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 09-168
☒ 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Repealed: WAC 220-52-05100U
Amended: WAC 220-52-051
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: The 2009 State/Tribal Shrimp Harvest Management Plans for Puget Sound require adoption of harvest seasons contained in this emergency rule. This emergency rule closes the pot fishery season in Shrimp Management Area 1A and Catch Areas 23A-C, 23A-W, 23B and 26D because the spot shrimp quotas there have been harvested. In addition, the weekly spot shrimp limits have been lowered in several Catch Areas to reduce catch rates and help prevent overharvest of the quotas. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: August 12, 2009

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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:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

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

New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New 1 Amended _____ Repealed 1

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

N E W S E C T I O N

WAC 220-52-05100V Puget Sound Shrimp pot and beam trawl fishery—season. Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-52-051, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to fish for shrimp for commercial purposes in Puget Sound, except as provided for in this section:

(1) Shrimp pot gear:

(a) All waters of Shrimp Management Areas 1A,1B, 1C, 2E, 2W, 3 and 6 are open to the harvest of all shrimp species, effective immediately until further notice, except as provided for in this section:

(i) All waters of Catch Areas 23A-E, 23A-C and the Discovery Bay Shrimp District are closed.

(ii) Effective immediately, until further notice, all waters of Shrimp Management Areas 1B, 1C, 2E and 2W are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp.

(iii) Effective 11:59 p.m. August 16, 2009, until further notice, all waters of Catch Areas 23B and 26D are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp.

(iv) Effective 11:59 p.m. August 16, 2009, all waters of Shrimp Management Area 1A and Catch Area 23A-W are closed to the harvest of all shrimp species, except that those waters of Shrimp Management Area 1A south of line projected at 48°.31.5’ N latitude are open to the harvest of all species except spot shrimp.

(b) The shrimp accounting week is Monday through Sunday.
(c) Effective immediately, until 11:59 p.m. August 16, 2009, it is unlawful for the total harvest of spot shrimp by a fisher and/or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 250 pounds per week in Shrimp Management Area 1A, 300 pounds per week in Catch Area 23A-W, and 200 pounds per week in Catch Area 23B.
(d) Effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful for the combined total harvest of spot shrimp by a fisher and/or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 600 pounds per week, except that it is unlawful for the total harvest of spot shrimp by a fisher and/or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 350 pounds per week in Catch Area 25A. It is unlawful to fish for any shrimp while in possession, on board the fishing vessel, of any spot shrimp from any previous accounting week.
(e) It is unlawful to pull shellfish pots for commercial purposes in more than one Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area per day. Fishers may move all of their shellfish pot gear from one Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area to another Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area if a harvest report is made before the shellfish pot gear is moved. The harvest activity report must be made consistent with the provisions of WAC 220-52-075 and must also include the following additional information:

(i) The number of pots being moved to a new area; and

(ii) The Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area that the pots are being moved to.

(f) It is unlawful to set or pull shellfish pots in one Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area while in possession of shrimp harvested from another Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area, except shellfish pots may be set in a new fishing area subsequent to making a report as indicated in Section 1(e) above.

(2) Shrimp beam trawl gear:

(a) Shrimp Management Area (SMA) 3 (outside of the Discovery Bay Shrimp District, Sequim Bay and Catch Area 23D) is open immediately until further notice. Sequim Bay includes those waters of Catch Area 25A south of a line projected west from Travis Spit on the Miller Peninsula.

(b) That portion of Catch Area 22A within SMA 1B is open immediately until further notice.

(c) That portion of Catch Area 21A within Shrimp Management Area 1B is open immediately until further notice.

(d) All waters of Catch Area 20A are open immediately until further notice.

(3) All shrimp taken under this section must be sold to licensed Washington wholesale fish dealers.

R E P E A L E R

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-52-05100U Puget Sound Shrimp pot and beam trawl fishery - season. (09-161)