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 09-267
☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) December 18, 2009

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Repealed: WAC 220-52--07300H
Amended: WAC 220-52-073
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: Harvestable amounts of red and green sea urchins exist in the areas described. Prohibiting all diving from licensed sea urchin harvest vessels within Sea Urchin District 3 when those vessels have red sea urchin on-board discourages the taking of red urchins from the district (currently closed to red urchin harvest) and reporting the catch to the adjacent harvest district. Prohibiting transport of urchins from Districts 1 and 2 to other districts will prevent spoiling of product, promote accurate catch accounting, and provide for an orderly fishery. Prohibition of all diving from licensed sea urchin harvest vessels prior to scheduled sea urchin openings discourages fishing on closed days and hiding the unlawful catch underwater until the legal opening. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: December 17, 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 220-52-07300I Sea Urchins.
Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-52-073, effective December 18, 2009 until further notice, it is unlawful to take or possess sea urchins taken for commercial purposes except as provided for in this section:

(1) Green sea urchins: Sea Urchin Districts 1 and 2 are open only on December 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, 2009. The maximum daily landing of green sea urchins allowed in Sea Urchin Districts 1 and 2 is 1,000 pounds per valid designated sea urchin harvest license. Sea Urchin Districts 3, 4, 6, and 7 are open only on Monday through Friday of each week.

(2) Red sea urchins: Sea Urchin Districts 1, 2, and 4 are open only on Monday through Friday of each week.

(3) It is unlawful to dive for any purpose from a commercially licensed sea urchin fishing vessel in Sea Urchin District 3 when the vessel has red sea urchins on-board.

(4) Red and green sea urchins harvested in Sea Urchin Districts 1 and 2 must be landed within Sea Urchin Districts 1 and 2.

(5) It is unlawful to dive for any purpose from a commercially licensed sea urchin fishing vessel on Saturday of each week, except by written permission from the Director.

R E P E A L E R

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective December 18, 2009:

WAC 220-52-07300H Sea Urchins. (09-248)