



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

CR-103E (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 19-213)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- 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 shrimp rules.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-340-52000I
 Amended: WAC 220-340-520
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045 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.

Reasons for this finding: The 2019 State/Tribal Shrimp Harvest Management Plans for the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound require adoption of harvest seasons contained in this emergency rule. This emergency rule (1) closes the pot fishery season for spot shrimp in some areas; (2) closes Area 2E to the harvest of non-spot shrimp; (3) opens spot shrimp for the final clean-up fishery in some areas; (4) opens reporting areas Area 1B (20B, 22A East, 21A) and 1C (20A, 21A, 21B and 22B) to harvest of non-spot shrimp in the pot fishery; (5) implements a minimum mesh size restriction for spot shrimp gear; (6) maintains the closure of a portion of MF/SF Catch Reporting Area 20B within Shrimp Management Area 1B to harvest of shrimp with trawl gear; (7) maintains other regulations and restrictions for the non-spot trawl and pot fisheries. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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 ____

The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:


New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____

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	____

Date Adopted: September 10, 2019	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-52000J Puget Sound shrimp pot and trawl fishery—season.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-520, effective immediately, until further notice, it is unlawful to fish for shrimp for commercial purposes in Puget Sound except as provided for in this section:

(1) Shrimp pot gear:

- (a) All waters of Shrimp Management Areas (SMA) 1B, 1C, 2W, and 3 are open to the harvest of all shrimp species, effective immediately, until further notice, except as provided for in this section:
 - (i) All waters of the Discovery Bay Shrimp District are closed.
 - (ii) All waters of Shrimp Management Area 2W are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp and open to the harvest of non-spot shrimps.
 - (iii) All waters Shrimp Management Area 3 are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp and open to the harvest of non-spot shrimps.
 - (iv) All waters of Shrimp Management Area 1B (20B, 22A East, 21A) and 1C (20A, 21A, 21B and 22B) are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp and open to the harvest of non-spot shrimps.
 - (v) Effective immediately until 11:59 pm on September 15, 2019, all waters of Catch Area 23A South and 23D in Shrimp Management Area 3 are open to harvest of spot shrimp.
 - (vi) Effective immediately until 11:59 pm on September 15, 2019, all waters of Catch Area 23C in Shrimp Management Area 3 are open to harvest of spot shrimp.
 - (vii) Effective immediately until 11:59 pm on September 15, 2019, all waters of Catch Area 29 in Shrimp Management Area 3 are open to harvest of spot shrimp.
- (b) Effective immediately, until further notice, it is unlawful for the combined total harvest of non-spot shrimp by a fisher or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 600 pounds *per weekly management period* from Shrimp Management Area 2W, 1B, and 1C.
- (c) Effective immediately, the shrimp weekly management period is Wednesday through Tuesday.
- (d) Only pots with a minimum mesh size of 1 inch may be pulled on calendar days when fishing for or retaining spot shrimp. Mesh size of 1 inch is defined as a mesh opening that a 7/8-inch square peg will pass through, excluding the entrance tunnels, except for flexible (web) mesh pots, where the mesh must be a minimum of 1¾-inch stretch measure. Stretch measure is defined as the distance between the inside of one knot to the outside of the opposite vertical knot of one mesh, when the mesh is stretched vertically. There is no size restriction for spot shrimp.
- (e) It is unlawful to pull shellfish pots in more than one catch area per day.

(2) Shrimp trawl gear:

- (a) Shrimp Management Area (SMA) 3 (outside of the Discovery Bay Shrimp District, Sequim Bay and Catch Area 23D) is open, effective immediately, until further notice.
- (b) That portion of Catch Area 21A within SMA 1B is open.
- (c) That portion of Catch Area 22A within SMA 1B is open.
- (d) That portion of Catch Area 20B within SMA 1B is closed.
- (e) Catch Area 20A is open.

- (3) All shrimp taken under this section must be sold to licensed Washington wholesale fish dealers.

R E P E A L E R

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-340-52000I Puget Sound Shrimp pot and beam trawl fishery-season. (19-209)