



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103E (July 2011)
(Implements RCW 34.05.350)

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Emergency Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules 12-106

- 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 recreational fishing rules

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed: WAC 220-56-25500N
 Amended: WAC 220-56-255
 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 year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013, 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 Marine Area 2 recreational halibut fishery is projected to take the Pacific halibut quota set aside for the northern nearshore area by the end of the day June 8, 2012. There is sufficient quota remaining in the north coast sub-area to re-open the recreational halibut fishery for another day of fishing. There is sufficient quota to re-open the fishery on a Thursday but not enough to re-open on a Saturday without risk of exceeding the quota. This rule conforms to federal action taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: June 7, 2012

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

New	<u>1</u>	Amended	_____	Repealed	<u>1</u>
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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:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-56-25500P Halibut—Seasons—Daily and possession limits.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-56-250 and WAC 220-56-255, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to fish for or possess halibut taken for personal use, except as provided in this section:

(1) **Catch Record Card Area 1** – Open until further notice, Thursdays through Saturdays only. It is unlawful during any vessel trip to bring into port or land bottomfish except sablefish or Pacific Cod when halibut are on board.

(2) **Catch Record Card Area 2** – Closed.

(i) **Catch Record Card Area 2 (Northern Nearshore fishery)** - Those waters from 47°31.70'N. latitude south to 46°58.00'N latitude and east of a line approximating the 30-fathom depth contour as defined by the following coordinates, open seven days per week through June 8, 2012:

47 ° 31.70 N. lat, 124 ° 37.03 W. long

47 ° 25.67 N. lat, 124 ° 34.79 W. long

47 ° 12.82 N. lat, 124 ° 29.12 W. long

47 ° 58.00 N. lat, 124 ° 24.24 W. long

(ii) Lingcod may be taken, retained and possessed seaward of the 30 fathom line on any day open to the primary halibut fishery as described in (2) above.

(3) **Catch Record Card Areas 3 and 4** – Open Thursday June 14, 2012. The following area southwest of Cape Flattery is closed to fishing for halibut at all times:

Beginning at 48°18' N., 125°18' W.; thence to

48°18'N., 124°59'W.; thence to

48°11'N., 124°59'W.; thence to

48°11'N., 125°11'W., thence to

48°04'N., 125°11'W.; thence to

48°04'N., 124°59'W.; thence to

48°N., 124°59'W.; thence to

48°N., 125°18'W.; thence to point of origin.

(4) **Catch Record Card Area 5** – Open through June 23, 2012, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

(5) **Catch Record Card Areas 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13** - Closed.

(6) Daily limit one halibut, no minimum size limit. The possession limit is two daily limits of halibut in any form, except the possession limit aboard the fishing vessel is one daily limit.

(7) It is unlawful to land halibut in a port closed to recreational halibut fishing, except halibut lawfully caught in Canada.

(8) All other permanent rules remain in effect.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-56-25500N Halibut—Seasons—Daily and possession limits. (12-96)

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