



# 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 16-125**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) June 1, 2016

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

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** Amend rules in the recreational spot shrimp fishery

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

Repealed:  
 Amended: WAC 220-56-325, WAC 220-56-310  
 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.
- 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: This emergency rule is needed to ensure an orderly fishery, manage within court-ordered sharing requirements, and to ensure conservation. Sufficient amounts of spot shrimp remain available in Marine Areas 6 and 7 West to raise the daily bag limit on a trial basis. In addition, harvestable amounts of non-spot shrimp are available in several Marine Areas, and the depth restrictions and area closures are in effect to protect spot shrimp. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**Date adopted:** May 31, 2016

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**

J W Unsworth

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Director

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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**DATE: May 31, 2016**

**TIME: 2:01 PM**

**WSR 16-12-093**

(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>2</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 220-56-32500Y Shrimp--Areas and Seasons.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-56-325, effective June 1, 2016, until further notice:

- (1) Marine Areas 4 (east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line), 5 and 6 (excluding the Discovery Bay Shrimp District) are open to the harvest of all shrimp species.
- (2) It is unlawful to fish for or possess shrimp taken for personal use in all waters of Marine Area 7, except as follows:
  - (a) The portion of Marine Area 7 north of a line from Davis Point on Lopez Island to Cattle Point on San Juan Island, then north of a line due west from Lime Kiln Point light to the international boundary, then west of a line from the bell buoy at the international boundary to Point Doughty on Orcas Island, then west of a line projected true north and south from the western tip of Crane Island, then west of a line projected from the southern tip of Shaw Island to the number 2 buoy at the entrance to Fisherman Bay: Open to the harvest of all shrimp species.
  - (b) The portion of Marine Area 7 north of a line from the Biz Point on Fidalgo Island to Cape Saint Mary on Lopez Island, then east of a line projected from the number 2 buoy at the entrance to Fisherman Bay to the southern tip of Shaw Island, then east of a line projected true north and south from the western tip of Crane Island, then east of a line from Point Doughty on Orcas Island to the bell buoy at the international boundary:
    - (i) Open to the harvest of all shrimp species except spot shrimp. It is unlawful to possess spot shrimp, and all spot shrimp must immediately be returned to the water unharmed.
    - (ii) It is unlawful to set or pull shrimp gear in waters greater than 200 feet deep.
- (3) All waters equal to or less than 150 feet in depth in Marine Areas 8-1, 8-2, 9 and 11 are open to the harvest of all shrimp species except spot shrimp. All spot shrimp caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed. It is unlawful to set or pull shrimp gear in waters greater than 150 feet deep.
- (4) All waters equal to or less than 250 feet in depth in Marine Area 13 are open to the harvest of all shrimp species except spot shrimp. All spot shrimp caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed. It is unlawful to set or pull shrimp gear in waters greater than 250 feet deep.

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-56-31000A Shellfish—Daily limits.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-56-310, effective 12:01 a.m. June 1, 2016, until further notice, in Marine Areas 6 and 7 West it is permissible for any one person to take up to 160 shrimp for personal use in any one day. Marine Area 7 West defined as the portion of Marine Area 7 north of a line from Davis Point on Lopez Island to Cattle Point on San Juan Island, then north of a line due west from Lime Kiln Point light to the international boundary, then west of a line from the bell buoy at the international boundary to Point Doughty on Orcas Island, then west of a line projected true north and south from the western tip of Crane Island, then west of a line projected from the southern tip of Shaw Island to the number 2 buoy at the entrance to Fisherman Bay.

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**(16-125, 5/31/2016)**

