, it is unlawful for a person to take or possess salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, or yellow perch taken for commercial purposes in Columbia River Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1F, 1G, and 1H. However, those individuals possessing treaty fishing rights under the Yakima, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce treaties may fish for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, or yellow perch under the following provisions:

1) Open Areas: SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H (Zone 6)

(a) Seasons: Immediately through 6:00 PM September 10, 2022; 6:00 AM September 12 through 6:00 PM September 17, 2022

(b) Gear: Set and Drift Gill nets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size.

(c) Allowable sale: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

(d) Sanctuaries:

(i) Immediately through 6:00 PM September 10, 2022: Standard sanctuaries applicable to gill net gear. The standard Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is in place.

(ii) 6:00 AM September 12 through 6:00 PM September 17, 2022: The Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary will be a 150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder; all other standard sanctuaries applicable to gill net gear are in place.

2) Open Areas: SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H (Zone 6)

(a) Season: Immediately until further notice.

(b) Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.

(c) Allowable sale: Salmon (any species) and steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

(d) Standard river mouth and dam sanctuary closures remain in place for this gear.

3) Open Areas: SMCRA 1E (Downstream of Bonneville Dam)

(a) Season: Immediately through 11:59 PM October 31, 2022, only during days and times opened under tribal rules.

(b) Gear: Hook and line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.

(c) Allowable sale: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be retained in the fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam.

4) Open Areas: Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River

(a) Season: Immediately, until further notice, and only during those days and hours when the areas are open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.

(b) Gear: Hoop Nets/Bag Nets, Dip Nets, and Rod and reel with hook and Line. Gillnets may only be used in Drano Lake.

(c) Allowable sales: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence.

5) 24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers for all areas as provided in WAC 220-352-315, except that all landings from treaty fisheries described above must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket (not 24-hours after the period concludes).

6) Fish caught during the open period may be sold after the period concludes.

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**Reviser's note:** The typographical error in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

#### REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-359-02000G Columbia River salmon seasons. (22-174)

**WSR 22-19-013**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-194—Filed September 9, 2022, 11:51 a.m., effective September 12, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 12, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to add a commercial beach seine fishery opening targeting Chinook salmon in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 12C, the Hoodspport Hatchery Zone.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-210.

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: Chinook returns to the Hoodspport Hatchery have exceeded the preseason expectation to date. Currently, there are enough fish in the hatchery to meet program goals. Comanagers have agreed on an additional day of fishing.

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.

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Date Adopted: September 9, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-354-21000H Puget Sound salmon—Beach seine—Open periods.**

Effective the day of September 12, 2022, only; the following provisions of WAC 220-354-210 regarding commercial Beach Seine open periods for Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 12C Hoodspport Hatchery Zone shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-354-210 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule, remain in effect:



Area	Open/Closed	Time	Date(s)
12C Hoodspport Hatchery Zone	Open	7 am - 7 pm	9/12

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WSR 22-19-017
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-198—Filed September 9, 2022, 3:08 p.m., effective September 11, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 11, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to [open] Puget Sound commercial reef net fisheries.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-180.

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 emergency rule is needed to open commercial reef net fisheries in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7. The Fraser River Panel has relinquished control over waters of Area 7 for reef net gear to target coho salmon. 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: September 9, 2022.

Kelly Susewind
Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-354-18000T Reef net open periods. Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-354-180, effective September 11, through September 17, 2022, it is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken for commercial purposes in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas except as provided in this section, provided that unless otherwise amended, all permanent rules remain in effect:

Open to reef net gear according to the times, dates and conditions contained herein:

Table with 2 columns: Open Areas, Open Periods. Row 1: 7, 5 AM - 9 PM daily, 9/11 through 9/17

(a) It is unlawful to retain any salmon other than coho and hatchery Chinook.

(b) It is unlawful to retain marked Chinook unless the reef net operator is in immediate possession of a Puget Sound Reef Net Logbook. All retained marked Chinook must be recorded in the logbook in accordance with requirements of WAC 220-354-180.

(c) It is unlawful to fish for salmon with reef net gear in Areas 7 and 7A unless the vessel operator has attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and is in immediate possession of a department issued certification card.

(d) "Quick Reporting Fisheries":

All fisheries opened under this section, and any fishery opening under authority of the Fraser Panel for sockeye in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas (WAC 220-301-030), are designated as "Quick Reporting Required" per WAC 220-352-325 Puget Sound salmon and sturgeon—Additional reporting requirements and WAC 220-354-090 Puget Sound salmon—Quick reporting.

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**WSR 22-19-018**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-196—Filed September 9, 2022, 3:39 p.m., effective September 10, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 10, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to implement selective gear rules in the Skagit River downstream of Gilligan Creek and to close all fishing from Gilligan Creek to Cascade River Rd.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-040.

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 implement selective gear rules in the Skagit River downstream of Gilligan Creek and to close all fishing from Gilligan Creek to Cascade River Rd.

To date, preliminary monitoring data indicate the Skagit River coho sport fishery has used approximately 73 percent of allowable Chinook encounters for the entire season (through October 31). Test fisheries show that more than 20 percent of the salmon moving through lower river areas are Chinook. The number of Chinook encounters this coho season have already exceeded the total number from the entire 2021 season.

These emergency measures are necessary to preserve opportunity later in the season. Keeping the sport fishery within the Chinook conservation goal will allow for the possibility to shift remaining coho shares to later in the year. Going over the allowable Chinook conservation goal would cause complete closure with no possibility to reopen coho later in the season.

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: September 9, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-04000K Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.** Effective September 10, 2022, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding fishing seasons for the Skagit River shall be modified in locations listed and described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

(1) From the mouth (a line projected from the terminus of the jetty with McGlenn Island to the white monument on the easterly end of Ika Island, then to a white monument on the westerly end of Craft Island, then to a white monument near the corner of the levee on the westerly side of Dry Slough, and then to a white monument on the easterly side of Tom Moore Slough) to Gilligan Creek:

All species: Selective gear rules in effect.

(2) From Gilligan Creek to Cascade River Rd. (Marblemount Bridge):

All species: Closed.

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**WSR 22-19-023**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**

**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)

[Filed September 13, 2022, 8:04 a.m., effective September 14, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 14, 2022.

Purpose: The department is extending the amendment of the rules listed below to assure [ensure] nursing homes are not significantly impeded from admitting and caring for residents during the COVID-19 outbreak. This rule making extends emergency rules filed consecutively since April 13, 2020, to maintain compliance with blanket waivers issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The amendments will continue to align state nursing home rules with federal rules that are suspended or amended to help facilitate care during the COVID-19 pandemic until such time as CMS reinstates their rules. The federal rules were amended to delay the requirement by 30 days to complete preadmission screening and resident review (PASRR) screening prior to admission to a nursing home under WAC 388-97-1915 and 388-97-1975. The department also filed a CR-101 under WSR 21-11-062 and is continuing discussions about adding rules that explain the circumstances and time periods under which suspension of rules was necessary due to COVID[-19].

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 388-97-1915 and 388-97-1975.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.42.620.

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: The continued threat of COVID-19 to our most vulnerable populations is significant, especially for those receiving long-term care services in their homes and congregate settings, such as long-term care facilities. PASRR: Current nursing home rules require a PASRR screen, typically performed by hospital staff prior to admission to a nursing home, followed by further evaluation from state agency staff or contractors under certain circumstances. Hospital staff continue to experience an extremely high workload during the pandemic due to the increased number of admissions, coupled with a reduced number of available staff. Additionally, face-to-face evaluation of the transferring resident continues to be restricted in many counties. The PASRR rule aligns state nursing home rules with federal rules that were extended to help facilitate care during the COVID-19 outbreak by shortening the transfer time from hospital to nursing home and increasing the flexibility for nursing home staff to be able to prioritize immediate or emergency care needs of incoming residents. These emergency rules continue to be needed to align state nursing home requirements with suspended or amended federal requirements. Ongoing conversations with stakeholders also support continuation of these emergency rules until a clear timeline for reimplementation, consistent with federal reimplementation, is established.

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

Amended 2, 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 0, 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 2, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: September 13, 2022.

Katherine I. Vasquez  
Rules Coordinator

## SHS-4799.6

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-18-026, filed 8/25/15, effective 9/25/15)

**WAC 388-97-1915 PASRR requirements (~~(prior to admission of)~~) for new residents.** (~~(Prior to every)~~) Within 30 days of admission (~~(of a new resident)~~), the nursing facility must:

(1) Complete a PASRR level I screening, or verify that a PASRR level I screening has been completed(~~(, and deny admission until that screening has been completed)~~).

(2) Require a PASRR level II evaluation, or verify that a PASRR level II evaluation has been (~~(completed)~~) requested when the individual's PASRR level I screening indicates that the individual may have serious mental illness and/or intellectual disability or related condition(~~(, and deny admission until that evaluation has been completed, unless all three of the following criteria apply and are documented in the PASRR level I screening:~~

~~(a) The individual is admitted directly from a hospital after receiving acute inpatient care;~~

~~(b) The individual requires nursing facility services for the condition for which he or she received care in the hospital; and~~

~~(c) The individual's attending physician has certified that the individual is likely to require fewer than thirty days of nursing facility services)~~).

(3) (~~(Decline to admit any individual whose PASRR level II evaluation determines that he or she does not require nursing facility services or that a nursing facility placement is otherwise inappropriate.~~

~~(4))~~) Coordinate with PASRR evaluators to the maximum extent practicable in order to avoid duplicative assessments and effort, and to ensure continuity of care for nursing facility residents with a serious mental illness and/or an intellectual disability or related condition.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. § 483.100-138. WSR 15-18-026, § 388-97-1915, filed 8/25/15, effective 9/25/15.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-18-026, filed 8/25/15, effective 9/25/15)

**WAC 388-97-1975 PASRR requirements after admission of a resident.** (~~Following~~) After the 30th day of a resident's admission, the nursing facility must:

(1) Review all level I screening forms for accuracy. If at any time the facility finds that the previous level I screening was incomplete, erroneous, or is no longer accurate, the facility must immediately complete a new screening using the department's standardized level I form, following the directions provided by the department's PASRR program. If the corrected level I screening identifies a possible serious mental illness or intellectual disability or related condition, the facility must notify DDA and/or the mental health PASRR evaluator so a level II evaluation can be conducted.

(2) Record the evidence of the level I screening and level II determinations (and any subsequent changes) in the resident assessment in accordance with the schedule required under WAC 388-97-1000.

(3) Maintain the level I form and the level II evaluation report in the resident's active clinical record.

(4) Immediately complete a level I screening using the department's standardized form if the facility discovers that a resident does not have a level I screening in his or her clinical record, following directions provided by the department's PASRR program. If the level I screening identifies a possible serious mental illness or intellectual disability or related condition, notify the DDA and/or mental health PASRR evaluator so a level II evaluation can be conducted.

~~(5) ((Notify the DDA and/or mental health PASRR evaluator when a resident who was admitted on an exempted hospital discharge appears likely to need nursing facility services for more than thirty days, so a level II evaluation can be performed. This notification must occur as soon as the nursing facility anticipates that the resident may require more than 30 days of nursing facility services, and no later than the twenty-fifth day after admission unless good cause is documented for later notification.~~

~~(6))~~ Notify the DDA and/or mental health PASRR evaluator when a resident who was admitted with an advance categorical determination appears likely to need nursing facility services for longer than the period specified by DDA and/or the mental health PASRR evaluator, so that a full assessment of the individual's need for specialized services can be performed. This notification must occur as soon as the nursing facility anticipates that the resident will require more than the number of days of nursing facility services authorized for the specific advance categorical determination and no later than five days before expiration of the period (three days for protective services) unless good cause is documented for later notification.

~~((7))~~ (6) Immediately notify the DDA and/or mental health PASRR evaluator for a possible resident review when there has been a significant change in the physical or mental condition, as defined in WAC 388-97-1910, of any resident who has been determined to have a serious



mental illness or intellectual disability or related condition. Complete a new level I screening for the significant change.

~~((8))~~ (7) Provide or arrange for the provision of any services recommended by a PASRR level II evaluator that are within the scope of nursing facility services. If the facility believes that the recommended service either cannot or should not be provided, the facility must document the reason(s) for not providing the service and communicate the reason(s) to the level II evaluator.

~~((9))~~ (8) Immediately complete a new level I screening using the department's standardized form if the facility finds that a resident, not previously determined to have a serious mental illness, develops symptoms of a serious mental illness, and refer the resident to the mental health PASRR evaluator for further evaluation.

~~((10))~~ (9) Provide services and interventions that complement, reinforce, and are consistent with any specialized services recommended by the level II evaluator. The resident's plan of care must specify how the facility will integrate relevant activities to achieve this consistency and the enhancement of the PASRR goals.

~~((11))~~ (10) Discharge, in accordance with WAC 388-97-0120, any resident with a serious mental illness or intellectual disability or related condition who does not meet nursing facility level of care, unless the resident has continuously resided in the facility for at least ~~((thirty))~~ 30 months and requires specialized services. The nursing facility must cooperate with DDA and/or mental health PASRR evaluator as it prepares the resident for a safe and orderly discharge.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. § 483.100-138. WSR 15-18-026, § 388-97-1975, filed 8/25/15, effective 9/25/15.]

## WSR 22-19-027

## EMERGENCY RULES

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed September 13, 2022, 4:11 p.m., effective September 13, 2022, 4:11 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: WAC 246-980-025 in chapter 246-980 WAC, Home care aides; and adopting new WAC 246-980-012. Due to impacts from the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, long-term care workers experience significant delays when completing training, testing, and certification as a nursing assistant-certified (NAC). Often these delays prevent workers from meeting statutory or regulatory time frames. By establishing alternate, extended time frames for certification, the department of health (department) is enabling these workers to continue participating in the health care workforce as they pursue NAC certification.

The department is creating new WAC 246-980-012, which contains alternate certification time frames for long-term care workers in an approved training program for NAC. These alternate time frames were developed in collaboration with the department of social and health services (DSHS) and the nursing care quality assurance commission.

The amendment to WAC 246-980-025 replaces current certification time frames with a cross-reference to new WAC 246-980-012.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 246-980-012; and amending WAC 246-980-025.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.88B.041, 18.88B.050, 18.88B.060.

Other Authority: Not applicable.

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: During the COVID-19 pandemic, both training and testing were unavailable for several months in 2020 before resuming at a limited capacity. This created a large backlog of long-term care workers needing training, testing, and credentialing as a home care aide or NAC. While involved agencies and facilities are working to process the backlog as quickly as possible, delays are expected to persist into 2023. So far, workers who are out of compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines have been able to work under Governor's Proclamations 20-52 and 20-65 (waivers), which waive credentialing requirements. However, these waivers will be rescinded effective October 27, 2022.

After these waivers are rescinded, workers seeking a home care aide credential will be able to continue working under alternate time frames established by the department and DSHS; however, no similar provision currently exists for workers seeking an NAC credential. Without alternate time frames, workers seeking an NAC credential cannot continue providing patient care after October 27, 2022. Losing these workers would place further strain on the health care system.

These emergency rules create alternate time frames for workers seeking an NAC credential. This will allow workers to remain in the workforce, providing patient care, while continuing training, testing, and certification. Retaining these workers will help maintain and ex-

pand the health care workforce, promote access to health care, and preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare.

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.

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Date Adopted: September 13, 2022.

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 Secretary

**OTS-4035.2**

NEW SECTION

**WAC 246-980-012 Long-term care workers in an approved training program for certified nursing assistant.** (1) A long-term care worker affected by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency who is in an approved training program for certified nursing assistant under chapter 18.88A RCW must obtain certification as follows:

Hired or rehired during the time frame of:	Shall be certified as a nursing assistant-certified no later than:
August 17, 2019, to September 30, 2020	January 19, 2023
October 1, 2020, to April 30, 2021	April 21, 2023
May 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022	July 19, 2023
April 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022	November 19, 2023
October 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, or the end of the COVID-19 training waivers established by gubernatorial proclamation, whichever is later	December 19, 2023, or within 200 days after the end of the COVID-19 training waivers established by gubernatorial proclamation, whichever is later
After the end of the COVID-19 training waivers established by gubernatorial proclamation or beginning January 1, 2023, whichever is later	Standard training timeline

(2) "Hired" and "rehired" as used in this section mean the date of hire as defined in WAC 246-980-010. A long-term care worker is considered rehired if they held previous employment as a long-term care worker and did not have an active certified nursing assistant credential when hired during the time frames outlined in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Nothing in this section prevents a long-term care worker hired between August 17, 2019, and September 30, 2022, from completing training or obtaining certification in advance of the deadlines stipulated in subsection (1) of this section.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-20-072, filed 9/28/18, effective 10/29/18)

**WAC 246-980-025 Individuals exempt from obtaining a home care aide certification.** (1) The following individuals are not required to obtain certification as a home care aide. If they choose to voluntarily become certified, they must successfully pass the entry level training required by RCW 74.39A.074 and meet the requirements of WAC 246-980-040 (1)(b) and (c).

(a) An individual provider caring only for a biological, step, or adoptive child or parent.

(b) An individual provider who provides (~~(twenty)~~) 20 hours or less of care for one person in any calendar month.

(c) An individual employed by a community residential service business.

(d) An individual employed by a residential habilitation center licensed under chapter 71A.20 RCW or a facility certified under 42 C.F.R. Part 483.

(e) A direct care worker who is not paid by the state or by a private agency or facility licensed by the state to provide personal care services.

(f) A person working as an individual provider who only provides respite services and works less than (~~(three hundred)~~) 300 hours in any calendar year.

(g) Any direct care worker exempt under RCW 18.88B.041(1).

(2) The following long-term care workers are not required to obtain certification as a home care aide. If they choose to voluntarily become certified, they must meet the requirements of WAC 246-980-040 (1)(b) and (c). The training requirements under RCW 74.39A.074(1) are not required.

(a) An individual who holds an active credential by the department as a:

(i) Registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse, or advanced registered nurse practitioner under chapter 18.79 RCW; or

(ii) Nursing assistant-certified under chapter 18.88A RCW.

(b) A home health aide who was employed by a medicare certified home health agency within the year before being hired as a long-term care worker and has met the requirements of 42 C.F.R. Part 484.36.

(c) A person who is in an approved training program for certified nursing assistant under chapter 18.88A RCW, as provided (~~(that the training program is completed within one hundred twenty calendar days of the date of hire and that the nursing assistant-certified credential has been issued within two hundred calendar days of the date of hire)~~) in WAC 246-980-012.

(d) An individual with special education training and an endorsement granted by the superintendent of public instruction under RCW 28A.300.010 and is approved by the secretary.

(e) An individual employed as a long-term care worker on January 6, 2012, or who was employed as a long-term care worker between January 1, 2011, and January 6, 2012, and who completed all of the training requirements in effect as of the date of hire. This exemption expires if the long-term care worker has not provided care for three consecutive years.

(i) The department may require the exempt long-term care worker who was employed as a long-term care worker between January 1, 2011, and January 6, 2012, to provide proof of that employment. Proof may include a letter or similar documentation from the employer that hired the long-term care worker between January 1, 2011, and January 6, 2012, indicating the first and last day of employment, the job title, a job description, and proof of completing training requirements. Proof of training will also be accepted directly from the approved instructor or training program, if applicable.

(ii) For an individual provider reimbursed by the department of social and health services, the department will accept verification from the department of social and health services or the training partnership.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88B.021. WSR 18-20-072, § 246-980-025, filed 9/28/18, effective 10/29/18.]

**WSR 22-19-030**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-201—Filed September 14, 2022, 10:05 a.m., effective September 15, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 15, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open recreational salmon seasons for the Columbia River below Bonneville Dam.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-06000Z; and amending WAC 220-312-060.

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: Current in-season catch projections indicate that minimal Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed lower river tule Chinook are expected to be handled downstream of the Rocky Point line and allows hatchery coho retention under permanent regulations. This rule also reopens Chinook retention in a portion of the mainstem located upstream of ESA-listed tule Chinook bound tributaries. Historical coded wire tag data indicate a zero-handle expectation of lower river tule Chinook. Staff will continue to monitor progress of ongoing fisheries, with an expectation to manage within the allowed 38 percent ESA impact rate and per Washington fish and wildlife Policy C-3630. This rule conforms Washington state rules with Oregon state rules and is consistent with compact action on September 1 and 13, 2022.

Washington and Oregon jointly regulate Columbia River fisheries under the congressionally ratified Columbia River Compact. Four Indian tribes have treaty fishing rights in the Columbia River. The treaties preempt state regulations that fail to allow the tribes an opportunity to take a fair share of the available fish, and the states must manage other fisheries accordingly. *Sohappy v. Smith*, 302 F. Supp. 899 (D. Or. 1969). A court order sets the current parameters. *United States v. Oregon*, Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement (February 26, 2018) (Doc. No. 2607-1). Some salmon and steelhead stocks in the Columbia River are listed as threatened or endangered under ESA. On February 23, 2018, the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a biological opinion under 16 U.S.C. § 1536 that allows for some incidental take of these species in the fisheries as described in the 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement. The Washington and Oregon fish and wildlife commissions have developed policies to guide the implementation of such biological opinions in the states' regulation of nontreaty fisheries.

Columbia River nontreaty fisheries are monitored very closely to ensure compliance with federal court orders, ESA, and commission guidelines. Because conditions change rapidly, the fisheries are managed almost exclusively by emergency rule. Representatives from the Washington (WDFW) and Oregon (ODFW) departments of fish and wildlife convene public hearings and take public testimony when considering proposals for new emergency rules. WDFW and ODFW then adopt regulations reflecting agreements reached.

This rule also carries forward Columbia River salmon seasons previously set in WSR 22-15-033, filed July 13, 2022.

There is insufficient time to promulgate permanent rules.

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Date Adopted: September 14, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

#### NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-06000A Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.** Effective September 15, 2022, until further notice, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding recreational salmon and steelhead seasons from a true north-south line through Buoy 10 to Bonneville Dam and from Rock Island Dam to Chief Joseph Dam, shall be modified during the dates listed and as described below. All year-round Closed Waters areas remain in effect. Other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

**(1) From a true north-south line through Buoy 10 upstream to a line from Rocky Point on the Washington bank through Red Buoy 44 to the red navigation marker 2 at Tongue Point on the Oregon Bank (the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line), and including Youngs Bay:**

(a) Effective September 15 through October 31, 2022: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery coho.

(b) Effective November 1 through December 31, 2022: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults, including no more than 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery coho and hatchery steelhead.

**(2) From the Rocky Point/Tongue point line upstream to a straight line from a fishing boundary sign on the Oregon shore near the old Corbett boat ramp through the eastern tip of Reed Island (East Reed Island line) to the Washington shore, including Camas Slough:**

Immediately, until further notice: Salmon and steelhead: Closed.

**(3) From the East Reed Island line upstream to a point 600 feet below the new Bonneville Dam Powerhouse:**

Effective September 15 through October 31, 2022: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, including no more than 1 Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than Chinook and hatchery coho.

**(4) From Rock Island Dam to Boundary 400 feet below the Wells Dam spawning channel discharge (on Chelan County side) and fish ladder (on Douglas County side):** Salmon:

Effective immediately, through October 15, 2022: Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult hatchery Chinook and no more than 4 sockeye. Release wild adult Chinook and coho.

**(5) From Wells Dam to Hwy. 173 Bridge at Brewster:** Salmon:

Effective immediately, through September 30, 2022: Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult hatchery Chinook and no more than 4 sockeye. Release wild adult Chinook and coho.

**(6) From Hwy. 173 Bridge at Brewster to the rock jetty at the upstream shoreline of Foster Creek (Douglas County side):** Salmon:

Effective immediately, through October 15, 2022: Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult hatchery Chinook and no more than 4 sockeye. Release wild adult Chinook and coho.

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#### REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective September 15, 2022:

WAC 220-312-06000Z Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia. (22-188)



WSR 22-19-031  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-199—Filed September 14, 2022, 10:17 a.m., effective September 14, 2022, 10:17 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: This emergency rule will allow nontreaty commercial fishing opportunities in the Columbia River while protecting fish listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This rule implements federal court orders governing Washington's relationship with treaty Indian tribes, federal law governing Washington's relationship with Oregon, and Washington fish and wildlife commission policy guidance for Columbia River fisheries.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-358-03000N; and amending WAC 220-358-030.

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

Other Authority: *United States v. Oregon*, Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement (February 26, 2018) (Doc. No. 2607-1). *Northwest Gillnetters Ass'n v. Sandison*, 95 Wn.2d 638, 628 P.2d 800 (1981); Washington fish and wildlife commission policies concerning Columbia River fisheries; 40 Stat. 515 (Columbia River Compact).

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 sets commercial Columbia River Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1D and 1E gillnet fisheries and rescinds white sturgeon sales for select areas. Impacts to ESA-listed stocks are available for the nontreaty commercial fishers to access harvest of abundant non-ESA-listed stocks. Guidance in both states allocates ESA impacts for the most constraining fall Chinook stock as no more than 70 percent to recreational fisheries and no less than 30 percent to commercial fisheries. Late fall commercial fisheries were developed during the 2022 North of Falcon salmon season setting process. The fishery is consistent with the *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement and the associated biological opinion. Confirms Washington state rules with Oregon state rules. Regulation is consistent with the compact actions of July 27 and September 13, 2022. This harvest opportunity allows for public access to the resource as well as the maintenance of sustainable fish populations. There is insufficient time to promulgate permanent rules.

Washington and Oregon jointly regulate Columbia River fisheries under the congressionally ratified Columbia River Compact. Four Indian tribes have treaty fishing rights in the Columbia River. The treaties preempt state regulations that fail to allow the tribes an opportunity to take a fair share of the available fish, and the states must manage other fisheries accordingly. *Sohappy v. Smith*, 302 F. Supp. 899 (D. Or. 1969). A court order sets the current parameters. *United States v. Oregon*, Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement (February 26, 2018) (Doc. No. 2607-1). Some salmon and steelhead stocks in the Columbia River are listed as threatened or endangered under ESA. On February 23, 2018,

the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a biological opinion under 16 U.S.C. § 1536 that allows for some incidental take of these species in the fisheries as described in the 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement.

Some Columbia River Basin salmon and steelhead stocks are listed as threatened or endangered under ESA. The Washington and Oregon fish and wildlife commissions have developed policies to guide the implementation of such biological opinions in the states' regulation of nontreaty fisheries.

Columbia River nontreaty fisheries are monitored very closely to ensure compliance with federal court orders, ESA, and commission guidelines. Because conditions change rapidly, the fisheries are managed almost exclusively by emergency rule. Representatives from the Washington (WDFW) and Oregon (ODFW) departments of fish and wildlife convene public hearings and take public testimony when considering proposals for new emergency rules. WDFW and ODFW then adopt regulations reflecting agreements reached.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1; Federal Rules or Standards: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

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Date Adopted: September 14, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-358-03000P Columbia River seasons below Bonneville.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-358-030, WAC 220-358-040, and WAC 220-335-050, it is unlawful for a person to take or possess salmon, sturgeon, and shad for commercial purposes from Columbia River Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and Select Areas, except during the times and conditions listed below:

**(1) Mainstem:**

Open Dates	Open Days	Open Time	Open Duration
September 18 - 23	Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday (nights)	8:00 pm - 6:00 am	10 hrs

(a) **Areas:** 1D-1E (Zones 4-5). The deadline at the downstream end of Area 1D (Zone 4) shall be defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation Buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore. Sanctuaries: Washougal and Sandy Rivers

(b) **Gear:** Drift gillnets only. 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Multiple net rule **not** in effect, which means nets not authorized for this fishery may not be on board. Lighted buoys required.

(c) **Allowable Sales:** Salmon (except Chum), shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of **six** white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.

**(2) Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area:**

Open Dates	Open Days	Open Time	Open Duration
Immediately - October 28	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (night)	4:00 pm - 10:00 am	18 hrs

(a) **Area:**

(i) The Tongue Point Select Area is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Tongue Point (midway between the red USCG light "2" at the tip of Tongue Point and the northern-most pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility) to the flashing green USCG light "3" on the rock jetty at the northwest tip of Mott Island, a line from a regulatory marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the northwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker located on the Oregon shore approximately 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island:

(A) If the marker on the eastern shore of Tongue Point is not in place, the downstream boundary is defined by a line projecting from a point (46°12'31.1"N latitude 123°45'34.0"W longitude) on the eastern shore of Tongue Point to the flashing green USCG light "3" on the rock jetty at the northwest tip of Mott Island.

(B) If the marker on the Oregon shore is not in place, the upstream boundary is defined by a line projecting from a point (46°10'57.7"N latitude 123°44'35.3"W longitude) on the Oregon shore approximately 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on Lois Island.

(ii) The South Channel Area is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the Oregon shore at John Day Point projecting northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker on Settler Point projecting northwesterly to the flashing red USCG light "10" then projecting westerly to the eastern tip of Burnside Island.

(b) **Gear:** Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction. Maximum net length of 250 fathoms. In the Tongue Point Select Area, the lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom; however, unstored gillnets legal for use in South Channel may be on-board.

In the South Channel Select Area, there is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight and anchors directly to the lead line is permitted. Nets not specifically authorized for use may be onboard a vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Nets fished any time be-

tween official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.

(c) **Allowable Sales:**

(i) Immediately, through September 17, 2022: Salmon (except Chum), shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of **three** white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to all Select Area fisheries.

(ii) September 18, 2022, until further notice: Salmon (except Chum), and shad. White sturgeon may not be sold or possessed. This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to all Select Area fisheries.

(3) **Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area:**

Open Dates	Open Days	Open Time	Open Duration
Immediately - October 28	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (night)	6:00 pm - 10:00 am	16 hrs

(a) **Area:** The Blind Slough Select Area is defined as waters of Blind Slough and Gnat Creek from a north-south line represented by regulatory markers at the mouth of Blind Slough upstream to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge. The Knappa Slough Select Area is defined as waters of Knappa Slough, Calendar Slough, and Big Creek Slough bounded to the north (upstream) by a line projecting from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Karlson Island to the northernmost regulatory marker at the mouth of Blind Slough and bounded to the west (downstream) by a line projecting southerly from a regulatory marker on the southwestern tip of Karlson Island through regulatory markers on the western tips of Minaker Island to a marker on the Oregon shore. The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed.

(b) **Gear:** Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight and anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.

Nets not specifically authorized for use may be onboard a vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.

(c) **Allowable Sales:**

(i) Immediately, through September 17, 2022: Salmon (except Chum), shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of **three** white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to all Select Area fisheries.

(ii) September 18, 2022, until further notice: Salmon (except Chum), and shad. White sturgeon may not be sold or possessed. This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to all Select Area fisheries.

**(4) Deep River Select Area:**

Open Dates	Open Days	Open Time	Open Duration
Immediately - October 14	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (night)	6:00 pm - 9:00 am	15 hrs
October 17 - November 3	Monday, Wednesday (night)	6:00 pm - 9:00 am	15 hrs
November 7 - November 24	Monday, Wednesday (night)	5:00 pm - 8:00 am	15 hrs

(a) **Area:** The Deep River fishing area includes all waters from West Deep River Road Bridge at the town of Deep River downstream to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.

(b) **Gear:** Gillnets with a maximum mesh size restriction of 6-inches. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. No weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gillnet gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. "River, stream, or channel width" is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations that conflict with it. Nets not specifically authorized for use may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.

**(c) Allowable Sales:**

(i) Immediately, through September 17, 2022: Salmon (except Chum), shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of **three** white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to all Select Area fisheries.

(ii) September 18, 2022, until further notice: Salmon (except Chum), and shad. White sturgeon may not be sold or possessed. This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to all Select Area fisheries.

**(5) 24-hour quick reporting** is in effect for Washington buyers WAC 220-352-315. Permanent transportation rules in effect. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

**(6) Multi-Net Rule:** Nets not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater (WAC 220-358-030(2)).

**(7) Lighted Buoys:** Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is at-

tached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.

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**Reviser's note:** The unnecessary underscoring in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-358-03000N Columbia River seasons below  
Bonneville. (22-148)

WSR 22-19-032  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 22-200—Filed September 14, 2022, 10:21 a.m., effective September 14, 2022, 10:21 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this rule making is to provide for treaty Indian fishing opportunity in the Columbia River while protecting salmon listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This rule making implements federal court orders governing Washington's relationship with treaty Indian tribes and federal law governing Washington's relationship with Oregon.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-359-02000H; and amending WAC 220-359-020.

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

Other Authority: *United States v. Oregon*, Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement (February 26, 2018) (Doc. No. 2607-1). *Northwest Gillnetters Ass'n v. Sandison*, 95 Wn.2d 638, 628 P.2d 800 (1981); Washington fish and wildlife commission policies concerning Columbia River fisheries; 40 Stat. 515 (Columbia River Compact).

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 extends the 2022 tribal fall commercial fisheries upstream of Bonneville Dam. This rule is consistent with actions of the Columbia River Compact on June 2 and 30, July 13 and 27, August 18, September 8 and 13, 2022. Conforms state rules with tribal rules. The general public welfare is protected with the immediate opening of nontreaty buyers purchasing fish from treaty fisheries. This harvest opportunity allows for the tribal use and public access to the resource as well as the maintenance of sustainable fish populations. There is insufficient time to promulgate permanent regulations.

The Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce Indian tribes have treaty fishing rights in the Columbia River and inherent sovereign authority to regulate their fisheries. Washington and Oregon also have some authority to regulate fishing by treaty Indians in the Columbia River, authority that the states exercise jointly under the congressionally ratified Columbia River Compact. *Sohappy v. Smith*, 302 F. Supp. 899 (D. Or. 1969). The tribes and the states adopt parallel regulations for treaty Indian fisheries under the supervision of the federal courts. A court order sets the current parameters. *United States v. Oregon*, Civil No. 68-513-KI (D. Or.), Order Adopting 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement (February 26, 2018) (Doc. No. 2607-1). Some salmon and steelhead stocks in the Columbia River are listed as threatened or endangered under ESA. On February 23, 2018, the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a biological opinion under 16 U.S.C. § 1536 that allows for some incidental take of these species in the fisheries as described in the 2018-2027 *United States v. Oregon* Management Agreement.

Columbia River fisheries are monitored very closely to ensure consistency with court orders and ESA guidelines. Because conditions change rapidly, the fisheries are managed almost exclusively by emergency rule. As required by court order, the Washington (WDFW) and Oregon (ODFW) departments of fish and wildlife convene public hearings and invite tribal participation when considering proposals for new emergency rules affecting treaty fishing rights. *Sohappy*, 302 F. Supp. at 912. WDFW and ODFW then adopt regulations reflecting agreements reached.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1; Federal Rules or Standards: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

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 1.

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: September 14, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

#### NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-359-02000I Columbia River salmon seasons.** Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-359-010, WAC 220-359-020, WAC 220-359-030, and WAC 220-359-090, it is unlawful for a person to take or possess salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, or yellow perch taken for commercial purposes in Columbia River Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1F, 1G, and 1H. However, those individuals possessing treaty fishing rights under the Yakima, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce treaties may fish for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, or yellow perch under the following provisions:

1) Open Areas: SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H (Zone 6)

(a) Seasons: Immediately through 6:00 PM September 17, 2022; 6:00 AM September 19 through 6:00 PM September 22, 2022

(b) Gear: Set and Drift Gill nets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size.

(c) Allowable sale: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

(d) Sanctuaries: The Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary will be a 150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder; all other standard sanctuaries applicable to gill net gear are in place.

2) Open Areas: SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H (Zone 6)



(a) Season: Immediately through 6:00 PM December 31, 2022.

(b) Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.

(c) Allowable sale: Salmon (any species) and steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

(d) Standard river mouth and dam sanctuary closures remain in place for this gear.

3) Open Areas: SMCRA 1E (Downstream of Bonneville Dam)

(a) Season: Immediately through 11:59 PM October 31, 2022, only during days and times opened under tribal rules.

(b) Gear: Hook and line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.

(c) Allowable sale: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be retained in the fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam.

4) Open Areas: Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River

(a) Season: Immediately, until further notice, and only during those days and hours when the areas are open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.

(b) Gear: Hoop Nets/Bag Nets, Dip Nets, and Rod and reel with hook and Line. Gillnets may only be used in Drano Lake.

(c) Allowable sales: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence.

5) 24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers for all areas as provided in WAC 220-352-315, except that all landings from treaty fisheries described above must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket (not 24-hours after the period concludes).

6) Fish caught during the open period may be sold after the period concludes.

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**Reviser's note:** The typographical error in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

#### REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-359-02000H Columbia River salmon seasons. (22-192)

**WSR 22-19-036**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-203—Filed September 14, 2022, 12:17 p.m., effective September 16, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 16, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to [close] recreational fisheries in the Cascade River, from the mouth to the Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-040.

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: Postponement of the opening of the Cascade River sport fishery is necessary to prevent state fisheries in the Skagit system from exceeding the state's conservation goals for encounters of Skagit summer/fall Chinook during Skagit River system sport fisheries. The state share of Skagit summer/fall Chinook encounters is divided among state fisheries in the Skagit Basin (terminal area) and marine areas (preterminal). This action is necessary to preserve opportunity later in the season, and to provide for a longer season that would likely be cut very short by exceeding Chinook impacts if opened as originally scheduled.

In-season monitoring of Skagit coho fisheries began in 2021 and is expected to continue into the future. This monitoring helps guide management actions to stay within conservation goals while providing maximum opportunity. The Washington department of fish and wildlife will continue to assess summer Chinook spawning activity in the Cascade River and throughout the Skagit system to reopen as soon as possible.

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: September 14, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-04000N Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.** Effective September 16, 2022, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding fishing seasons for the Cascade River shall be modified in locations listed, as described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

Cascade River; from the mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge: All species: Closed.

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**WSR 22-19-047**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-205—Filed September 15, 2022, 10:12 a.m., effective September 17, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 17, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open hatchery Chinook retention seasons in a portion of Whatcom Creek.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-040.

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 action is necessary to open recreational hatchery Chinook retention seasons in Whatcom Creek. Chinook released at the Whatcom Fish Hatchery to aid southern resident killer whales and support harvest programs have returned to Whatcom Creek in harvestable numbers. Closure dates ensure that gear conflicts between comanager fisheries and recreational fisheries are avoided. 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: September 15, 2022.

Amy H. Windrope  
for Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-04000P Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.** Effective September 17 through September 26, 2022, provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding salmon seasons for Whatcom Creek shall be as described below as will closure dates for all species. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040 not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended by emergency rule remain in effect:

**Whatcom Creek (Whatcom Co): From the mouth (a line from the flashing light at the southwest end of the Port of Bellingham North**

**Terminal to the southernmost point of the dike surrounding the Georgia Pacific treatment pond) to the markers downstream of the footbridge that is downstream of Dupont Street:**

(a) Salmon:

(i) Open Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays only.

(ii) Daily limit 1. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

(iii) Night Closure in effect.

(iv) Anti-snagging rule in effect.

(b) Gamefish: Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

(c) All species: Closed waters on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

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**WSR 22-19-050**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-202—Filed September 15, 2022, 4:49 p.m., effective September 15, 2022, 4:49 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to adjust weekly Chinook and coho landing limits for the coastal troll fishery.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-354-30000M; and amending WAC 220-354-300.

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: A harvestable quota of salmon is available for the troll fleet. This regulation is necessary to both meet conservation limits and to provide fishing opportunity and its corresponding economic benefit. An increase in weekly limits is possible with remaining quota and limited fishing effort expected for the remainder of the season. These rules are adopted at the recommendation of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, in accordance with pre-season fishing plans, and have been adopted for federal waters by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. 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 1.

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: September 15, 2022.

Nate Pamplin  
for Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-354-30000N Coastal salmon troll seasons—Commercial.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-354-300, WAC 220-353-050 and WAC 220-354-010, effective immediately, through September 30, 2022, it is unlawful to fish for salmon with troll gear or to land salmon taken

with troll gear into a Washington port except during the seasons and under conditions provided below:

(1) Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1, 2, 3, and that portion of Area 4 west of 125°05'00"W longitude and south of 48°23'00"N latitude open: Immediately, through September 30, 2022.

(2) Landing and possession limit of 15 Chinook per vessel per landing week defined as Thursday through Wednesday.

(3) Landing and possession limit of 225 coho per vessel per landing week, defined as Thursday through Wednesday.

(4) The Cape Flattery and Columbia River Control Zones are closed. The Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area is closed.

(5) No chum retention north of Cape Alava, WA in September.

(6) Minimum size for Chinook salmon is 27 inches in length (20 1/2 inches frozen dressed). Minimum size for coho salmon is 16 inches in length (12 inches frozen dressed). No minimum size for pink, sock-eye or chum salmon.

(7) It is unlawful to fish in Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1, 2, 3 or 4 with fish on board taken south of Cape Falcon, Oregon and all fish taken from Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4 must be landed before fishing south of Cape Falcon, Oregon.

(8) It is unlawful for wholesale dealers and trollers retailing their fish to fail to report their landing by 10:00 a.m. the day following landing. Ticket information can be telephoned in by calling 1-866-791-1279, faxing the information to (360) 902-2949, or e-mailing to trollfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov. Report the dealer name, the dealer license number, the purchasing location, the date of purchase, the fish ticket numbers, the gear used, the catch area, the species, the total number for each species, and the total weight for each species, including halibut.

(9) During any single trip, only one side of the Leadbetter Point line (46°38'10"N. lat.) may be fished.

(a) Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing south of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver all species of fish within the area south of Leadbetter Point.

(b) For delivery to Washington ports south of Leadbetter Point, vessels must notify WDFW at 360-249-1215 or by email at Danielle.Williams@dfw.wa.gov prior to crossing the Leadbetter Point line with area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch aboard, and destination with approximate time of delivery.

(c) Vessels may not land fish east of the Megler-Astoria bridge.

(10) Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon north of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver all species of fish in a Washington port and must possess a Washington troll and/or salmon delivery license.

(a) Vessels in possession of salmon south of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line (47°31'42"N. lat.) without first notifying WDFW at 360-249-1215 or by email at Danielle.Williams@dfw.wa.gov with area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch aboard and destination.

(b) Vessels in possession of salmon north of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying WDFW at 360-249-1215 or by email at Danielle.Williams@dfw.wa.gov with area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch aboard and destination.

(c) Vessels may not land fish east of the Sekiu River.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-354-30000M Coastal salmon troll seasons—  
Commercial. (22-182)



**WSR 22-19-051**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-204—Filed September 15, 2022, 4:56 p.m., effective September 16, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 16, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to place a maximum length of 15 inches for salmon retention.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-312-030.

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 needed to set a maximum size limit on salmon in Yale Reservoir. As part of the upper Lewis River anadromous reintroduction effort, adult coho will be released into Yale reservoir for habitat preparation and nutrient enhancement. Upstream transport for reintroduction into areas above Swift Dam is ongoing with hatchery coho in excess of weekly Lewis basin hatchery broodstock collection targets. Transport of additional coho adults to Yale Reservoir will occur for habitat preparation and nutrient enhancement purposes.

This fishing rule change will enable continued landlocked salmon fishing while restricting retention of adult coho transported for habitat preparation needs.

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: September 15, 2022.

Nate Pamplin  
for Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-03000Q Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Southwest.** Effective September 16 through December 31, 2022, the pro-

visions of WAC 220-312-030 regarding Yale Reservoir shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-030 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

**Yale Reservoir (Cowlitz Co.):** Landlocked salmon rules apply, except salmon maximum length is 15 inches.

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**WSR 22-19-052**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR**  
**STANDARDS BOARD**

[Filed September 16, 2022, 8:09 a.m., effective September 16, 2022, 8:09 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: Communities continue to experience a public health crisis related to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Educators face ongoing challenges related to this public health situation. These emergency rule changes would extend existing pandemic supports that address these challenges for educators. The amendment in WAC 181-79A-231 allows increased time for certificate renewal. With the state moving from pandemic response to recovery, allowing flexibility for educators would acknowledge the difficulties educators have faced during the past several years while still valuing professional learning.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 181-79A-231.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

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: Changes in educational settings due to current public health concerns mean that some educator candidates are unable to meet the certification renewal requirement in a timely manner. WAC 181-79A-231 changes the scope of the transitional certificate and allows it to be issued for all educator certificates subject to renewal under WAC 181-79A-240. The validity period of the transitional certificate would remain two years from issuance, allowing educators who hold the transitional certificate to continue to practice while obtaining the necessary clock hours for their expired certificate.

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 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

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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: September 16, 2022.

Jisu Ryu  
Rules Coordinator

**OTS-3791.1**

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-15-085, filed 7/16/21, effective 8/16/21)

**WAC 181-79A-231 Limited certificates.** All applicants for limited certificates must meet the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements of WAC 181-79A-150 (1) and (2).

Nothing within chapter 181-79A WAC authorizes practice by an educational staff associate which is otherwise prohibited or restricted by any other law, including licensure statutes and rules and regulations adopted by the appropriate licensure board or agency.

(1) **Conditional certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the conditional certificate is to assist school districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts in meeting the state's educational goals by giving them flexibility in hiring decisions based on shortages or the opportunity to secure the services of unusually talented individuals.

(b) **Roles.**

(i) Teacher roles. The conditional certificate may be issued to teachers in all endorsement areas. Specific minimum requirements defined in this section apply to the following:

- (A) Special education teachers;
- (B) Nonimmigrant exchange teachers;
- (C) Traffic safety education teachers.

(ii) Educational staff associate roles. The conditional certificate may be issued in the following education staff associate roles:

- (A) School counselor;
- (B) School nurse;
- (C) School psychologist;
- (D) School social worker;
- (E) School speech language pathologist or audiologist;
- (F) School behavior analyst;
- (G) School orientation and mobility specialist.

(iii) Administrator role. The conditional certificate may be issued in the following administrator role: Principal.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) When requesting the conditional certificate, the district, the educational service district, or the approved private school will verify that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

(A) The individual has extensive experience, unusual distinction, or exceptional talent in the subject matter to be taught or in the certificate role; or

(B) No person with regular certification in the area is available; or

(C) The individual holds a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university; or

(D) The individual is enrolled in an educator preparation program specific to the certificate role for which they are applying; or

(E) The individual will serve as a nonimmigrant exchange teacher and meets the specific minimum requirements defined in this section; or

(F) The individual will serve as a traffic safety education teacher and meets the specific minimum requirements defined in this section; or

(G) Circumstances warrant.

(ii) When requesting the conditional certificate, the district, the educational service district, or the approved private school will verify that all of the following criteria have been met:

(A) The district, educational service district, or approved private school has determined that the individual is competent for the assignment; and

(B) After specific inclusion on the agenda and a formal vote, the school board or educational service district board has authorized the conditional certificate; and

(C) The individual is being certificated for a specific assignment and responsibility in a specified activity/field; and

(D) The individual will be delegated primary responsibility for planning, conducting, and evaluating instructional activities; and

(E) The individual will not be serving in a paraeducator role; and

(F) The individual will be oriented and prepared for the assignment. In addition, prior to service, the individual will be apprised of any legal liability, the responsibilities of a professional educator, the lines of authority, and the duration of the assignment; and

(G) The individual will be assigned a mentor within (~~twenty~~) 20 working days from the commencement of the assignment; and

(H) A written plan of support will be developed within (~~twenty~~) 20 working days from the commencement of the assignment.

(d) **Minimum requirements.**

(i) Individuals must complete (~~fifty~~) 50 continuing education credit hours after the issuance of the certificate, and prior to the reissuance of the certificate. Holders of conditional certificates in the role of nonimmigrant exchange teacher are not required to complete (~~fifty~~) 50 continuing education credit hours.

(ii) Special education teacher. The applicant for a conditional teaching certificate in special education shall hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

The issuance of a conditional certificate to a special education teacher is contingent upon the individual being enrolled in a state-approved teacher preparation program resulting in a teacher certificate endorsed in special education.

An individual with full certification and endorsed in special education shall be assigned as a mentor to the special education teacher serving on a conditional certificate for the duration of the conditional certificate.

(iii) Traffic safety education teacher. The applicant qualifies to instruct in the traffic safety program under WAC 392-153-021. Written plans of support and mentors are not required for holders of conditional certificates in the role of traffic safety education teacher.

(iv) Nonimmigrant exchange. A conditional certificate in the role of teacher may be issued to an individual admitted to the United States for the purpose of serving as an exchange teacher.

The individual must be eligible to serve as a teacher in the elementary or secondary schools in their country of nationality or last residence.

(v) School counselor. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university, and be enrolled in a state-approved preparation program for the role, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(vi) School nurse. The applicant possesses a state of Washington license for a registered nurse. Applicants who meet the requirements for the initial school nurse certificate will not be issued a conditional school nurse certificate.

(vii) School psychologist. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university, and be en-

rolled in a state-approved preparation program for school psychologists, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

In addition, the candidate shall have completed all course work for the required master's degree, and shall be participating in the required internship.

(viii) School social worker. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university. The applicant must be enrolled in a master's degree program in social work or social welfare.

(ix) School speech language pathologist or audiologist. The applicant has completed a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

(x) School behavior analyst. Applicants must meet one or more of the following:

(A) Hold a valid Washington state department of health license as an assistant behavior analyst. The district, educational service district, or approved private school must provide a supervisor who meets the department of health requirements for a supervisor of assistant behavior analysts; or

(B) Hold a valid board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCABA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB). The district, educational service district, or approved private school must provide a supervisor who meets the behavior analyst certification board (BACB) requirements for a supervisor of board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCABA); or

(C) Hold a bachelor's degree, and, must be enrolled in or have completed the course work requirements for the board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), as verified by the institution providing the behavior analysis course work.

(xi) School orientation and mobility specialist.

(A) Applicants must have completed all requirements for an approved national certificate with the exception of the internship and the assessment, as verified by the institution providing the course-work for the national certificate. The approved national certificates are the certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS) certificate from the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals (ACVREP), and the national orientation and mobility certification (NOMC) from the national blindness professional certification board (NBPCB).

(B) The school employer must ensure the candidate has access to a mentor who meets the requirements for an intern supervisor set by the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals (ACVREP) or the national blindness professional certification board (NBPCB).

(xii) Principal. The applicant holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

The candidate for conditional certification as a principal shall be enrolled in a program resulting in the issuance of a residency principal certificate, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(e) **Validity.** The conditional certificate is valid for two years or less, and is only valid for the activity or role specified on the certificate.

The reissuance of the special education conditional certificate will have a validity period of three years or less.

(f) **Reissuance.**

(i) The conditional certificate may be reissued upon request by the employing local school district, approved private school, or educational service district, provided all conditions for the first issuance of the certificate are met.

(ii) The requesting school district, approved private school, or educational service district will verify that the (~~fifty~~) 50 continuing education credit hours earned as a requirement for reissuance of the certificate are designed to support the individual's professional growth, and enhance the individual's knowledge or skills to better assist students in meeting state learning goals.

(iii) Nonimmigrant exchange. The conditional certificate in the role of teacher may be reissued while the individual is being sponsored by a school district in an exchange and visiting teacher program.

(iv) Special education teacher. Conditional certificates in special education may only be reissued once. The reissuance of the special education conditional certificate will have a validity period of three years or less. The special education conditional certificate may only be reissued upon verification by the preparation program provider that the individual is completing satisfactory progress in a state-approved teacher certificate program leading to a special education endorsement.

(v) School speech language pathologist or audiologist. Conditional certificates as a school speech language pathologist or audiologist may be reissued twice.

The conditional certification as a school speech language pathologist or audiologist may be reissued if the candidate is enrolled in a master's degree program resulting in issuance of an initial ESA certificate in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

The school speech language pathologist or audiologist conditional certificate may be reissued a second time upon verification by the degree provider that the individual is completing satisfactory progress in a master's degree program resulting in issuance of an initial school speech language pathologist or audiologist certificate in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(vi) Conditional certificates as a school behavior analyst may be reissued twice.

(vii) Conditional certificates as a school orientation and mobility specialist may be reissued once.

(2) **Transitional certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The transitional certificate provides flexibility for school districts in employing an individual according to this chapter.

(i) Individuals whose continuing certificate has lapsed or expired.

(ii) Individuals whose certificate has lapsed or expired by June 30, 2022, under WAC 181-79A-240.

(b) **Roles.** The transitional certificate may be issued in roles of teacher, education staff associate, and administrator for continuing certificates or other certificates subject to renewal under WAC 181-79A-240.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) The transitional certificate is issued upon request by a school district, approved private school, or educational service district for an individual whose continuing certificate has lapsed or expired according to this chapter.

(ii) The transitional certificate is issued upon request by a school district, approved private school, or educational service dis-

strict for an individual whose certificate has expired according to this chapter.

(A) Districts may request a transitional certificate for all certificates other than continuing certificates under this section through December 31, 2023.

(B) Educators under this section must apply for the transitional certificate through the office of the superintendent of public instruction no later than June 30, 2024.

(iii) School districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts are strongly encouraged to develop with the holder of a transitional certificate a plan of support for the holder to complete the necessary certificate renewal requirements under this chapter.

**(d) Minimum requirements.**

(i) The holder of the transitional certificate must complete the requirements for certificate renewal within two years of the date the holder was issued the transitional certificate.

(ii) No individual whose certificate has been suspended, revoked, or surrendered shall be eligible to be employed under this section.

(e) **Validity.** The transitional certificate is valid until two years from the date the holder was issued the certificate. The transitional certificate expiration date shall not be calculated under professional educator standards board policy WAC 181-79A-117.

(f) **Reissuance.** The transitional certificate is not renewable and may not be reissued.

**(3) Emergency substitute certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the emergency substitute certificate is to assist school districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts with flexibility in meeting educator workforce needs.

**(b) Roles.**

(i) The emergency substitute certificate may be issued in the role of teacher.

(ii) To ensure that related services personnel deliver special education services in their respective discipline or profession, the emergency substitute certificate may not be issued for individuals to serve in an educational staff associate role in accordance with 34 C.F.R. Part 300.156 (b) (2) (ii).

(iii) Holders of the emergency substitute certificate may serve in the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district which requested the certificate.

(iv) Holders of the emergency substitute certificate may serve as substitutes if the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district has exhausted or reasonably anticipates it will exhaust its list of qualified substitutes under WAC 181-79A-232.

**(c) Request requirements.**

(i) The emergency substitute certificate is issued upon request by a school district, approved private school, or educational service district.

(ii) If the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district has exhausted or reasonably anticipates it will exhaust its list of qualified substitutes who are willing to serve as substitutes, emergency substitute certificates may be issued to persons not fully qualified as substitutes under WAC 181-79A-232.

(d) **Validity.** Emergency substitute certificates shall be valid for two years or less.



(e) **Reissuance.** The emergency substitute certificate may be reissued upon request by the employing local school district, approved private school, or educational service district.

(4) **Intern substitute certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the intern substitute certificate is to provide the intern the opportunity to serve as a substitute when the cooperating teacher is absent. This provides the intern with experience while allowing for consistency in instruction for the students.

(b) **Roles.** The intern substitute certificate may be issued to student teachers or intern teachers.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) School districts, educational service districts, and approved private schools may request intern substitute teacher certificates for individuals enrolled in student teaching and internships to serve as substitute teachers in the absence of the cooperating teacher.

(ii) The supervising preparation program provider must approve the candidate for the intern substitute teacher certificate.

(d) **Minimum requirements.** The holder of the intern substitute certificate may be called at the discretion of the school district, education service district, or approved private school to serve as a substitute teacher only in the classroom(s) to which the individual is assigned as a student teacher or intern.

(e) **Validity.** The intern substitute teacher certificate is valid for one year or less.

(f) **Reissuance.** The intern substitute certificate may be reissued upon request by the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district, and approved by the educator preparation program provider.

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**WSR 22-19-053**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**LABOR AND INDUSTRIES**

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Purpose: Chapter 296-307 WAC, Temporary worker housing. The department of health (DOH), in conjunction with the department of labor and industries (L&I), continue to respond to the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. DOH and L&I are adopting revisions to the initial emergency rule for temporary worker housing. DOH and L&I filed the initial emergency rules on May 13, 2020, WSR 20-11-024 and 20-11-025, respectively. As the pandemic continues to impact residents of Washington state and temporary worker housing occupants, and in response to the governor's guidance, DOH and L&I filed subsequent emergency rules through May 20, 2022 (WSR 22-12-013 and 22-12-014), to protect occupants from COVID-19 hazards in licensed temporary worker housing.

The emergency rule:

- Maintains the requirements for operators to educate occupants on COVID-19 in a language or languages they understand and the requirement to conspicuously post information regarding COVID-19 in a language commonly understood by the occupants.
- Maintains education requirements to include what to do if an occupant is exposed to SARS-CoV-2 and what to do if they test positive for SARS-CoV-2.
- Maintains the requirement allowing entry of community health workers and community-based outreach workers to provide additional information.
- Maintains the requirement for operators to provide face coverings/masks to occupants for use in accordance with DOH guidelines or as required by L&I rules.
- Maintains the requirement for ventilation.
- Maintains requirements related to cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and areas where symptomatic suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases or people who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 have been, and the requirement to ensure adequate supplies of soap and single-use paper towels at all sinks to allow for frequent handwashing.
- Updates and maintains certain requirements related to screening and isolation of suspect SARS-CoV-2 and positive SARS-CoV-2 cases as follows:
  - o Updates definition of "suspect SARS-CoV-2 case" to include a person who is waiting for test results.
  - o Updates isolation requirement to allow individuals who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 to leave isolation after meeting criteria in DOH isolation guidance or when released from isolation by the local health officer.
  - o Maintains the requirements for daily licensed health care professional visits for employees in isolation with symptoms. For asymptomatic employees in isolation, a licensed health care professional visit is required upon initial placement in isolation and upon request of the asymptomatic employee or the licensed health care professional. Maintains the other requirements related to licensed health care professional visits, including options to use telehealth.

Both DOH and L&I each filed a preproposal statement of inquiry (CR-101) on September 10, 2020, WSR 20-19-047 and 20-19-050, regarding permanent amendments to the existing permanent rules to address hazards from COVID-19 or other outbreaks of airborne infectious diseases. Some amendments made as part of the emergency rules will be considered for permanent rule making. For example, changes to ventilation requirements and isolation requirements during an outbreak.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 296-307-16102.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and 49.17.240.

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: DOH and L&I continue to take action to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Given the evolution of the pandemic, DOH and L&I have continued to review new information, data, and science as it becomes available to determine what requirements are necessary to protect temporary worker housing occupants from COVID-19 and similar airborne infectious disease hazards. DOH and L&I have also been reviewing and considering information related to the implementation of the requirements in emergency rules and stakeholder input. As the efforts against COVID-19 continue to impact temporary worker housing occupants, emergency rules are needed to help prevent the spread and outbreaks while the potential permanent changes are under development. This emergency rule removes some previous requirements that are no longer necessary to address on an emergency basis due to changes in case counts and hospitalizations and the increased vaccination rates. Requirements related to training, ventilation, and isolation and quarantine are still critical. Given the current stage of the pandemic, DOH and L&I plan to take elements in this emergency rule and work to finalize proposed permanent rules. This emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, and general welfare of occupants of temporary worker housing for the remaining 2022 growing season.

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 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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

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

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NEW SECTION

**WAC 296-307-16102 Additional requirements to protect occupants in temporary worker housing from 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) exposure.** (1) The operator of temporary worker housing (TWH) under this chapter must implement the following steps to protect occupants from the hazards posed by SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19):

(a) Educate occupants and allow entry of community workers:

(i) The operator must educate occupants in a language or languages understood by the occupants on COVID-19, including: How the virus is spread and how to prevent virus spread including the importance of handwashing; the use of face coverings/masks; proper respiratory etiquette; the importance of daily cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched items; steps that can be taken to improve ventilation; common symptoms and risk factors; how to get a vaccine and where to get answers about vaccine questions; what to do if they develop symptoms of COVID-19; what to do if they are exposed to SARS-CoV-2; and what to do if they test positive for SARS-CoV-2.

(ii) The operator must also allow entry of community health workers and community-based outreach workers to provide additional information. For the purposes of this section, a community health worker is defined as a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has an unusually close understanding of the community served. This trusting relationship enables the worker to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. A community-based outreach worker is defined as a legal aid representative, a union representative, or a representative from other community-based advocacy organizations.

**Note:** When there is a designated or recognized office at an employer's establishment, all visitors should check in to provide their name and contact information and complete a screening to ensure they are symptom free. To the extent possible, a minimum number of visitors should be allowed at a time and 6-foot physical distancing should be maintained. Personal protective equipment must be worn at all times.

(b) Conspicuously post information regarding the facility's health and safety policies, how to identify symptoms, to whom to report if not feeling well, and where and how to secure medical treatment - all in a language commonly understood by the occupants.

(c) The operator must provide at no cost an adequate number of face coverings/masks for occupants to use in accordance with Washington department of health guidelines, or as required by Washington department of labor and industries (L&I) safety rules.

(d) Ventilation.

(i) For the purposes of this section "mechanical ventilation" means the active process of supplying air to or removing air from an indoor space by powered equipment such as motor-driven fans and blowers but not by devices such as wind-driven turbine ventilators and mechanically operated windows.

(ii) If the TWH facility/building has a mechanical ventilation system, maintain it according to the manufacturer's specifications and operate the system to provide optimal fresh and filtered air. TWH operators must have building maintenance staff or HVAC contractors set their existing mechanical ventilation system to increase ventilation or the percentage of outside air that circulates into the system and verify the following:

(A) Make sure all HVAC systems are fully functional, especially those that have been shut down or operating at reduced capacity during the pandemic or off season.

(B) Use HVAC system filters with a minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) rating of at least 13. If the HVAC system does not support MERV 13 filters, use the highest MERV rating filters supported by the HVAC system.

(C) Maximize the HVAC system's outdoor air intake. Make sure exhaust air is not pulled back into the building through HVAC air intakes or open windows. Reductions in outside air intake may be made when there are hazardous external conditions such as wildfire smoke or periods during and following pesticide application.

(D) Use appropriate personal protective equipment (particulate respirator, eye protection, and disposable gloves) when changing filters.

(E) Maintenance checks must occur at the beginning of each growing season when preparing buildings to be reopened. Additional checks must occur based on manufacturer recommendations (usually quarterly or annually).

(F) Keep a maintenance log including documentation of filter selection (include selection reason if less than MERV 13 filtration is used), filter conditions, and outside air settings. Operators shall make records required by this section available to the state agency representatives upon request.

(iii) The operator must instruct residents in buildings with mechanical ventilation to:

(A) Turn on mechanical ventilation systems (i.e., HVAC) or open windows whenever the TWH facility or building is occupied.

(B) Temporarily shut down the system when pesticides are being applied in the vicinity of the building.

(C) Operate exhaust fans in restrooms continuously at maximum capacity.

(iv) The operator shall ensure that filters in any ventilation system used in a TWH facility or building are clean and in good repair.

(v) In buildings without mechanical ventilation systems, windows must be open whenever occupied. Windows must be closed when conditions outside of the building could pose a hazard to occupants including, but not limited to, during dust storms or when pesticides are being applied to fields near the building. The operator must instruct residents to remove or redirect personal fans to prevent blowing air from one worker to another.

(e) Clean and disinfect surfaces. The operator must:

(i) Clean and disinfect areas where symptomatic suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases or people who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 have been, according to CDC guidelines and before the space is used by others.

(ii) Ensure adequate supplies of soap and single-use paper towels at all sinks to allow for frequent handwashing.

(2) COVID-19 screening and isolation of suspect SARS-CoV-2 and positive SARS-CoV-2 cases.

(a) The operator must develop and implement a plan to identify and isolate occupants with suspect SARS-CoV-2 and positive SARS-CoV-2, including:

(i) A process to screen occupants for symptoms of COVID-19 as identified by the centers for disease control and prevention (CDC), including fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, fatigue, sore

throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and loss of taste or smell. The operator must ensure that an adequate number of thermometers or "no touch" or "no contact" thermometers are available for occupants to use. All thermometers must be properly sanitized between each use. Any worker with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher is considered to have a fever.

(ii) A "suspect SARS-CoV-2 case" is defined as a person with signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19 above who has not been tested yet, who is awaiting test results, or who refuses testing. Upon identification of any individual known to have or suspected of having SARS-CoV-2 cases, the operator must contact the local health officer immediately as required under WAC 296-307-16190 and provide transportation for any medical evaluation or treatment. Ensure individuals providing transportation have appropriate personal protective equipment.

(iii) Identify close contacts in accordance with the Washington state department of health or local health officer close contact definition. Individuals who have been in close contact with the symptomatic suspect SARS-CoV-2 case or person who has tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 with a viral test must follow Washington state department of health or local health officer guidance for close contacts if applicable, including quarantine, symptom monitoring, testing, and face covering/masking. Close contacts of a suspect case who is ruled out do not need to continue to be treated as close contacts.

(iv) Any occupant exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, must continue to be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 as described in (a)(i) of this subsection.

(v) Isolate suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases with sleeping, eating, and bathroom accommodations that are separate from others. If the suspect occupant resides in a room with family members, the sick occupant will have the option to isolate with the family members.

(vi) Individuals who test positive for SARS-CoV-2 with a viral test must be isolated and only housed with other cases who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 with a viral test and must have separate bathroom, cooking and eating facilities from people who have not been diagnosed with COVID-19. If the occupant who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 resides in a room with family members, the positive occupant will have the option to isolate with the family members. Individuals may leave isolation when they meet Washington state department of health guidance for isolation or when released from isolation by the local health officer.

(vii) The operator must report suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases or SARS-CoV-2 positive TWH occupants in isolation to the division of occupational safety and health (DOSH) within 24 hours after placement.

**Note:** This notification can be made by telephone to the department's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-4BE-SAFE (1-800-423-7233), or to DOSH by any other means.

(b) The operator must ensure appropriate isolation facilities for suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases or SARS-CoV-2 positive TWH occupants, including the following:

(i) Ensure that a licensed health care professional visits or assesses symptomatic occupants daily and asymptomatic occupants upon initial placement in isolation and upon request of the asymptomatic occupant or the licensed health care professional, at the employer's expense to perform a health check for each individual in isolation. Evaluations by licensed health care providers may be performed in-person, using audio telemedicine, or video telemedicine. At a minimum, the health care professional must review symptoms; temperature; oxygen

saturation via pulse oximetry; and determine if additional medical services are needed, such as an in-person evaluation or treatment. If the licensed health care professional is not already familiar with the occupant's medical history, the licensed health care professional must obtain relevant medical history from the occupant.

(ii) Provide the health care provider performing the evaluation with information on the location of the isolation facilities and what the distance is from isolation facility and the nearest advanced life support emergency medical services, an emergency room with ventilator capability, and outpatient nonemergency medical services. If the health care provider has a question about the safety, health, or well-being for the occupant in isolation, they may contact the housing operator for further information.

(iii) For evaluations done by telehealth, the operator must ensure each occupant in isolation has or is provided a working telephone with a clear connection. The operator must also provide the occupant with a U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved pulse oximeter and thermometer with written and verbal instructions on use and interpretation of their results in the occupant's preferred language.

(iv) If an occupant prefers not to self-operate the pulse oximeter, and/or thermometer, the employer must ensure that they have competent assistance.

(v) Interpretation services must be provided when the medical professional is not fluent in the occupant's preferred language.

(vi) For purposes of this subsection, a licensed health care professional means:

(A) An individual licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW as a registered nurse;

(B) An individual licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW as a physician;

(C) An individual licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW as a physician assistant;

(D) An individual licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW as an osteopathic physician;

(E) An individual licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW as an osteopathic physician assistant;

(F) An individual licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW as an advanced registered nurse practitioner; and

(G) An individual licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW as a paramedic or emergency medical technician (EMT) if authorized to monitor suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases or SARS-CoV-2 positive individuals as authorized by the local medical program director, EMS administrators, and fire chief while working in their agency/jurisdiction.

(H) A medical assistant-certified (MA-C) or medical assistant-registered (MA-R) credentialed under chapter 18.360 RCW and under the delegation and supervision of a licensed health care practitioner.

(vii) Facilitate transportation for in-person medical evaluation or treatment when specified or recommended by a medical provider or upon request of the occupant.

(viii) Guarantee that the occupants have ready access to telephone service to summon emergency care.

(ix) Provide occupants with information about paid leave and workers compensation.

(x) Permit access to other medical professionals who offer health care services in addition to the licensed health care professional(s) contracted to provide health checks.

(xi) The operator must provide food and water.

(xii) If the operator uses other isolation facilities, such as hotels, the operator must verify that the isolation facility complies with requirements of this section prior to transporting workers to the facility. Isolated workers may also be housed in county or state run isolation centers.

(3) The operator must revise the facility's written TWH management plan to include implementation of the requirements in this section, as applicable.

(a) The plan must identify a single point of contact at the TWH for COVID-19 related issues.

(b) The operator must share the plan with all occupants on the first day the plan is operational or the first day the occupant arrives at the TWH. The operator must designate a person that will ensure all occupants are aware of all aspects of the plan and be available to answer questions.

(c) If changes are made to the TWH management plan, the operator must submit the revised TWH management plan to the state department of health within 10 calendar days of the effective date of this section.

(d) Failure to submit a revised plan or properly implement the requirements of this section may result in administrative action, including license suspension or fines.

(4) Consistent with WAC 296-307-16120(1), an operator may request a temporary variance from the requirements of this section when another means of providing equal protection is provided.

(5) In the event that any provisions of this section are in conflict with other regulations in this chapter, such other regulation shall be deemed superseded for purposes of this chapter.

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Purpose: Chapter 246-358 WAC, Temporary worker housing. The department of health (DOH) in conjunction with the department of labor and industries (L&I) continue to respond to the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. DOH and L&I are adopting revisions to the initial emergency rule for temporary worker housing. DOH and L&I filed the initial emergency rules on May 13, 2020, WSR 20-11-024 and 20-11-025, respectively. As the pandemic continues to impact residents of Washington state and temporary worker housing occupants, and in response to the governor's guidance, DOH and L&I filed subsequent emergency rules through May 20, 2022 (WSR 22-12-013 and 22-12-014), to protect occupants from COVID-19 hazards in licensed temporary worker housing.

The emergency rule:

Maintains the requirements for operators to educate occupants on COVID-19 in a language or languages they understand and the requirement to conspicuously post information regarding COVID-19 all in a language commonly understood by the occupants.

Maintains education requirements to include what to do if an occupant is exposed to SARS-CoV-2; and what to do if they test positive for SARS-CoV-2.

Maintains the requirement allowing entry of community health workers and community-based outreach workers to provide additional information.

Maintains the requirement for operators to provide face coverings/masks to occupants for use, in accordance with DOH guidelines or as required by L&I rules.

Maintains the requirement for ventilation.

Maintains requirements related to cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and areas where symptomatic suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases or people who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 have been, and the requirement to ensure adequate supplies of soap and single-use paper towels at all sinks to allow for frequent handwashing.

Updates and maintains certain requirements related to screening and isolation of suspect SARS-CoV-2 and positive SARS-CoV-2 cases as follows:

(1) Updates definition of "suspect SARS-CoV-2 case" to include a person who is waiting for test results;

(2) Updates isolation requirement to allow individuals who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 to leave isolation after meeting criteria in DOH isolation guidance or when released from isolation by the local health officer; and

(3) Maintains the requirements for daily licensed health care professional visits for employees in isolation with symptoms. For asymptomatic employees in isolation, a licensed health care professional visit is required upon initial placement in isolation and upon request of the asymptomatic employee or the licensed health care professional. Maintains the other requirements related to licensed health care professional visits, including options to use telehealth.

DOH and L&I each filed a preproposal statement of inquiry (CR-101) on September 10, 2020, WSR 20-19-047 and 20-10-050, regarding permanent amendments to the existing permanent rules to address haz-

ards from COVID-19 or other outbreaks of airborne infectious diseases. Some amendments made as part of the emergency rules will be considered for permanent rule making. For example, changes to ventilation requirements and isolation requirements during an outbreak.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 246-358-002.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 70.114A.065.

Other Authority: RCW 43.70.335.

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: DOH and L&I continue to take action to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Given the evolution of the pandemic, DOH and L&I have continued to review new information, data, and science as it becomes available to determine what requirements are necessary to protect temporary worker housing occupants from COVID-19 and similar airborne infectious disease hazards. DOH and L&I have also been reviewing and considering information related to the implementation of the requirements in emergency rules and stakeholder input. As the efforts against COVID-19 continue to impact temporary worker housing occupants, emergency rules are needed to help prevent the spread and outbreaks while the potential permanent changes are under development. This emergency rule removes some previous requirements that are no longer necessary to address on an emergency basis due to changes in case counts and hospitalizations and the increased vaccination rates. Requirements related to training, ventilation, and isolation and quarantine are still critical. This emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, and general welfare of occupants of temporary worker housing for the remaining 2022 growing season.

Given the current stage of the pandemic, DOH and L&I plan to take elements in this emergency rule and work to finalize proposed 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 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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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 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: September 16, 2022.

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OTS-2301.19

NEW SECTION

**WAC 246-358-002 Additional requirements to protect occupants in temporary worker housing from 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) exposure.** (1) The operator of temporary worker housing (TWH) under this chapter must implement the following steps to protect occupants from the hazards posed by SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19):

(a) Educate occupants and allow entry of community workers:

(i) The operator must educate occupants in a language or languages understood by the occupants on COVID-19, including: How the virus is spread and how to prevent virus spread including the importance of handwashing; the use of face coverings/masks; proper respiratory etiquette; the importance of daily cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched items; steps that can be taken to improve ventilation; common symptoms and risk factors; how to get a vaccine and where to get answers about vaccine questions; what to do if they develop symptoms of COVID-19; what to do if they are exposed to SARS-CoV-2; and what to do if they test positive for SARS-CoV-2.

(ii) The operator must also allow entry of community health workers and community-based outreach workers to provide additional information. For the purposes of this section, a community health worker is defined as a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has an unusually close understanding of the community served. This trusting relationship enables the worker to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. A community-based outreach worker is defined as a legal aid representative, a union representative, or a representative from other community-based advocacy organizations.

(b) Conspicuously post information regarding the facility's health and safety policies, how to identify symptoms, to whom to report if not feeling well, and where and how to secure medical treatment - all in a language commonly understood by the occupants.

(c) The operator must provide at no cost an adequate number of face coverings/masks for occupants to use in accordance with Washington department of health guidelines, or as required by Washington department of labor and industries (L&I) safety rules.

(d) Ventilation.

(i) For the purposes of this section "mechanical ventilation" means the active process of supplying air to or removing air from an indoor space by powered equipment such as motor-driven fans and blowers but not by devices such as wind-driven turbine ventilators and mechanically operated windows.

(ii) If the TWH facility/building has a mechanical ventilation system, maintain it according to the manufacturer's specifications and operate the system to provide optimal fresh and filtered air. TWH operators must have building maintenance staff or HVAC contractors set their existing mechanical ventilation system to increase ventilation or the percentage of outside air that circulates into the system and verify the following:

(A) Make sure all HVAC systems are fully functional, especially those that have been shut down or operating at reduced capacity during the pandemic or off season.

(B) Use HVAC system filters with minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) rating of at least 13. If the HVAC system does not support MERV 13 filters, use the highest MERV rating filters supported by the HVAC system.

(C) Maximize the HVAC system's outdoor air intake. Make sure exhaust air is not pulled back into the building through the HVAC air intakes or open windows. Reductions in outside air intake may be made when there are hazardous external conditions such as wildfire smoke or periods during and following pesticide application.

(D) Use appropriate personal protective equipment (particulate respirator, eye protection, and disposable gloves) when changing filters.

(E) Maintenance checks must occur at the beginning of each growing season when preparing buildings to be reopened. Additional checks must occur based on manufacturer recommendations (usually quarterly or annually).

(F) Keep a maintenance log including documentation of filter selection (include selection reason if less than MERV 13 filtration is used), filter conditions, and outside air settings. Operators shall make records required by this section available to the state agency representatives upon request.

(iii) The operator must instruct residents in buildings with mechanical ventilation to:

(A) Turn on mechanical ventilation systems (i.e., HVAC) or open windows whenever the TWH facility or building is occupied.

(B) Temporarily shut down the system when pesticides are being applied in the vicinity of the building.

(C) Operate exhaust fans in restrooms continuously at maximum capacity.

(iv) The operator shall ensure that filters in any ventilation system used in a TWH facility or building are clean and in good repair.

(v) In buildings without mechanical ventilation systems, windows must be open whenever occupied. Windows must be closed when conditions outside of the building could pose a hazard to occupants including, but not limited to, during dust storms or when pesticides are being applied to fields near the building. The operator must instruct residents to remove or redirect personal fans to prevent blowing air from one worker to another.

(e) Clean and disinfect surfaces. The operator must:

(i) Clean and disinfect areas where symptomatic suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases or people who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 have been, according to CDC guidelines and before the space is used by others.

(ii) Ensure adequate supplies of soap and single-use paper towels at all sinks to allow for frequent handwashing.

(2) COVID-19 screening and isolation of suspect SARS-CoV-2 and positive SARS-CoV-2 cases.

(a) The operator must develop and implement a plan to identify and isolate occupants with suspect SARS-CoV-2 and positive SARS-CoV-2, including:

(i) A process to screen occupants for symptoms of COVID-19 as identified by the centers for disease control and prevention (CDC), including fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, fatigue, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and loss of taste or smell. The operator must ensure that an adequate number of thermometers or "no touch" or "no contact" thermometers are

available for occupants to use. All thermometers must be properly sanitized between each use. Any worker with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher is considered to have a fever.

(ii) A "suspect SARS-CoV-2 case" is defined as a person with signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19 above who has not been tested yet, who is awaiting test results, or who refuses testing. Upon identification of any individual known to have or suspected of having a SARS-CoV-2 case, the operator must contact the local health officer immediately as required under WAC 296-307-16190 and provide transportation for any medical evaluation or treatment. Ensure individuals providing transportation have appropriate personal protective equipment.

(iii) Identify close contacts in accordance with the Washington state department of health or local health officer close contact definition. Individuals who have been in close contact with the symptomatic suspect SARS-CoV-2 case or person who has tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 with a viral test must follow Washington state department of health or local health officer guidance for close contacts if applicable, including quarantine, symptom monitoring, testing, and face covering/masking. Close contacts of a suspect case who is ruled out do not need to continue to be treated as close contacts.

(iv) Any occupant exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, must continue to be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 as described in (a)(i) in this subsection.

(v) Isolate suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases with sleeping, eating, and bathroom accommodations that are separate from others. If the suspect occupant resides in a room with family members, the sick occupant will have the option to isolate with family members.

(vi) Individuals who test positive for SARS-CoV-2 with a viral test must be isolated and only housed with other cases who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 with a viral test and must have separate bathroom, cooking and eating facilities from people who have not been diagnosed with COVID-19. If the occupant who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 resides in a room with family members, the positive occupant will have the option to isolate with the family members. Individuals may leave isolation when they meet Washington state department of health guidance for isolation or when released from isolation by the local health officer.

(vii) The operator must report suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases or SARS-CoV-2 positive TWH occupants in isolation to the division of occupational safety and health (DOSH) within 24 hours after placement. This notification can be made by telephone to the department of labor and industries toll-free telephone number, 1-800-4BE-SAFE (1-800-423-7233), or to DOSH by any other means.

(b) The operator must ensure appropriate isolation facilities for suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases or SARS-CoV-2 positive TWH occupants, including the following:

(i) Ensure that a licensed health care professional visits or assesses symptomatic occupants daily and asymptomatic occupants upon initial placement in isolation and upon request of the asymptomatic occupant or the licensed health care professional, at the employer's expense to perform a health check for each individual in isolation. Evaluations by licensed health care providers may be performed in-person, using audio telemedicine, or video telemedicine. At a minimum, the health care professional must review symptoms; temperature; oxygen saturation via pulse oximetry; and determine if additional medical services are needed, such as an in-person evaluation or treatment. If

the licensed health care professional is not already familiar with the occupant's medical history, the licensed health care professional must obtain relevant medical history from the occupant.

(ii) Provide the health care provider performing the evaluation with information on the location of the isolation facilities and what the distance is from isolation facility and the nearest advanced life support emergency medical services, an emergency room with ventilator capability, and outpatient nonemergency medical services. If the health care provider has a question about the safety, health, or well-being for the occupant in isolation, they may contact the housing operator for further information.

(iii) For evaluations done by telehealth, the operator must ensure each occupant in isolation has or is provided a working telephone with a clear connection. The operator must also provide the occupant with a U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved pulse oximeter and thermometer with written and verbal instructions on use and interpretation of their results in the occupant's preferred language.

(iv) If an occupant prefers not to self-operate the pulse oximeter, and/or thermometer, the employer must ensure that they have competent assistance.

(v) Interpretation services must be provided when the medical professional is not fluent in the occupant's preferred language.

(vi) For the purposes of this subsection, a licensed health care professional means:

(A) An individual licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW as a registered nurse;

(B) An individual licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW as a physician;

(C) An individual licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW as a physician assistant;

(D) An individual licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW as an osteopathic physician;

(E) An individual licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW as an osteopathic physician assistant;

(F) An individual licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW as an advanced registered nurse practitioner; and

(G) An individual licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW as a paramedic or emergency medical technician (EMT) and authorized to monitor suspect SARS-CoV-2 cases or SARS-CoV-2 positive individuals as authorized by the local medical program director, EMS administrators, and fire chief while working in their agency/jurisdiction.

(H) A medical assistant-certified (MA-C) or medical assistant-registered (MA-R) credentialed under chapter 18.360 RCW and under the delegation and supervision of a licensed health care practitioner.

(vii) Facilitate transportation for in-person medical evaluation or treatment when specified or recommended by a medical provider or upon request of the occupant.

(viii) Guarantee that the occupants have ready access to telephone service to summon emergency care.

(ix) Provide occupants with information about paid leave and workers compensation.

(x) Permit access to other medical professionals who offer health care services in addition to the licensed health care professional(s) contracted to provide health checks.

(xi) The operator must provide food and water.

(xii) If the operator uses other isolation facilities, such as hotels, the operator must verify that the isolation facility complies

with requirements of this section prior to transporting workers to the facility. Isolated workers may also be housed in county or state run isolation centers.

(3) The operator must revise the facility's written TWH management plan to include implementation of the requirements in this section, as applicable.

(a) The plan must identify a single point of contact at the TWH for COVID-19 related issues.

(b) The operator must share the plan with all occupants on the first day the plan is operational or the first day the occupant arrives at the TWH. The operator must designate a person that will ensure all occupants are aware of all aspects of the plan and be available to answer questions.

(c) If changes are made to the TWH management plan, the operator must submit the revised TWH management plan to the state department of health within 10 calendar days of the effective date of this section.

(d) Failure to submit a revised plan or properly implement the requirements of this section may result in administrative action, including license suspension or fines.

(4) Consistent with WAC 246-358-040(1), an operator may request a temporary variance from the requirements of this section when another means of providing equal protection is provided.

(5) In the event that any provisions of this section are in conflict with other regulations in this chapter, such other regulation shall be deemed superseded for purposes of this chapter.

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**WSR 22-19-056**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-206—Filed September 16, 2022, 8:55 a.m., effective September 16, 2022, 8:55 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: Amends Puget Sound commercial shrimp rules. Closes Sub-region 1B/Catch Area 20A to commercial shrimp trawl harvest, effective immediately.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-340-52000E; and amending WAC 220-340-520.

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: Permanent rules regulating State Commercial Shrimp Harvest in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca require adoption of harvest seasons contained in this emergency rule.

Closes Subregion 1B/Catch Area 20A to commercial shrimp trawl harvest, effective immediately.

This emergency rule is necessary to prosecute state commercial shrimp pot and trawl fisheries in Puget Sound. This rule allows harvesters to respond to dynamic changes in market conditions and promotes full utilization of both the commercial spot and nonspot shares. These rules are in congruence with comanager agreements. 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 [1].

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: September 16, 2022.

Amy H. Windrope  
for Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-340-54000F Commercial shrimp trawl fisher—Puget Sound.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-540, effective one hour before official sunset on the dates listed in Table 1 (a, b), until



further notice, or until they expire pursuant to RCW 34.05.350, it is unlawful to fish for shrimp for commercial purposes using beam trawl gear in Puget Sound except as provided for in this section:

(1) Non-spot shrimp trawl harvest:

(a) Non-spot shrimp beam trawl harvest is permitted as indicated in the following table starting one hour before official sunrise until further notice.

<b>Geographic Area Description (WAC 220-320-140 (3))</b>	<b>Open period</b>
Catch Area 20A outside of those waters north and east of a line from Point Roberts Light (48.9716°, -123.0838°) to Sandy Point Light at the Lummi Reservation (48.7868°, -122.7124°).	Open immediately, through October 15, 2022
Those waters of Catch Area 21A north and west of a line from the southern tip of Sinclair Island (48.6097°, -122.6572°) to Carter Point (48.6404°, -122.6088°) on Lummi Island.	Closed
Subarea 23A East and MFSF Catch Areas 23B, 25A.	Open immediately, through September 30, 2022
Subarea 23A West.	Open immediately, through September 30, 2022
MFSF Catch Area 23C.	Open immediately, through September 30, 2022
MFSF Catch Area 29.	Open immediately, through September 30, 2022

(b) Non-spot shrimp beam trawl harvest is permitted starting one hour before official sunrise in the areas detailed below contingent on the harvester bringing an on-board observer on the first trip into the area. If by-catch sampling criteria are not met these areas will open on the later dates described in WAC 220-340-530 (5d, e).

<b>Geographic Area Description (WAC 220-320-140 (3))</b>	<b>Open period</b>
Those waters of Lopez Sound within subregion 1B that are south of a line projected true east-west from the northern tip of Trump Island (48.5064°, -122.8369°).	Closed
That portion of Catch Area 22A within subregion 1B that are east of a line projected along -122.7833° longitude (east of Blakely Island) and west of a line projected along -122.7167° longitude (west of Cypress Island) in Rosario Strait.	Closed
The remaining portions of Catch Areas 22A within subregion 1B not described above.	Closed
The remaining portions of Catch Areas 20B within subregion 1B not described above.	Closed, effective immediately

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**Reviser's note:** The typographical errors in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appear in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-340-52000E Commercial shrimp pot fishery—Puget Sound. (22-191)

**WSR 22-19-057**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-208—Filed September 16, 2022, 8:57 a.m., effective September 16, 2022, 8:57 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to correct an incorrect date listed in WSR 22-19-030.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-06000A; and amending WAC 220-312-060.

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 emergency rule is needed to correct date. This emergency rule is effective for the section of the Columbia River from the mouth to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line, from beginning September 15 to beginning October 1, 2022. This correction will return fisheries in that section to permanent rules, bringing this rule in line with joint-state actions agreed to during the compact action of September 13.

This rule also carries forward Columbia River salmon seasons previously set in WSR 22-15-033, filed July 13, 2022, and WSR 22-19-030, filed September 14, 2022.

There is insufficient time to promulgate 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 1.

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

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Date Adopted: September 16, 2022.

Amy H. Windrope  
for Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-06000B Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia River.** Effective immediately, until further notice, the provisions of WAC 220-312-060 regarding recreational salmon and steelhead seasons from a true north-south line through Buoy 10 to Bonneville Dam

and from Rock Island Dam to Chief Joseph Dam, shall be modified during the dates listed and as described below. All year-round Closed Waters areas remain in effect. Other provisions of WAC 220-312-060 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

**(1) From a true north-south line through Buoy 10 upstream to a line from Rocky Point on the Washington bank through Red Buoy 44 to the red navigation marker 2 at Tongue Point on the Oregon Bank (the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line), and including Youngs Bay:**

(a) Effective October 1 through October 31, 2022: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery coho.

(b) Effective November 1 through December 31, 2022: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults, including no more than 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Release all salmon and steelhead other than hatchery coho and hatchery steelhead.

**(2) From the Rocky Point/Tongue point line upstream to a straight line from a fishing boundary sign on the Oregon shore near the old Corbett boat ramp through the eastern tip of Reed Island (East Reed Island line) to the Washington shore, including Camas Slough:**

Immediately, until further notice: Salmon and steelhead: Closed.

**(3) From the East Reed Island line upstream to a point 600 feet below the new Bonneville Dam Powerhouse:**

Effective September 15 through October 31, 2022: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adults may be retained, including no more than 1 Chinook. Release all salmon and steelhead other than Chinook and hatchery coho.

**(4) From Rock Island Dam to Boundary 400 feet below the Wells Dam spawning channel discharge (on Chelan County side) and fish ladder (on Douglas County side):** Salmon:

Effective immediately, through October 15, 2022: Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult hatchery Chinook and no more than 4 sockeye. Release wild adult Chinook and coho.

**(5) From Wells Dam to Hwy. 173 Bridge at Brewster:** Salmon:

Effective immediately, through September 30, 2022: Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult hatchery Chinook and no more than 4 sockeye. Release wild adult Chinook and coho.

**(6) From Hwy. 173 Bridge at Brewster to the rock jetty at the upstream shoreline of Foster Creek (Douglas County side):** Salmon:

Effective immediately, through October 15, 2022: Daily limit 6, including no more than 2 adult hatchery Chinook and no more than 4 sockeye. Release wild adult Chinook and coho.

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#### REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-312-06000A Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Columbia. (22-201)

**WSR 22-19-060**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**

**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

(Economic Services Administration)

[Filed September 16, 2022, 11:47 a.m., effective September 17, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 17, 2022.

Purpose: The department is continuing emergency amendments to WAC 388-400-0060 Who is eligible for aged, blind or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?, 388-400-0070 Who is eligible for referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program?, 388-434-0005 How often does the department review my eligibility for benefits?, 388-449-0001 What are the disability requirements for the aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) program?, 388-449-0150 When does my eligibility for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash benefits end?, 388-449-0200 Am I eligible for cash assistance for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) while waiting for supplemental security income (SSI)?, 388-452-0005 Do I have to be interviewed in order to get cash and basic food benefits?, 388-478-0006 The clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) payment standard for cash assistance, and 388-478-0033 What are the payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?

Effective September 1, 2022, individuals aged 21-64 residing in a public mental institution are potentially eligible for the ABD program if they meet all other eligibility criteria. If ABD is approved, individuals are eligible for a clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) monthly grant up to \$41.62.

This emergency is a continuation of language filed under WSR 22-18-066, keeping in place emergency language necessary to supersede WAC 388-400-0060, that was adopted permanently under WSR 22-17-080 and became effective September 17, 2022.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending 388-400-0060, 388-400-0070, 388-434-0005, 388-449-0001, 388-449-0150, 388-449-0200, 388-452-0005, 388-478-0006, and 388-478-0033.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.805, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.62.030, and 74.04.0052.

Other Authority: Supplemental operating budget (chapter 297, Laws of 2022).

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds 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: Adoption of emergency amendments is necessary to implement ABD eligibility changes, effective September 1, 2022, as funded within the supplemental operating budget (chapter 297, Laws of 2022).

The department is actively taking appropriate steps to adopt the rule as permanent, and filed notice of its intent under WSR 22-17-114.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-17-080, filed 8/17/22, effective 9/16/22)

**WAC 388-400-0060 Who is eligible for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?** (1) The aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance program provides a state-funded cash stipend and a referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program under WAC 388-400-0065 to eligible low-income individuals.

(2) You are eligible for ABD if you:

(a) Are:

(i) At least (~~sixty-five~~) 65 years old;

(ii) Blind as defined by the Social Security Administration (SSA); or

(iii) Likely to be disabled as defined in WAC 388-449-0001 through 388-449-0100; and

(b) Are at least (~~eighteen~~) 18 years old or, if under (~~eighteen~~) 18, a member of a married couple;

(c) Are in financial need according to ABD cash income and resource rules in chapters 388-450, 388-470, and 388-488 WAC. We determine who is in your assistance unit according to WAC 388-408-0060;

(d) Have countable income, as defined in WAC 388-450-0162, at or below the monthly income limits defined in WAC 388-478-0090;

(e) Meet the citizenship and alien status requirements under WAC 388-424-0015;

(f) Provide a Social Security number as required under WAC 388-476-0005;

(g) Reside in the state of Washington as required under WAC 388-468-0005;

(h) Sign an interim assistance reimbursement authorization agreeing to repay the monetary value of general assistance, disability lifeline, or aged, blind, or disabled benefits subsequently duplicated by supplemental security income benefits as described under WAC 388-449-0200, 388-449-0210, and 388-474-0020; and

(i) Report changes of circumstances as required under WAC 388-418-0005 (~~and~~).

(~~(j) Complete a mid-certification review and provide proof of any changes as required under WAC 388-418-0011.~~)

(3) You aren't eligible for ABD if you:

(a) Are eligible for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) benefits;

(b) Are eligible for state family assistance (SFA) benefits;

- (c) Refuse or fail to meet a TANF or SFA eligibility rule;
- (d) Refuse or fail to pursue federal aid assistance, including but not limited to medicaid, without good cause;
- (e) Refuse or fail to participate in drug or alcohol treatment as required in WAC 388-449-0220 without good cause;
- (f) Refuse or fail to follow through with the SSI application as required in WAC 388-449-0200 without good cause;
- (g) Refuse or fail to participate in vocational rehabilitation services as required in WAC 388-449-0225 without good cause;
- (h) Are eligible for supplemental security income (SSI) benefits;
- (i) Are an ineligible spouse of an SSI recipient; or
- (j) Failed to follow a Social Security Administration (SSA) program rule or application requirement and SSA denied or terminated your benefits.

(4) If you reside in a public institution, as defined in WAC 182-500-0050, and meet all other requirements, your eligibility for ABD depends on the type of institution. (~~(A "public institution" is an institution that is supported by public funds, and a governmental unit either is responsible for it or exercises administrative control over it.)~~)

- (a) You may be eligible for ABD if you are (~~(i) A~~) a patient in a public ((medical)) institution ((; or)). (~~((ii) A patient in a public mental institution and:~~)
  - ~~(A) 65 years of age or older; or~~
  - ~~(B) 20 years of age or younger.~~
- ~~(5))~~ (b) You aren't eligible for ABD (~~(when)~~) if you are in the custody of or confined in a public ((institution)) correctional facility such as a state ((penitentiary)) prison, or city, county, or tribal jail including placement in a work release program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.805, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.62.030, and 2020 c 322. WSR 20-19-006, § 388-400-0060, filed 9/3/20, effective 10/4/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.040.055 [74.04.055], 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 2018 c 48. WSR 18-18-007, § 388-400-0060, filed 8/23/18, effective 9/23/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.62.030, and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 10. WSR 13-24-040, § 388-400-0060, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-400-0060, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-19-006, filed 9/3/20, effective 10/4/20)

**WAC 388-400-0070 Who is eligible for referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program?** (1) You are eligible for referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program if you:

- (a) Apply for cash assistance as detailed in WAC 388-406-0010;
- (b) Complete an interview with the department;
- (c) Are incapacitated as defined in WAC 388-447-0001 through 388-447-0100;

- (d) Are at least ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years old or, if under ~~((eighteen))~~ 18, legally emancipated or a member of a married couple;
- (e) Are in financial need according to income rules in chapter 388-450 WAC and resource requirements in RCW 74.04.005 and chapter 388-470 WAC. We determine who is in your assistance unit according to WAC 388-408-0070;
- (f) Have countable income, as defined in WAC 388-450-0162, at or below the monthly income limits defined in WAC 388-478-0090;
- (g) Meet the citizenship and alien status requirements for ABD cash assistance under WAC 388-424-0015;
- (h) Meet the Social Security number verification requirement for cash assistance under WAC 388-476-0005;
- (i) Meet the residency requirement for cash assistance under WAC 388-468-0005;
- (j) Meet verification requirements for cash assistance detailed in WAC 388-490-0005.
- (k) To remain eligible for HEN referral, you must also:
- (i) Report changes in your circumstances as required for cash assistance under WAC 388-418-0007; and
- (ii) Complete and return eligibility reviews we send you under WAC 388-434-0005.
- (2) You are not eligible for referral to the HEN program if you:
- (a) Are eligible for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program;
- (b) Refuse or fail to meet a TANF rule without good cause;
- (c) Refuse or fail to cooperate in obtaining federal aid assistance, including but not limited to medicaid, without good cause;
- (d) Refuse or fail to participate in drug or alcohol treatment as required in WAC 388-447-0120;
- (e) Are eligible for supplemental security income (SSI) benefits and receiving a state supplemental payment (SSP) under WAC 388-474-0012;
- (f) Are an ineligible spouse of an SSI recipient;
- (g) Refuse or fail to follow a Social Security Administration (SSA) program rule or application requirement without good cause and SSA denied or terminated your benefits;
- (h) Are terminated from ABD for refusing or failing to sign an interim assistance reimbursement authorization agreement under WAC 388-400-0060;
- (i) Are fleeing to avoid prosecution of, or to avoid custody or confinement for conviction of, a felony, or an attempt to commit a felony as described in WAC 388-442-0010; or
- (j) Are disqualified from receiving cash assistance due to a conviction related to unlawful practices in obtaining cash assistance as described in WAC 388-446-0005.
- (3) If you reside in a public institution, as defined in WAC 182-500-0050, and meet all other requirements, your eligibility for referral to the HEN program depends on the type of institution. ~~((A "public institution" is an institution that is supported by public funds, and a governmental unit either is responsible for it or exercises administrative control over it.))~~
- (a) You may be eligible for referral to the HEN program if you are ~~((÷))~~ a patient in a public institution.
- ~~((i) A patient in a public medical institution; or~~
- ~~(ii) A patient in a public mental institution and are sixty-five years of age or older.))~~

(b) You aren't eligible for referral to the HEN program if you are in the custody of or confined in a public (~~institution~~) correc-tional facility such as a state (~~penitentiary~~) prison, or city, county, or tribal jail, including placement in a work release program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.805, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.62.030, and 2020 c 322. WSR 20-19-006, § 388-400-0070, filed 9/3/20, effective 10/4/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.040.055 [74.04.055], 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 2018 c 48. WSR 18-18-007, § 388-400-0070, filed 8/23/18, effective 9/23/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.08.025, 74.62.030, and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 10. WSR 13-24-044, § 388-400-0070, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-07-082, filed 3/17/21, effective 4/17/21)

**WAC 388-434-0005 How often does the department review my eligi-bility for benefits?** (1) If you receive cash assistance, the depart-ment reviews your eligibility for assistance at least once every (~~twelve~~) 12 months.

(2) If you receive ABD cash assistance and reside in a public in-stitution, as defined in WAC 182-500-0050, the department reviews your eligibility at least once every 24 months.

(~~(2)~~) (3) When it is time for your eligibility review, the de-partment requires you to complete a review. We use the information you provide to determine your eligibility for all assistance programs.

(~~(3)~~) (4) If you complete an interview for assistance with a department representative and sign the printed interactive interview declaration (IID) form, you do not have to complete a separate review form.

(~~(4)~~) (5) For cash assistance, an eligibility review form or the IID must be dated and signed by both spouses, or both parents of a child in common when the parents live together.

(~~(5)~~) (6) We may review your eligibility at any time if we de-cide your circumstances need to be reviewed sooner.

(~~(6)~~) (7) At your review, we look at:

(a) All eligibility requirements under WAC 388-400-0005 through 388-400-0030;

(b) Changes since we last determined your eligibility; and

(c) Changes that are anticipated for the next review period.

(~~(7)~~) (8) You are responsible for attending an interview if one is required under WAC 388-452-0005.

(~~(8)~~) (9) If you do not complete the eligibility review for cash assistance, we consider you to be withdrawing your request for continuing assistance and your cash assistance benefits will end.

(~~(9)~~) (10) We will send you written notice as described under chapter 388-458 WAC before assistance is suspended, terminated, or a benefit error is established as a result of your eligibility review.

(~~(10)~~) (11) When you need a supplemental accommodation under WAC 388-472-0010, we will help you meet the requirements of this sec-tion.



[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.04.510. WSR 21-07-082, § 388-434-0005, filed 3/17/21, effective 4/17/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.04.510, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 15. WSR 13-18-005, § 388-434-0005, filed 8/22/13, effective 10/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, and 2004 c 54. WSR 04-19-134, § 388-434-0005, filed 9/21/04, effective 10/1/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.530, and 2003 c 10. WSR 04-03-019, § 388-434-0005, filed 1/12/04, effective 2/12/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.510. WSR 99-23-083, § 388-434-0005, filed 11/16/99, effective 1/1/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-434-0005, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-522-2230.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-07-020, filed 3/8/22, effective 4/8/22)

**WAC 388-449-0001 What are the disability requirements for the aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) program?** (1) For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(a) "We" and "us" refer to the department of social and health services.

(b) "You" means the applicant or recipient.

(c) "Disabled" means the inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity (SGA) by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment(s) which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than (~~twelve~~) 12 months with available treatment or result in death.

(d) "Physical impairment" means a diagnosable physical illness.

(e) "Mental impairment" means a diagnosable mental disorder. We exclude any diagnosis of or related to a substance use disorder.

(2) We determine if you are likely to be disabled when:

(a) You apply for ABD cash benefits;

(b) You become employed;

(c) You obtain work skills by completing a training program; or

(d) We receive new information that indicates you may be employable.

(3) We determine you are likely to be disabled if:

(a) You are determined to meet SSA disability criteria by the Social Security Administration (SSA);

(b) You are determined to meet SSA disability criteria by disability determination services (DDDS) based on the most recent DDDS determination;

(c) The Social Security Administration (SSA) stops your supplemental security income (SSI) payments solely because you are not a citizen;

(d) You are eligible for services through the developmental disabilities administration (DDA) for a medical condition that is expected to last (~~twelve~~) 12 months or more or result in death;

(e) You are eligible for long-term care services from the aging and long-term support administration for a medical condition that is expected to last (~~twelve~~) 12 months or more or result in death; (~~or~~)

(f) You have been civilly committed to eastern or western state hospital;

(g) You have been placed in eastern or western state hospital for an offense you have been found not guilty by reason of insanity; or

~~((f))~~ (h) You are approved through the sequential evaluation process (SEP) defined in WAC 388-449-0005 through 388-449-0100. The SEP is the sequence of five steps. Step 1 considers whether you are currently working. Steps 2 and 3 consider medical evidence and whether you are likely to meet or equal a listed impairment under Social Security's rules. Steps 4 and 5 consider your residual functional capacity and vocational factors such as age, education, and work experience in order to determine your ability to do your past work or other work.

(4) If you have a physical or mental impairment and you are impaired by a substance use disorder and do not meet the other disability criteria in subsections (2) (a) ~~((through))~~ - (d) ~~((above))~~ of this section, we decide if you are eligible for ABD cash by applying the sequential evaluation process described in WAC 388-449-0005 through 388-449-0100. You aren't eligible for ABD cash benefits if you are disabled primarily because of a substance use disorder.

(5) In determining disability, we consider only your ability to perform basic work-related activities. "Basic work-related activities" are activities that anyone would be required to perform in a work setting. They consist of: Sitting, standing, walking, lifting, carrying, handling, and other physical functions (including manipulative or postural functions such as pushing, pulling, reaching, handling, stooping, or crouching), seeing, hearing, communicating, remembering, understanding and following instructions, responding appropriately to supervisors and coworkers, tolerating the pressures of a work setting, maintaining appropriate behavior, and adapting to changes in a routine work setting.

(6) We determine you are not likely to meet SSI disability criteria if SSA denied your application for SSI or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) based on disability in the last ~~((twelve))~~ 12 months unless:

(a) You file a timely appeal with SSA;

(b) SSA decides you have good cause for a late appeal; or

(c) You give us medical evidence of a potentially disabling condition that SSA did not consider or medical evidence confirming your condition has deteriorated.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.0052, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.09.035, 74.09.530, 74.62.030, and 41.05.021. WSR 22-07-020, § 388-449-0001, filed 3/8/22, effective 4/8/22. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 218, 2011 1st sp.s. c 15, RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.62.030, 41.05.021, 74.09.035, and 74.09.530. WSR 15-03-031, § 388-449-0001, filed 1/12/15, effective 2/12/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.62.030, and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 10. WSR 13-24-040, § 388-449-0001, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-449-0001, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 12-10-042, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12)

**WAC 388-449-0150 When does my eligibility for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash benefits end?** (1) The maximum period of eligibility for ABD cash is (~~twenty-four~~) 24 months before we must review additional medical evidence. If you remain on ABD cash at the end of the (~~twenty-four~~) 24 month period, we determine your eligibility using current medical evidence.

(2) If your application for SSI is denied:

(a) We review your eligibility for the ABD cash program;

(b) We stop your benefits if you do not provide proof you have filed an appeal with SSA within (~~sixty~~) 60 days of a SSI denial for not being disabled.

(3) We stop your benefits after the final decision on your application for SSI/SSA benefits or if you fail to follow through with any part of the SSI/SSA application or appeals process.

(4) We review your eligibility for the ABD cash program when you discharge from a public institution, as defined in WAC 182-500-0050.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-449-0150, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-07-020, filed 3/8/22, effective 4/8/22)

**WAC 388-449-0200 Am I eligible for cash assistance for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) while waiting for supplemental security income (SSI)?** (1) You may receive ABD benefits while you are waiting to receive supplemental security income (SSI) benefits only when you:

(a) Have filed your SSI application with the Social Security Administration (SSA), follow through with SSA directions and requirements to process your application including keeping all interview and consultative examination appointments, and do not withdraw your application;

(b) Agree to assign the initial or reinstated SSI payment to us provided under WAC 388-449-0210;

(c) Are otherwise eligible according to WAC 388-400-0060; and

(d) Meet disability criteria listed in WAC 388-449-0001.

(2) To demonstrate your impairments are disabling despite medical treatment, you must participate in medical treatment for the impairments that keep you from working, unless you have a good cause. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, the following reasons:

(a) The treatment provider has identified a risk that the treatment may cause further limitations or loss of a function or an organ and you are not willing to take that risk;

(b) Treatment is not available because you can't obtain it without cost to you;

(c) You are so fearful of the treatment that your fear could interfere with the treatment or reduce its benefits; or

(d) You practice an organized religion that prohibits the treatment.

(3) If you refuse or fail to participate in medical treatment without good cause, your benefits may end and you will remain ineligible until you reapply and provide proof you are pursuing treatment as recommended.

(4) ABD recipients who reside in a public institution as defined in WAC 182-500-0050, are not subject to the requirements of subsections (1)(a)-(b) of this section. These requirements will be addressed at discharge.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.0052, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.09.035, 74.09.530, 74.62.030, and 41.05.021. WSR 22-07-020, § 388-449-0200, filed 3/8/22, effective 4/8/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-449-0200, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-14-090, filed 6/30/20, effective 8/1/20)

**WAC 388-452-0005 Do I have to be interviewed in order to get cash and basic food benefits?** (1) You or your authorized representative must have an interview with the department:

(a) At initial certification, unless you meet requirements in subsection (9) of this section; and

(b) At least once every (~~twelve~~) 12 months, unless you meet the requirements in subsections (8)(b) or (9) of this section.

(2) You will have just one interview even if you are applying for or are having a review for benefits from more than one program.

(3) We hold interviews either in person or over the phone.

(4) If we do not interview you on the same day that we receive your application, we will schedule an interview appointment for you or have you contact us by phone during our business hours to complete your interview.

(5) If we schedule an interview, we will set your appointment to allow you at least (~~ten~~) 10 days after the interview to provide needed verification:

(a) Before the end of the (~~thirty~~) 30-day processing period for applications; or

(b) Before your certification period ends for eligibility reviews or recertifications.

(6) If you miss your first interview and ask for another interview within (~~thirty~~) 30 days of the date you applied for benefits, we schedule a second interview or have you call us and complete the interview over the phone.

(7) If you must have an interview for benefits, you or someone who can give us the information we need about your AU must participate in the interview. You may ask any person you choose to help with your interview.

(8) For basic food only:

(a) Your authorized representative as described in WAC 388-460-0005 may take your place during your interview.

(b) We may waive the interview requirement at recertification if the household meets the elderly simplified application project (ESAP) criteria:

- (i) All members of the household are elderly or disabled, as defined in WAC 388-400-0040;
- (ii) No mandatory or applying household members have earned income;
- (iii) The paper or electronic eligibility review is complete;
- (iv) The household has provided all necessary verification or the verification is available through interfaces available to the department; and
- (v) No information provided is unclear or incomplete requiring a request for verification.

(9) For ABD cash assistance, we may waive the interview requirement at application and recertification if you reside in a public institution, as defined in WAC 182-500-0050.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090. WSR 20-14-090, § 388-452-0005, filed 6/30/20, effective 8/1/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.04.510, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 15. WSR 13-18-006, § 388-452-0005, filed 8/22/13, effective 10/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.04.515, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.903, and 7 C.F.R. 273.9. WSR 10-01-165, § 388-452-0005, filed 12/22/09, effective 1/22/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510. WSR 04-10-102, § 388-452-0005, filed 5/4/04, effective 7/1/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, and 7 C.F.R. 273.2(e). WSR 03-18-113, § 388-452-0005, filed 9/2/03, effective 11/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, and 74.08.090. WSR 02-14-023, § 388-452-0005, filed 6/21/02, effective 7/1/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.09.530. WSR 01-14-060, § 388-452-0005, filed 6/29/01, effective 8/1/01; WSR 00-22-087, § 388-452-0005, filed 10/31/00, effective 12/1/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.530 and 42 C.F.R. 435.907. WSR 99-11-075, § 388-452-0005, filed 5/18/99, effective 6/18/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-452-0005, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-504-0420.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-20-007, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20)

**WAC 388-478-0006 The clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) payment standard for cash assistance.** Payment standards for assistance units (AU) in certain facilities and medical institutions are based on the need for clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI).

(1) The CPI ((cash assistance)) payment standard for recipients of cash assistance is:

(a) ((~~Forty one dollars and 62 cents~~)) \$41.62 for eligible persons in medical institutions as defined in WAC 182-500-0050; or

(b) ((~~Thirty eight dollars and 84 cents~~)) \$38.84 for eligible persons in one of the following facilities as defined in WAC 182-513-1100:

- (i) Adult residential care (ARC) facility;
- (ii) Adult residential rehabilitation centers (ARRC);
- (iii) Adult residential treatment facility (ARTF);
- (iv) Enhanced adult residential care facility (EARC); or
- (v) Developmental disability administration (DDA) group home facilities.

(2) The CPI payment standard for recipients of ABD cash assistance who reside in a public institution as defined in WAC 182-500-0050, is \$41.62.

~~((2))~~ (3) When a person's living situation is other than ((the medical institutions defined in WAC 182-500-0050 and group facilities defined in WAC 182-513-1100)) what is listed in subsections (1) or (2) of this section, refer to the following:

- (a) WAC 388-478-0020 for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), state family assistance (SFA), and refugee cash assistance (RCA);
- (b) WAC 388-478-0027 for pregnant women assistance (PWA); or
- (c) WAC 388-478-0033 for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357. WSR 20-20-007, § 388-478-0006, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.770, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, and 74.62.030. WSR 15-12-021, § 388-478-0006, filed 5/22/15, effective 7/1/15.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-16-082, filed August 1, 2022, effective September 1, 2022)

**WAC 388-478-0033 What are the payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?** (1) The maximum monthly payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance program assistance units are:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	\$417
2	\$528

(2) ABD clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) payment standards are listed in WAC 388-478-0006.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357. WSR 20-20-007, § 388-478-0033, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-478-0033, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.]

**WSR 22-19-061**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-207—Filed September 16, 2022, 12:45 p.m., effective September 17, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 17, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open coho retention seasons in the Snake River from the large power line crossing near West Evans Rd. to the Oregon border line.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-05000S; and amending WAC 220-312-050.

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: The Nez Perce Tribe predicts that 12,250 coho salmon will reach Lower Granite Dam in 2022. This return of coho from the Nez Perce Tribe's hatchery program to reintroduce coho in the Snake basin is large enough to meet broodstock needs, allow natural spawning, and provide harvest opportunities.

This rule also carries forward Chinook retention seasons originally set in WSR 22-17-042, filed August 10, 2022.

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 1.

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: September 16, 2022.

Amy H. Windrope  
for Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-05000W Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside.** Effective September 17 through December 31, 2022, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-050, regarding salmon seasons in the Snake River, shall be modified as described in areas and during times as described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-050 remain in effect unless modified by emergency rule:

**(1) Snake River (Franklin/Walla Walla Counties): From the mouth (Burbank to Pasco railroad bridge at Snake River mile 1.25) to Lower Granite dam:**

Effective immediately, through October 31, 2022: Salmon:

(a) Daily limit 3 adult hatchery Chinook, no daily limit for jack Chinook. Release all salmon other than jack Chinook and adult hatchery Chinook.

(b) Barbless hooks required.

(c) Salmon may not be removed from the water unless retained as part of the daily limit.

**(2) Snake River (Franklin/Walla Walla Counties): From the downstream edge of the large power lines crossing the Snake River (just upstream from West Evans Road on the south shore, approximately 3 miles below Clarkston) upstream to the Idaho Border at Clarkston:**

Effective September 17 through October 31, 2022: Salmon:

(a) Daily limit 5 adults, including no more than 3 adult Chinook and no more than 2 adult coho. No daily limit for jack Chinook and jack coho. Release all salmon other than Chinook and coho.

(b) Barbless hooks required.

(c) Salmon may not be removed from the water unless retained as part of the daily limit.

**(3) Snake River (Franklin/Walla Walla Counties): From the Idaho Border at Clarkston to the Oregon state line:**

(a) Effective September 17 through October 31, 2022: Salmon:

(i) Daily limit 5 adults, including no more than 3 adult Chinook and no more than 2 adult coho. No daily limit for jack Chinook and jack coho. Release all salmon other than Chinook and coho.

(ii) Barbless hooks required.

(iii) Salmon may not be removed from the water unless retained as part of the daily limit.

(b) Effective November 1 through December 31, 2022: Salmon:

(i) Daily limit 2 adult coho, no daily limit for jack coho. Release all salmon other than coho.

(ii) Barbless hooks required.

(iii) Salmon may not be removed from the water unless retained as part of the daily limit.

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REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective September 17, 2022:

WAC 220-312-05000S Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside. (22-163)



**WSR 22-19-067**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-209—Filed September 16, 2022, 3:53 p.m., effective September 19, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 19, 2022.

Purpose: Closes sea cucumber harvest in Management District 2-2.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-340-73000F; and amending WAC 220-340-730.

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 emergency rule closes harvest of sea cucumber in Management District 2-2. The quota in District 2-2 is expected to be taken by September 19, 2022, and this closure is needed to fulfill obligations of state and tribal comanager agreements. 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 1.

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: September 16, 2022.

Amy H. Windrope  
for Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-340-73000G Commercial sea cucumber fishery** Effective September 19, 2022, until further notice, or until this rule expires on January 14, 2022, pursuant to RCW 34.05.350, the following provisions of WAC 220-340-730 regarding Puget Sound commercial sea cucumber harvest and sales shall be described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-340-730 not addressed herein, and unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

(1) Sea cucumber harvest using shellfish diver gear is allowed in Sea Cucumber District 1, Monday through Sunday of each week.

(2) The maximum cumulative landing of sea cucumbers for each weekly fishery opening period is 1,800 pounds per valid designated sea cucumber harvest license.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective September 19, 2022:

WAC 220-340-73000F Commercial sea cucumber fishery.  
(22-195)

**WSR 22-19-073**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-211—Filed September 19, 2022, 4:19 p.m., effective September 21, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 21, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close retention of wild coho in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7 commercial reef net fishery.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-180.

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 emergency rule is needed to close retention of unmarked coho in Area 7 reef net fishery. Reef net gear has met the allowable unmarked coho thresholds for the 2022 season. Closure of unmarked coho retention is needed to ensure fishery impacts remain within conservation and management objectives for wild coho. 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: September 19, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-354-18000U Reef net open periods.** Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-354-180, effective September 21, through November 5, 2022, it is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken for commercial purposes in Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas except as provided in this section, provided that unless otherwise amended, all permanent rules remain in effect:

Open to reef net gear according to the times, dates and conditions contained herein:

Open Areas	Open Periods	Unlawful to retain
7	5 AM - 9 PM Daily, 9/21 through 9/30	Sockeye, chum, unmarked Chinook, unmarked coho
7	5 AM - 9 PM Daily, 10/1 through 11/5	Sockeye, all Chinook, unmarked coho

(a) It is unlawful to retain marked Chinook with reef net gear if the fisher does not have in his or her immediate possession a department-issued Puget Sound Reef Net Logbook with all retained Chinook accounted for in the logbook. Marked Chinook are those with a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the site of the clipped fin.

(b) Completed logs must be submitted and received with six working days to: Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Manager, Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501-1091.

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**Reviser's note:** The typographical error in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

**WSR 22-19-076**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**BOARD OF**

**PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS**

[Filed September 20, 2022, 8:46 a.m., effective September 20, 2022, 8:46 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: To amend WAC 363-116-078 Pilot training program, pursuant to RCW 34.05.350 Emergency rules and amendments, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergency situations as defined by RCW 34.05.350.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 363-116-078.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: Chapter 88.16 RCW, Pilotage Act.

Other Authority: RCW 34.05.350 Emergency rules and amendments.

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: To minimize the risk of introducing COVID-19 vectors of exposure onto a vessel or to pilot trainees, the board may suspend or adjust the pilot training program, including the number of trips needed to obtain maximum monthly stipend, as recommended by the board of pilotage commissioner's trainee evaluation committee (TEC). TEC may also consider additional training opportunities for pilot trainees, such as distance learning.

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 0, Amended 1, 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 1, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: September 15, 2022.

Jaimie C. Bever  
Executive Director

**OTS-2151.4**

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-03-141, filed 1/22/19, effective 2/22/19)

**WAC 363-116-078 Pilot training program.** After passing the written examination and simulator evaluation, pilot candidates pursuing a

pilot license are positioned on a list for the applicable pilotage district(s) and must enter and successfully complete a training program specified by the board before consideration for licensure.

(1) Notification. Pilot candidates on a list as described in subsection (2) of this section, waiting to enter a training program shall provide the board with the best address for notification to enter into a training program. In addition, a pilot candidate shall provide the board with other means of contact such as postal mailing or email address, phone number, and/or fax number. The email address with a read receipt request, however, will be considered the primary means of notification by the board. It will be the responsibility of the pilot candidate to ensure the board has current contact information at all times. If a pilot candidate cannot personally receive postal or electronic mail at the address(es) provided to the board for any period of time, another person may be designated in writing as having power of attorney specifically to act in the pilot candidate's behalf regarding such notice. If notice sent to the email address provided by the pilot candidate is not acknowledged after three attempts or if notice sent via certified mail is returned after three attempts to deliver, that pilot candidate will be skipped and the next pilot candidate on the list will be contacted for entry into a training program. A person so skipped will remain next on the list. A pilot candidate or his/her designated attorney-in-fact shall respond within (~~fifteen~~) 15 calendar days of receipt of notification to accept, refuse, or request a delayed entry into a training program.

(2) Entry. At such time that the board chooses to start a pilot candidate or candidates in a training program for either pilotage district, notification shall be given as provided in subsection (1) of this section. Pilot candidates shall be ranked in accordance with a point system established by the board based on overall performance on the written examination and simulator evaluation. Candidates shall be eligible to enter a training program for a pilotage district in the order of such rankings or as otherwise may be determined by the board. A pilot candidate who refuses entry into a program will be removed from the waiting list with no further obligation by the board to offer a position in that district's training program to such pilot candidate. If the pilot candidate indicated interest in the other pilotage district on the application for the written examination, the candidate shall remain available for that other district's training program in accordance with his/her position on that list.

(a) A pilot candidate who is not able to start a training program within two months of the board's specified entry date may, with written consent of the board, delay entry into that training program. When a pilot candidate delays entry into a training program by more than two months, the board gives notice to the next pilot candidate on the list for that pilotage district to enter a training program. The pilot candidate who delays entry shall remain eligible for the next position in that district provided that the next position becomes available within the earlier of:

- (i) Four years from the pilot candidate's taking the written examination; or
- (ii) The date scheduled for the next pilotage examination for the district.

(b) A pilot candidate not able to start in a training program within two months of the board's specified entry date and who does not obtain the board's written consent to delay entry into a training program shall no longer be eligible for that district's training program

without retaking the examination provided in WAC 363-116-076 and the simulator evaluation provided in WAC 363-116-077.

(3) Training license. Prior to receiving a training license pilot candidates must pass a physical examination by a board-designated physician and in accordance with the requirements of WAC 363-116-120 for initial pilot candidates. A form provided by the board must be completed by the physician and submitted to the board along with a cover letter indicating the physician's findings and recommendations as to the pilot candidate's fitness to pilot. The physical examination must be taken not more than (~~ninety~~) 90 days before issuance of the training license. Holders of a training license will be required to pass a general physical examination annually within (~~ninety~~) 90 days prior to the anniversary date of that training license. Training license physical examinations will be at the expense of the pilot candidate. All training licenses shall be signed by the chairperson or his/her designee and shall have an expiration date. Training licenses shall be surrendered to the board upon completion or termination of the training program.

(4) Development. As soon as practical after receiving notification of eligibility for entry into a training program as set forth in this section, the pilot candidate shall provide a completed experience questionnaire to the trainee evaluation committee (TEC), a committee created per subsection (11) of this section. The training program consists of three phases: Observation trips, training trips, and evaluation trips, and such other forms of learning and instruction that may be designated. The TEC shall recommend a training program for adoption by the board. After adoption by the board, it will be presented to the pilot candidate. If the pilot candidate agrees in writing to the training program, the board shall issue a training license to the pilot candidate, which license shall authorize the pilot candidate to take such actions as are contained in the training program. If the pilot candidate does not agree to the terms of a training program, in writing, within (~~fifteen~~) 15 business days of it being received by certified mail return receipt, or by email read receipt requested, that pilot candidate shall no longer be eligible for entry into that pilotage district's training program and the board may give notice to the next available pilot candidate that he/she is eligible for entry into a training program pursuant to the terms in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

(5) Initial assigned route.

(a) The TEC shall assign an initial route to each trainee at the beginning of his/her training program between a commonly navigated port or terminal and the seaward boundary of the pilotage district.

(b) Unless an extension of time is granted by the board, within eight months of the beginning of the training program if the trainee is continuously on stipend, plus an additional month for every month a trainee is off stipend (up to a maximum of (~~fifteen~~) 15 months), the trainee must:

(i) Take and pass with a minimum score of (~~eighty~~) 80 percent all conning quizzes provided by the board applicable to the initial assigned route as described in subsection (8) of this section. These quizzes may be repeated as necessary provided that they may not be taken more than once in any seven-day period, and further provided that they must be successfully passed within the time period specified in (b) of this subsection; and

(ii) Take and pass with a minimum score of (~~eighty-five~~) 85 percent the local knowledge examination(s) provided by the board ap-

plicable to the initial assigned route as described in subsection (8) of this section. These examinations can be repeated as necessary provided that they may not be taken more than once in any seven-day period, and further provided that they must be successfully passed before the expiration date time period specified in (b) of this subsection; and

(iii) Possess a first class pilotage endorsement without tonnage or other restrictions on his/her United States Coast Guard license to pilot on the initial assigned route.

(6) Specification of trips. To the extent possible, a training program shall provide a wide variety of assigned requirements in three phases: Observation, training, and evaluation trips. A training program may contain deadlines for achieving full or partial completion of certain necessary actions. Where relevant, it may specify such factors as route, sequence of trips, weather conditions, day or night, stern or bow first, draft, size of ship and any other relevant factors. The board may designate specific trips or specific numbers of trips that shall be made with training pilots or with the pilot members of the TEC or with pilots designated by the TEC. In the Puget Sound pilotage district, pilot trainees shall complete a minimum of (~~one hundred fifty~~) 150 trips. The board shall set from time to time the minimum number of trips for pilot trainees in the Grays Harbor pilotage district. The total number of trips in a training program shall be established by the board based on the recommendation of the TEC. The board will ensure that during a training program the pilot trainee will get significant review by supervising pilots and the pilot members of the TEC or with pilots designated by the TEC.

(7) Length of training program. For the Puget Sound district the length of the program shall not exceed (~~thirty-six~~) 36 months. For the Grays Harbor district the length of the program will be determined at the time the training program is written.

(8) Local knowledge conning quizzes and local knowledge exams. A training program shall provide opportunities for the education of pilot trainees and shall provide for testing of pilot trainees on the local knowledge necessary to become a pilot. It shall be the responsibility of the pilot trainee to obtain the local knowledge necessary to be licensed as a pilot in the pilotage district for which he/she is applying. Each conning quiz will be organized by main channel routes, ports, and approaches. A conning quiz is not intended to replace a local knowledge exam as specified in subsection (5)(b)(ii) of this section, but there will be some overlap of subject matter. A pilot trainee shall pass a conning quiz or quizzes related to the route or harbor area to move from the observation phase to the training phase of his/her training program for that route or harbor area. After a trainee has successfully passed a conning quiz on a main channel route or a port and approach, he/she will be eligible to take the conn on that route or approach unless it is a U.S. flag vessel and the required federal pilotage endorsement has not been obtained. The local knowledge exam for the initial route must be completed within eight months of the training start date if the trainee is taking the stipend. For each month the trainee is off stipend, an additional month is added up to a maximum of (~~fifteen~~) 15 months to successfully pass the appropriate local knowledge exam. The final local knowledge exam must be completed before consideration for licensing and must be successfully passed before the expiration date of the training program. The conning quizzes and local knowledge exams will be administered at the offices of the board of pilotage commissioners. Eighty percent is the passing



grade for conning quizzes, and ((~~eighty-five~~)) 85 percent is required for the local knowledge exams. If a trainee fails a conning quiz or local knowledge exam, it may be retaken after seven days, but must be passed within the timing deadlines discussed above. The local knowledge required of a pilot trainee and the local knowledge examination(s) may include the following subjects as they pertain to the pilotage district for which the pilot trainee seeks a license:

- (a) Area geography;
  - (b) Waterway configurations including channel depths, widths and other characteristics;
  - (c) Hydrology and hydraulics of large ships in shallow water and narrow channels;
  - (d) Tides and currents;
  - (e) Winds and weather;
  - (f) Local aids to navigation;
  - (g) Bottom composition;
  - (h) Local docks, berths and other marine facilities including length, least depths and other characteristics;
  - (i) Mooring line procedures;
  - (j) Local traffic operations e.g., fishing, recreational, dredging, military and regattas;
  - (k) Vessel traffic system;
  - (l) Marine VHF usage and phraseology, including bridge-to-bridge communications regulations;
  - (m) Air draft and keel clearances;
  - (n) Submerged cable and pipeline areas;
  - (o) Overhead cable areas and clearances;
  - (p) Bridge transit knowledge - Signals, channel width, regulations, and closed periods;
  - (q) Lock characteristics, rules and regulations;
  - (r) Commonly used anchorage areas;
  - (s) Danger zone and restricted area regulations;
  - (t) Regulated navigation areas;
  - (u) Naval operation area regulations;
  - (v) Local ship assist and escort tug characteristics;
  - (w) Tanker escort rules - State and federal;
  - (x) Use of anchors and knowledge of ground tackle;
  - (y) Applicable federal and state marine and environmental safety law requirements;
  - (z) Marine security and safety zone concerns;
  - (aa) Harbor safety plan and harbor regulations;
  - (bb) Chapters 88.16 RCW and 363-116 WAC, and other relevant state and federal regulations in effect on the date the examination notice is published pursuant to WAC 363-116-076; and
  - (cc) Courses in degrees true and distances in nautical miles and tenths of miles between points of land, navigational buoys and fixed geographical reference points, and the distance off points of land for such courses as determined by parallel indexing along pilotage routes.
- (9) Rest. It is the responsibility of the pilot trainee to obtain adequate rest. Pilot trainees shall observe the rest rules for pilots in place by federal or state law or regulation and rules established in the applicable pilotage district in which they will train, or any other rest requirements contained in a training program.
- (10) Stipend.

(a) At the initial meeting with the TEC the pilot trainee shall indicate whether he/she wishes to receive a stipend during their training program. In the Puget Sound pilotage district, as a condition

of receiving such stipend, pilot trainees will agree to forego during their training program other full- or part-time employment which prevents them from devoting themselves on a full-time basis to the completion of their training program. With the consent of the TEC, pilot trainees may elect to change from a stipend to nonstipend status, and vice versa, during their training program provided that such change request is provided in writing from the trainee. If the trainee intends to be in nonstipend status more than four consecutive months, his/her particular training program may be constructed to provide re-ency and/or a change in seniority placement prior to resuming the training program. In the Puget Sound pilotage district the stipend paid to pilot trainees shall be a maximum of (~~six thousand dollars~~) \$6,000 per month (or such other amount as may be set by the board from time to time), shall be contingent upon the board's setting of a training surcharge in the tariffs levied pursuant to WAC 363-116-300 sufficient to cover the expense of the stipend, and shall be paid from a pilot training account as directed by the board. In the Grays Harbor pilotage district the stipend paid to pilot trainees shall be determined by the board and shall be contingent upon the board's receipt of funds, from any party collecting the tariff or providing funds, sufficient to cover the expense of the stipend and shall be paid from a pilot training account as directed by the board.

Determinations as to stipend entitlement will be made on a full calendar month basis and documentation of trips will be submitted to the board by the third day of the following month. Proration of the stipend shall be allowed at the rate of (~~two hundred dollars~~) \$200 per day (or such other amount as may be set by the board from time to time), under the following circumstances:

(i) For the first and last months of a training program (unless the training program starts on the first or ends on the last day of a month); or

(ii) For a pilot trainee who is deemed unfit for duty by a board-designated physician during a training month.

(b) (i) In the Puget Sound pilotage district a minimum of (~~twelve~~) 12 trips are required each month for eligibility to receive the minimum stipend amount as set by the board, or (~~eighteen~~) 18 trips to receive the maximum stipend amount as set by the board. A trainee may make more than (~~eighteen~~) 18 trips in a calendar month, but no further stipend will be earned for doing so. In the Grays Harbor pilotage district the minimum number of trips each month for eligibility to receive the stipend is (~~seventy~~) 70 percent or such number or percentage of trips that may be set by the board of the total number of vessel movements occurring in this district during that month. Only trips required by the training program can be used to satisfy these minimums. Trips will be documented at the end of each month.

(ii) Whenever the governor issues a proclamation declaring a state of emergency or if the board determines that there is immediate need to act for the preservation of public health, safety, or general welfare, and that there is a threat to trainees, pilots, vessel crews, or members of the public, notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, the board, at its discretion, may suspend or adjust the pilot training program. Suspending or adjusting the pilot training program may include the number of trips necessary to receive the maximum stipend allowable under this section as determined by the board. The trainee evaluation committee may further consider additional nonship-board pilot training including, but not limited to, distance learning.

(c) The TEC will define areas that are considered to be hard-to-get, which many differ for trainees depending on their date of entry. It is the pilot trainee's responsibility to make all available hard-to-get trips, as defined and assigned by the TEC. The board may elect not to pay the stipend if the missing trips were available to the pilot trainee but not taken.

(d) The TEC, with approval by the board may allocate, assign or specify training program trips among multiple pilot trainees. Generally, the pilot trainee who entered his/her training program earlier has the right of first refusal of training program trips provided that the TEC may, with approval by the board, allocate or assign training trips differently as follows:

(i) When it is necessary to accommodate any pilot trainee's initial route;

(ii) When it is necessary to spread hard-to-get trips among pilot trainees so that as many as possible complete required trips on time. If a pilot trainee is deprived of a hard-to-get trip by the TEC, that trip will not be considered "available" under (c) of this subsection. However, the pilot trainee will still be required to complete the minimum number of trips for the month in order to receive a stipend, and the minimum number of trips as required to complete his/her training program;

(e) If a pilot trainee elects to engage in any full-or part-time employment, the terms and conditions of such employment must be submitted to the TEC for prior determination by the board of whether such employment complies with the intent of this section prohibiting employment that "prevents (pilot trainees) from devoting themselves on a full-time basis to the completion of the training program."

(f) If a pilot trainee requests to change to a nonstipend status as provided in this section such change shall be effective for a minimum nonstipend period of (~~thirty~~) 30 days beginning at the beginning of a month, provided that before any change takes effect, a request is made to the TEC in writing. The requirement for designated hard-to-get trips is waived during the time the pilot trainee is authorized to be in nonstipend status.

(g) Any approved pilot association or other organization collecting the pilotage tariff levied by WAC 363-116-185 or 363-116-300 shall transfer the pilot training surcharge receipts to the board at least once a month or otherwise dispose of such funds as directed by the board. In the Grays Harbor pilotage district, if there is no separate training surcharge in the tariff, any organization collecting the pilotage tariff levied by WAC 363-116-185 shall transfer sufficient funds to pay the stipend to the board at least once a month or otherwise dispose of such funds as directed by the board. The board may set different training stipends for different pilotage districts. Receipts from the training surcharge shall not belong to the pilot providing the service to the ship that generated the surcharge or to the pilot association or other organization collecting the surcharge receipts, but shall be disposed of as directed by the board. Pilot associations or other organizations collecting surcharge receipts shall provide an accounting of such funds to the board on a monthly basis or at such other intervals as may be requested by the board. Any audited financial statements filed by pilot associations or other organizations collecting pilotage tariffs shall include an accounting of the collection and disposition of these surcharges. The board shall direct the disposition of all funds in the account.

(11) Trainee evaluation committee. There is hereby created a trainee evaluation committee (TEC) to which members shall be appointed by the board. The TEC shall include at a minimum: Three active licensed Washington state pilots, who, to the extent possible, shall be from the pilotage district in which the pilot trainee seeks a license and at least one of whom shall be a member of the board; one representative of the marine industry (who may be a board member) who holds, or has held, the minimum U.S. Coast Guard license required by RCW 88.16.090; and one other member of the board who is not a pilot. The TEC may include such other persons as may be appointed by the board. The TEC shall be chaired by a pilot member of the board and shall meet as necessary to complete the tasks accorded it. In the event that the TEC cannot reach consensus with regard to any issue it shall report both majority and minority opinions to the board.

(12) Supervising pilots. The board shall designate as supervising pilots those pilots who are willing to undergo such specialized training as the board may require and provide. Supervising pilots shall receive such training from the board to better enable them to give guidance and training to pilot trainees and to properly evaluate the performance of pilot trainees. The board shall keep a list of supervising pilots available for public inspection at all times. All pilot members TEC shall also be supervising pilots.

(13) Training program trip reports. After each training program trip, the licensed or supervising pilot shall complete a training program trip report form (TPTR) provided by the board. Training program trip report forms prepared by licensed pilots who are supervising pilots shall be used by the TEC and the board for assessing a pilot trainee's progress, providing guidance to the pilot trainee and for making alterations to a training program. Licensed pilots who are not supervising pilots may only have trainees on board for observation trips. All trip report forms shall be delivered or mailed by the licensed or supervising pilot to the board. They shall not be given to the pilot trainee. The licensed or supervising pilot may show the contents of the form to the pilot trainee, but the pilot trainee has no right to see the form until it is filed with the board. The TEC shall review these training program trip report forms from time to time and the chairperson of the TEC shall report the progress of all pilot trainees at each meeting of the board. If it deems it necessary, the TEC may recommend, and the board may make, changes from time to time in the training program requirements applicable to a pilot trainee, including the number of trips in a training program.

(14) Termination of and removal from a training program. A pilot trainee's program may be immediately terminated and the trainee removed from a training program by the board if it finds any of the following:

(a) Failure to maintain the minimum federal license required by RCW 88.16.090;

(b) Conviction of an offense involving drugs or involving the personal consumption of alcohol;

(c) Failure to devote full time to training in the Puget Sound pilotage district while receiving a stipend;

(d) The pilot trainee is not physically fit to pilot;

(e) Failure to make satisfactory progress toward timely completion of the program or timely meeting of interim performance requirements in a training program;

(f) Inadequate performance on examinations or other actions required by a training program;

- (g) Failure to complete the initial route requirements specified in subsection (5) of this section within the time periods specified;
  - (h) Inadequate, unsafe, or inconsistent performance in a training program and/or on training program trips as determined by the supervising pilots, the TEC and/or the board; or
  - (i) Violation of a training program requirement, law, regulation or directive of the board.
- (15) Completion of a training program shall include the requirements that the pilot trainee:
- (a) Successfully complete all requirements set forth in the training program including any addendum(s) to the program;
  - (b) Possess a valid first class pilotage endorsement without tonnage or other restrictions on his/her United States government license to pilot in all of the waters of the pilotage district in which the pilot candidate seeks a license; and
  - (c) Complete portable piloting unit (PPU) training as defined by the TEC.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 88.16 RCW. WSR 19-03-141, § 363-116-078, filed 1/22/19, effective 2/22/19; WSR 13-08-025, § 363-116-078, filed 3/27/13, effective 4/27/13; WSR 12-05-064, § 363-116-078, filed 2/15/12, effective 3/17/12; WSR 10-04-100, § 363-116-078, filed 2/3/10, effective 3/6/10. Statutory Authority: Chapter 88.16 RCW and 2008 c 128. WSR 08-15-119, § 363-116-078, filed 7/21/08, effective 8/21/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 88.16.105. WSR 06-20-107, § 363-116-078, filed 10/4/06, effective 11/4/06. Statutory Authority: Chapter 88.16 RCW and 2005 c 26. WSR 05-18-021, § 363-116-078, filed 8/29/05, effective 10/1/05.]

**WSR 22-19-083**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-210—Filed September 20, 2022, 2:07 p.m., effective September 24, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 24, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to return all sections of Cascade and Skagit rivers to permanent rules, except add bait restrictions to sections open to salmon fishing and to implement periodic closures in a portion of the Skagit River.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-312-04000M and 220-312-04000N; and amending WAC 220-312-040.

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: Emergency rules previously placed on Skagit River and Cascade River fisheries, including selective gear rules (SGR) and the closure of a portion of both rivers, were successful in preventing the sport fishery from exceeding allowable Chinook impacts. The possibility of encountering Chinook is still present, although somewhat diminished at this time. Because of this, the Washington department of fish and wildlife (WDFW) can remove SGR restrictions and reopen the previously closed sections while implementing a bait restriction in all sections open to salmon. The bait restriction allows angling opportunity for coho and gamefish while avoiding exceeding the Chinook conservation threshold.

The periodic closures from Hwy. 9 to Baker River are necessary to avoid gear conflicts with treaty fisheries scheduled on those dates.

In-season monitoring of Skagit basin coho fisheries began in 2021 and is expected to continue into the future. This monitoring helps guide management actions to stay within conservation goals while providing maximum opportunity. WDFW will continue to assess summer Chinook spawning activity in the Cascade River and throughout the Skagit system to assess the effects of this rule change.

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 2.

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: September 20, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-312-04000Q Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound.** Effective September 24, 2022, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-312-040 regarding fishing seasons for the Cascade River and Skagit River shall be modified in locations listed, as described herein. All other provisions of WAC 220-312-040, not addressed herein, or unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

**(1) Cascade River (Skagit County); from mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. Bridge:**

Effective September 24 through October 31, 2022: All species: Bait is prohibited.

**(2) Skagit River (Skagit County):**

**(a) From the mouth (a line projected from the terminus of the jetty with McGlenn Island to the white monument on the easterly end of Ika Island, then to a white monument on the westerly end of Craft Island, then to a white monument near the corner of the levee on the westerly side of Dry Slough, and then to a white monument on the easterly side of Tom Moore Slough) to Cascade River Rd. (Marblemount Bridge):**

Effective September 24, 2022, until further notice: All species: Bait is prohibited.

**(b) From the Hwy. 9 bridge in Sedro Woolley to the mouth of the Baker River:**

**(i)** Effective September 26 through September 28, 2022: All species: Closed Waters.

**(ii)** Effective October 3 through October 5, 2022: All species: Closed Waters.

**(iii)** October 10 through October 12, 2022: All species: Closed Waters.

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REPEALER

The following sections of Washington Administrative Code are repealed, effective September 24, 2022:

WAC 220-312-04000M Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (22-196)

WAC 220-312-04000N Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Puget Sound. (22-203)

**WSR 22-19-086**  
**EMERGENCY RULES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-212—Filed September 20, 2022, 3:06 p.m., effective September 21, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: September 21, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to allow the Canadian-flagged purse seine vessel, F/V Nita Maria, to conduct a federally authorized test fishery from September 21 through November 17, 2022.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-354-120.

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 emergency rule is needed to allow the Canadian-flagged purse seine vessel, F/V Nita Maria, to conduct a test fishery in Washington waters. The test fishery will take place in both Canadian and United States waters and has been approved by the Pacific Salmon Commission, as well as authorized and permitted by NOAA. F/V Nita Maria will be allowed to take no more than 1,000 chum salmon over the duration of the test fishing period and must release all other fish. 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: September 20, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-354-12000I Puget Sound salmon—Purse seine—Open periods.** Effective September 21 through November 17, 2022, the Canadian-flagged purse seiner, F/V Nita Maria is permitted to carry out purse seine test fishery operations with Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas 5 and 6C, including within the Strait of Juan de Fuca Salmon preserve defined in WAC 220-354-330:



(1) Allowed fishing period is from September 21 through November 17, 2022.

(2) Up to 1,000 chum salmon may be taken over the entirety of the fishing period. All other fish must be released.

(3) F/V Nita Maria must notify the Puget Sound commercial salmon manager David Low which days, prior to fishery operation, that test fishery operations by F/V Nita Maria will be taking place. Notification shall be made via email to [david.low@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:david.low@dfw.wa.gov) or by phone at 1-360-688-0831.

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**Reviser's note:** The typographical error in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.

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