

**WAC 173-03-010 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to implement the requirements of the Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW. The department adopts these rules to provide the fullest assistance to requestors and full access to the department's public records while protecting those records from damage or disorganization; preventing excessive interference with essential agency functions, including the agency's core environmental missions; and not unreasonably disrupting agency operations.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.56.100. WSR 17-23-098 (Order 16-14), § 173-03-010, filed 11/15/17, effective 12/16/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.250. WSR 98-16-052 (Order 98-12), § 173-03-010, filed 7/31/98, effective 8/31/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.17.060 and 42.17.260. WSR 90-21-119 (Order 90-37), § 173-03-010, filed 10/23/90, effective 11/23/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.250 - 42.17.340. WSR 78-02-041 (Order DE 77-35), § 173-03-010, filed 1/17/78.]