



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

**CR-103E (May 2009)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.360)**

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Emergency Rule Only**

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules 09-149**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** Amend commercial fishing rules

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed:  
 Amended: WAC 220-88C-040  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.12.047 and RCW 77.04.020

**Other authority :**

**EMERGENCY RULE**

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.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.
- That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal years 2009, 2010, or 2011, which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding: A new law governing the harvest of Pacific sardines into the state went into effect July 26, 2009. Certain regulations pertaining to the coastal pilchard experimental fishery permit are no longer in effect. This emergency regulation is necessary for state enforcement of Pacific sardine harvest and delivery until permanent rules are adopted.

**Date adopted:** July 29, 2009

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**  
Philip Anderson

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**  
Director

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

**DATE:** July 29, 2009

**TIME:** 4:00 PM

**WSR 09-16-062**

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>1</u>	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-88C-04000H Coastal pilchard fishery – Seasons and lawful catch.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-88C-040, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to possess, transport through the waters of the state, or deliver into any Washington port, Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*) or other coastal pelagic species taken in violation of gear requirements and other rules published at Title 50, Part 660, Subpart I of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). These federal regulations govern commercial fishing for coastal pelagic species in the Exclusive Economic Zone off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. Where the federal regulations refer to the fishery management area, that area is interpreted to include Washington state waters coterminous with the Exclusive Economic Zone. Updates to the federal regulations are published in the Federal Register. Discrepancies or errors between the CFR and Federal Register will be resolved in favor of the Federal Register. Chapter 220-44 WAC incorporates the CFR by reference and is based, in part, on the CFR. A copy of the federal rules may be obtained by contacting Lori Preuss at 360-902-2930, or from the U.S. Government Printing Office's GPO Access website ([www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov)). State regulations that are more restrictive than the federal regulations will prevail.

(2) Violation of gear, harvest, or landing requirements under this section is punishable pursuant to RCW [77.15.520](#).