



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 16-275

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) October 10, 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 commercial sea cucumber fishing rules

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:
 Amended: WAC 220-52-071
 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 reopen Sea Cucumber District 1 because harvestable surpluses of sea cucumbers exist to allow for commercial harvest. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: October 7, 2016

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)

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TITLE

Director

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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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	_____
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New	<u>1</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:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-52-07100V Sea Cucumbers

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-52-071, effective October 10, 2016, it is unlawful to take or possess sea cucumbers taken for commercial purposes except in the marine fish-shellfish catch reporting areas provided for in this section:

- (1) Sea cucumber harvest using shellfish diver gear is allowed in the following areas of Sea Cucumber District 1 Monday through Friday of each week: 20A and B, 21A and B, and 22A and B.
- (2) Sea cucumber harvest using shellfish diver gear is allowed in the following areas of Sea Cucumber District 3 Monday through Friday of each week: 26A and 24A, B, C, and D, provided that a designated representative of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is on board the vessel during harvest.
- (3) The maximum cumulative landing of sea cucumbers for each weekly fishery opening period is 1,200 pounds per valid designated sea cucumber harvest license. It is permissible for all or any fraction of the maximum 1,200 pound total to be harvested during any legal harvest date within any legal harvest area so long as the cumulative total for the fishery week does not exceed the maximum.