

WSR 24-13-068
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-95—Filed June 14, 2024, 11:49 a.m., effective June 16, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: June 16, 2024.

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

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

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

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds that immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.

Reasons for this Finding: This rule is necessary to protect Cascade red fox population, which is listed as an endangered species in Washington state. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules; however, the agency has started the rule-making process and the rule publication (CR-102) will occur on or before July 3, 2024.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: June 14, 2024.

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Director

NEW SECTION

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

Fox trapping is CLOSED within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National forests. Effective immediately.