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Quick Reporting requirement for the Puget Sound Commercial Smelt Fishery

WAC 220-49-005 Puget Sound forage fish commercial fisheries-General provisions

A. Reasons for adopting the rule:

A 60,000 pound annual quota was imposed on the Puget Sound commercial smelt fishery by the Fish and Wildlife Commission on July of 2014. This rule, that requires Puget Sound commercial smelt fishers to report their catch by 2pm the day following harvest, will allow managers to closely track this fishery. This is critical to prevent exceeding the quota of this important resource.

B. Differences between the text of the proposed rule and the text of the rule as adopted:

None.

C. Summary of comments and WDFW response and consideration for the comments:

Opportunities for public comment were provided at the February 26th, 2016 Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting and the March 4th, 2016 finalization conference call, but none were made.