



# 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 15-93**

- 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 Puget Sound commercial crab fishing rules

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

Repealed: WAC 220-52-04500E  
 Amended: WAC 220-52-045  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020 and 77.12.047

**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.
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**Date adopted:** April 28, 2015

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**

J W Unsworth

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Director

**CODE REVISER USE ONLY**

OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

**DATE: April 28, 2015**

**TIME: 8:58 AM**

**WSR 15-10-030**

(COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE)

**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	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	Amended	_____	Repealed	<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:**

<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 220-52-04500F Commercial crab fishery—Seasons and areas—Coastal.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-52-046, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to fish for Dungeness crab in Washington coastal waters, the Pacific Ocean, Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, or the Columbia River, except as provided for in this section.

- (1) The area from the WA/OR border (46°15.00) and the U.S./Canada Border, including Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor: Open.
- (2) For the purposes of this order, the waters of Willapa Bay are defined to include the marine waters east of a line connecting 46°44.76 N, 124°05.76 W and 46°38.93 N, 124°04.33 W.
- (3) The Quinault Secondary Special Management Area (SSMA) is closed to fishing for Dungeness crab from the area shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve between Split Rock (47°24.50) and the mouth of the Copalis River (47°08.00). The legal SSMA is defined by the following coordinates:
  - (a) Northeast Corner (Split Rock): 47°24.50 N. Lat. 124°20.00 W. Lon.
  - (b) Northwest Corner: 47°24.50 N. Lat. 124°32.40 W. Lon.
  - (c) Southwest Corner: 47°08.00 N. Lat. 124°25.50 W. Lon.
  - (d) Southeast Corner (Copalis River): 47°08.00 N. Lat. 124°11.20 W. Lon.
- (4) It is unlawful for a vessel to use more than 200 pots in the area between Raft River (47°28.00) and Split Rock (47°24.50) shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve until 8:00 a.m. May 3, 2015. The area in which the pot limit applies is legally defined by the following coordinates:
  - (a) Northeast Corner (Raft River): 47°28.00 N. Lat. 124°20.70 W. Lon.
  - (b) Northwest Corner: 47°28.00 N. Lat. 124°34.00 W. Lon.
  - (c) Southwest Corner: 47°24.50 N. Lat. 124°32.40 W. Lon.
  - (d) Southeast Corner (Split Rock): 47°24.50 N. Lat. 124°20.00 W. Lon.

Fishers must pre-register with the Department of Fish and Wildlife 24 hours prior to deploying gear in this area by one of the three following methods:

- Fax transmission to Carol Henry at 360-249-1229;
- E-mail to: Carol Henry at [Carol.Henry@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Carol.Henry@dfw.wa.gov); or
- Telephone call to Carol Henry at 360-249-1296.

- (5) The Quinault Secondary Special Management Area (SSMA) is modified and closed to fishing for Dungeness crab from the area shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve between Split Rock (47°24.50) and the mouth of the Joe Creek (47°12.11). This area is closed until further notice. The legal modified SSMA is defined by the following coordinates:

- (a) Northeast Corner (Split Rock): 47°24.50 N. Lat. 124°20.00 W. Lon.
- (b) Northwest Corner: 47°24.50 N. Lat. 124°32.40 W. Lon.
- (c) Southwest Corner: 47°12.11 N. Lat. 124°27.33 W. Lon.
- (d) Southeast Corner (Joe Creek): 47°12.11 N. Lat. 124°12.28 W. Lon.

(6) It is unlawful for a vessel to use more than 200 pots in the area between the mouth of Joe Creek (47°12.11) and the mouth of the Copalis River (47°08.00) shoreward of a line approximating the 27-fathom depth curve and from the area until 8:00 a.m. May 10, 2015. The area in which the pot limit applies is legally defined by the following coordinates:

- (a) Northeast Corner (Joe Creek): 47°12.11 N. Lat. 124°12.28 W. Lon.
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(7) The Quileute Special Management Area (SMA) will open to fishing for Dungeness crab at 8:00 a.m. on May 1, 2015. The SMA includes the area shoreward of a line approximating the 30-fathom depth curve between Destruction Island and Cape Johnson according to the following points:

- Northeast Corner (Cape Johnson) 47°58.00' N. Lat. 124°40.40' W. Lon.
- Northwest Corner: 47°58.00' N. Lat. 124°49.00' W. Lon.
- Southwest Corner: 47°40.50' N. Lat. 124°40.00' W. Lon.
- Southeast Corner (Destruction Island): 47°40.50' N. Lat. 124°24.43' W. Lon.

(8) It is unlawful for a vessel to use more than 100 pots in the Quileute SMA from 8:00 a.m. May 1, 2015, until 8:00 a.m. May 31, 2015. Fishers must pre-register with the Department of Fish and Wildlife 24 hours prior to deploying gear in this area by one of the three following methods:

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(9) All other provisions of the permanent rule remain in effect.

## REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

WAC 220-52-04500E Coastal crab seasons. (15-62)

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**(15-93, 4/28/2015)**