
“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting dates: October 3-4, 2008

Agenda item: **COMMERCIAL FISH TRANSPORT TICKETS — Rule Action**
WAC 220-69-300

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Background:

General Practice: Many vessels deliver catch directly to a fish company located in a water port. Fish and shellfish also may be offloaded and transported over land to an original receiver. Once the product is received, fish accounting reports (known as fish receiving tickets) must be initiated immediately to account for the catch. These fish receiving tickets are signed by both the fisherman and the fish buyer under penalty of perjury, with regard to the tickets' accuracy, and are relied upon by biologists in order to manage harvests.

Purpose of transport tickets: In cases when fish and shellfish are delivered via transportation over land, versus a direct delivery, documentation on the fish receiving ticket is delayed.

Commercial fish transport tickets are meant to provide interim, pre-receiving documentation for enforcement tracking purposes.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

No substantive change has been made to the original rule language. The proposed language is meant to eliminate the transport-ticket requirement for entities that already have adequate record-keeping requirements, and to provide clarity and enforceability for entities that do not.

Does the Fish and Wildlife Commission wish to clarify rules for commercial fishers who transport fish on land?

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Time was set aside for public testimony at the September 5-6 Commission meeting. However, no one showed up to comment on the proposed rule amendment.

Action requested:

Adopt the amendments as proposed at the September 5-6, 2008, Commission meeting.

Draft motion language:

“I move to adopt WAC 220-69-300 as proposed.”

Justification for Commission action: The proposed rule change is justified under RCW 77.12.047. In addition, the agency needs a clear, enforceable rule pertaining to commercial fish transport tickets if we are to properly manage the resource in a sustainable fashion. This rule clarification benefits the general public in our stewardship role, the commercial industry, and the resource.