

# FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICY DECISION

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**POLICY TITLE:** Kelp Import Permits

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Cancels:

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See Also:

Approved by:

  
Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair

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The placement of imported kelp into marine waters may act to introduce fish and shellfish diseases or pests into Washington. The policy of the department is to minimize the risk of introduction of diseases and pests by requiring a kelp import permit for the import of all kelp for use in the herring spawn-on-kelp fishery. The permit shall specify requirements and limitations to protect the environment. Permits shall conform to 75.58 RCW and 220.77 WAC.

## **Eligibility for a kelp import permit.**

- Only persons who are eligible to obtain a herring spawn-on-kelp license may obtain a kelp import permit.
- Kelp imported under the authority of a kelp import permit may be utilized in a herring spawn-on-kelp fishery only.

## **Criteria for applying for a kelp import permit.**

- All applications shall be in writing and in advance of the import of kelp.
- All applications shall contain the following information:
  - the name and address of the applicant
  - the species of kelp and the estimated weight of kelp to be imported
  - the area of intended harvest of kelp
  - the location where the kelp is to be placed in Washington marine waters
  - the route of kelp transport in Washington
  - telephone number where the applicant can be contacted.
- All requests to import kelp from Canada must be accompanied by a valid written approval to export kelp from Canada.
- Applications for a kelp permit should be directed to:

Kelp Import Permit Application  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Brinnon District Office  
1000 Point Whitney Road  
Brinnon, Washington 98320