



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 19-318)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) December 23, 2019

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 urchin rules in Puget Sound.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-340-75000S
- Amended: WAC 220-340-750
- 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: This emergency rule closes harvest of red sea urchins in Sea Urchin District 3 and Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area 23A of District 2, because the quota for red sea urchin in these areas has been reached. Harvestable surpluses of sea urchin exist in the districts specified. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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: December 20, 2019	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-75000T Commercial sea urchin fishery.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-750, effective December 23, 2019 until further notice:

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to fish for, take, or possess for commercial purposes any green sea urchins less than 2.25 inches; or red sea urchins measuring less than 3.25 inches or greater than 5 inches. All measurements are caliper measurements of the largest shell (test) diameter, exclusive of the spines.
- (2) The following areas are open for red sea urchin harvest seven days-per-week: Sea Urchin District 1; Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas 21A, 21B, 22A, 22B, 23B, 25A, 25B in District 2; and District 4 west of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123 degrees 52.7 minutes west longitude.
- (3) The following areas are open for green sea urchin harvest only, seven days-per-week: Sea Urchin District 1; Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas 21A, 21B, 22A, 22B, 23A in District 2; District 3 east of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123 degrees 48.3 minutes west longitude; District 4 west of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123 degrees 52.7 minutes west longitude; District 6; and District 7 except all waters of Hale Passage and Wollochet Bay within the following lines: west of a line projected true south from the shoreline near Point Fosdick at 122 degrees 35 minutes west longitude to 47 degrees 14 minutes north latitude, and thence projected true west to the shoreline of Fox Island, and east of a line projected true south from the shoreline near Green Point at 122 degrees 41 minutes west longitude to 47 degrees 16.5 minutes north latitude, and thence projected true east to the shoreline of Fox Island.
- (4) The maximum cumulative landings for red sea urchin and green sea urchin for each weekly fishery opening period is 1,500 pounds per species per valid designated sea urchin harvest license. Each fishery week begins Monday and ends Sunday.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective December 23, 2019:

WAC 220-340-75000S Commercial sea urchin fisheries. (19-298)

