

WAC 220-340-030 Shellfish harvest logs. (1) **Logbook requirement:** It is unlawful for any vessel operator engaged in the commercial harvest of crawfish, sea cucumber, sea urchin, scallop, shrimp, or squid to fail to obtain and accurately and completely maintain the appropriate harvest log available from the Washington department of fish and wildlife. It is unlawful for any license holder engaged in commercial sand shrimp fishing or operator of mechanical clam digging device to fail to obtain and accurately and completely maintain the appropriate harvest log available from the Washington department of fish and wildlife.

(2) **Logbook maintenance:** It is unlawful for any harvest vessel operator or license holder engaged in harvest as described in subsection (1) of this section, to fail to maintain the required harvest log: Aboard the vessel; at the harvest site; when crawfish, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, shrimp, squid, scallops, clams, or sand shrimp are aboard during transit of a harvest vessel, or are in possession of the license holder.

(3) **Logbook submission and retention:** It is unlawful for the vessel operator or license holder, engaged in harvest as described in subsection (1) of this section, to fail to submit harvest logs for inspection upon request by department of fish and wildlife officers or authorized employees.

(4) It is unlawful for any vessel operator or license holder, engaged in harvest as described in subsection (1) of this section, to fail to comply with the following methods of logbook submittal and time frames related to harvest logbook submittal:

(a) Completed harvest logs for crawfish, coastal ocean pink shrimp, sea cucumber, sea urchin, scallop, Puget Sound shrimp pot and trawl, and squid must be received by the department within 10 days following any calendar month in which fishing occurred~~((, required completed harvest logs must be received by the department))~~; however, vessel operators or license holders may submit logs directly to authorized department employees.

(b) Vessel operators or license holders responsible for submitting logs to the department, as described in subsection (1) of this section, must maintain a copy of all submitted logs for a period of three years following the harvest activity. Copies of harvest logs, which are required to be maintained, must be available for inspection upon request by department of fish and wildlife officers and authorized employees.

(c) Original harvest logs must be maintained and submitted in ascending consecutive order of the log serial number.

(5) It is unlawful for any vessel operator or license holder, engaged in harvest as described in subsection (1) of this section, to fail to send completed harvest logs to the appropriate following mailing address, except as provided for in subsection (4)(a) of this section.

For Puget Sound Shrimp Pot and Trawl Harvest Logbooks:

ATTN: PUGET SOUND SHRIMP HARVEST MANAGER
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
375 Hudson St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368.

For Coastal Shrimp Harvest Logbooks:

ATTN: COASTAL SHRIMP HARVEST MANAGER
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
48 Devonshire Rd.
Montesano, WA 98563.

For Crawfish Harvest Logbooks:

ATTN: FISH PROGRAM - CRAWFISH HARVEST MANAGER
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
P.O. Box 43150
Olympia, WA 98504-3150.

For Sea Urchin and Sea Cucumber Harvest Logbooks:

ATTN: FISH PROGRAM - SEA URCHIN/SEA CUCUMBER HARVEST MANAGER
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
P.O. Box 43150
Olympia, WA 98504-3150.

For Clam (harvest with mechanical digging devices) Harvest Logbooks:

ATTN: FISH PROGRAM - GEODUCK HARVEST MANAGER
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
P.O. Box 43150
Olympia, WA 98504-3150.

For Scallop Harvest Logbooks:

ATTN: FISH PROGRAM - SCALLOP HARVEST MANAGER
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
P.O. Box 43150
Olympia, WA 98504-3150.

For Squid (Coastal waters) Harvest Logbooks:

ATTN: FISH PROGRAM - COASTAL SQUID HARVEST MANAGER
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
P.O. Box 43150
Olympia, WA 98504-3150.

For Squid (Puget Sound waters) Harvest Logbooks:

ATTN: PUGET SOUND SQUID HARVEST MANAGER
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
375 Hudson St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368.

For Coastal Sand Shrimp Harvest Logbooks:

ATTN: COASTAL SAND SHRIMP HARVEST MANAGER
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
P.O. Box 190
Ocean Park, WA 98640-0190.

For Puget Sound Sand Shrimp Harvest Logbooks:

ATTN: PUGET SOUND SAND SHRIMP HARVEST MANAGER
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
375 Hudson St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368.

(6) It is unlawful for any harvest vessel operator or license holder engaged in harvest as described in subsection (1) of this section to fail to permanently and legibly record in ink the following information within the following time frames:

(a) (~~Shrimp (other than Puget Sound shrimp or sand shrimp) or crawfish with shellfish pot gear:~~) Crawfish:

(i) Before leaving the catch area where harvest occurred, record the vessel Washington department of fish and wildlife boat registration number, number of pots pulled, date pulled, soak time, and gear location; and

(ii) Immediately after delivery of shellfish to an original receiver, record the weight of all shellfish.

(b) (~~(Shrimp with beam trawl or shrimp trawl gear:)~~) **Puget Sound shrimp trawl gear:**

(i) Before commencing a new tow or prior to leaving the site where the catch was taken, record the vessel (~~(identity)~~) name, current date of fishing activity, location fished, trawl width, (~~(Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area fished,)~~) depth fished, latitude and longitude to the nearest hundredth of a minute at the beginning of each tow, tow speed, duration of tow, and estimated weight of shrimp of each species caught for each tow.

(ii) Immediately after delivery of shrimp to an original receiver(~~(7)~~) or (~~(before leaving the last catch site of the day)~~) the submission of a fish receiving ticket, if the operator holds a wholesale fish dealer's license and is the original receiver, record the fish receiving ticket (~~(serial)~~) number.

(c) **Coastal shrimp trawl gear:**

(i) Before commencing a new tow, record the vessel name, current date of fishing activity, depth fished, latitude and longitude to the nearest hundredth of a minute at the beginning of each tow, duration of tow, estimated weight of shrimp of each species not retained for each tow, and estimated weight of shrimp of each species caught for each tow.

(ii) Immediately after delivery of shrimp to an original receiver or the submission of a fish receiving ticket, if the operator holds a wholesale fish dealer's license and is the original receiver, record the fish receiving ticket number.

(d) **Sea urchins and sea cucumbers:**

(i) Before leaving the harvest site, record the vessel identity, date, Marine Fish-Shellfish Catch Reporting Area fished, location fished, depth fished, latitude and longitude to the nearest tenth of a minute or to the nearest second, and the approximate weight in pounds of sea urchins or sea cucumbers harvested.

(ii) Upon landing or delivery to an original receiver, the exact species and weight of sea urchins, as recorded on the shellfish receiving ticket, must be recorded.

(iii) Upon landing or delivery to an original receiver, the exact weight of sea cucumbers, as recorded on the shellfish receiving ticket, and whether or not prelanded processing occurred ("whole-live" or "split-drained"), must be recorded.

(~~(d)~~) (e) **Clams, with mechanical digging devices:**

(i) Before the end of each day's fishing and departure from the harvest grounds, record the vessel identity if a harvest vessel is used in harvest operation, exact location by latitude and longitude to the nearest thousandths of a minute (recorded in WGS 84 datum), and date of harvest.

(ii) Weight by each clam species in pounds upon landing or delivery to an original receiver.

(iii) Weight in pounds of each clam species caught and returned to the harvest grounds.

(~~(e)~~) (f) **Scallops:**

(i) Before leaving the location where the catch was taken, record the vessel identity, date, location, and duration of harvest and esti-

mated weight in pounds and species of scallops caught for each tow or dive hour.

(ii) Upon landing or delivery to an original receiver, the exact weight in pounds, as recorded on the shellfish receiving ticket, and species of harvested scallops.

~~((f))~~ (g) Squid, except when taken incidental to any other lawful fishery:

(i) Coastal:

(A) Before leaving the Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area where taken, the vessel's Washington department of fish and wildlife boat registration number, gear type, catch area, starting and ending time of fishing, and numbers of other species caught and returned.

(B) Weight in pounds of squid upon landing or delivery to an original receiver.

(ii) Puget Sound:

(A) Before leaving the Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area where taken, the vessel's Washington department of fish and wildlife boat registration number, gear type, catch area, location (nearest landmark, bay, or GPS coordinates), starting and ending time of fishing, total vessel wattage or lumens of attracting lights, and numbers of other species caught and returned.

(B) Weight in pounds of squid upon landing or delivery to an original receiver.

~~((g))~~ (h) Sand shrimp (Puget Sound and coastal), except when taken incidental to other lawful fishery:

(i) Prior to leaving the harvest site, the location or identification number of the harvest tract, date of harvest, number of trenches pumped, average length and width of trenches (yards), total number of sand shrimp retained (dozens).

(ii) At the time of delivery to an original receiver, total number of sand shrimp sold (dozens), and the name of the sand shrimp buyer.

~~((h) Shrimp (other than sand shrimp), using shellfish pot gear in Puget Sound:)~~ (i) Puget Sound shrimp pot:

(i) Prior to leaving the harvest site, the name of vessel operator, license number, the vessel's Washington department of fish and wildlife boat registration number, buoy brand, date, phone number, pot mesh size, pull date, groundline length, number of pots pulled, depth fished, soak time, gear location (including latitude and longitude to the nearest hundredth of a minute), Shrimp Management Unit fished (region, subregion, catch area, subarea), species targeted, sorted catch estimates, and weight(s) in pounds of catch (~~(, and shellfish receiving ticket number)~~). A separate weight for each species caught and retained must be recorded. Any time that gear is deployed the location must be recorded. For pots deployed on a ~~((ground line both))~~ ground line, the start ~~((and end))~~ location ~~((s))~~ for each string must be provided.

(ii) Immediately after delivery of shrimp to an original receiver ~~(, or before leaving the last catch site of the day if the operator holds a wholesale fish dealer's license or limited fish seller endorsement and is the original receiver)~~, record the fish receiving ticket ~~((serial))~~ number.

(7) Violation of this section as it relates to failing to report required information or failing to submit log books is punishable under RCW 77.15.280 reporting of fish or wildlife harvest. Violation of this section as it relates to knowingly providing false or misleading

information is punishable under RCW 77.15.270, providing false information.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-08-048, filed 3/31/22, effective 5/1/22)

WAC 220-340-455 Commercial crab fishery—Seasons and areas—Puget Sound. The open times and areas for commercial crab fishing in Puget Sound are as follows:

(1) It is unlawful to fish for, take, or possess crab for commercial purposes except during open commercial crab harvest seasons and from open commercial crab management units as set by emergency rule. Commercial crab fishing will be open from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during open seasons, except as provided below.

(2) The following areas are closed to commercial crab fisheries regulated by the department:

(a) Crab Management Regions 4, 5, and 6 (WAC 220-320-110).

(b) Those waters of Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area 20A in Lummi Bay east of a line projected from Sandy Point Light No. 2 (48.7868°, -122.7124°) to Gooseberry Point (48.7324°, -122.6728°).

(c) Those waters of Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area 21A in Bellingham Bay west of a line projected from the exposed boulder off the southeast portion of Point Francis (48.6973°, -122.6073°) to the old pilings at Stevie's Point (~~((0.2 miles north-west of the point where the Lehigh Cement pipeline meets the shoreline; 48.7682°, -122.5282°))~~) (48.7765°, -122.5523°).

(d) Those waters of Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area 24A east of a line projected true north from the most westerly tip of Skagit Island (48.4131°, -122.5814°) and extending south to the most westerly tip of Hope Island (48.3959°, -122.5788°), thence southeast to Seal Rocks (48.3737°, -122.5634°), thence southeast to the green can buoy (Buoy No. 5; 48.3630°, -122.5510°) at the mouth of Swinomish Channel, thence easterly to the western tip of Goat Island (48.3630°, -122.5386°).

(e) Those waters of Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area 24B inside a line projected from Priest Point (48.0322°, -122.2274°) to the five-meter tower (48.0156°, -122.2707°) between Gedney (Hat) Island and Priest Point, thence northwesterly on a line between the five-meter tower and Barnum Point (48.1935°, -122.4625°) to the intersection (48.1353°, -122.3999°) with a line projected true west from Kayak Point (48.1351°, -122.3678°), thence east to shore.

(f) Those waters of the Dungeness Bay Crustacean Special Management Area (WAC 220-320-120).

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-08-048, filed 3/31/22, effective 5/1/22)

WAC 220-340-530 Commercial shrimp trawl fishery—Puget Sound.

License

(1) It is unlawful to take, fish for, land, or deliver shrimp taken for commercial purposes with trawl gear from Puget Sound waters without a valid Puget Sound shrimp trawl license and a shrimp trawl permit, issued annually by the director, and without complying with all provisions of a Puget Sound shrimp trawl fishery permit.

A Puget Sound shrimp trawl license will only be issued to an individual who is a natural person, and this person shall be the primary operator. Holders of Puget Sound shrimp trawl licenses may designate a single alternate operator per license.

Trawl gear and area restrictions

(2) It is unlawful to fish for shrimp for commercial purposes in Puget Sound using trawl gear except during seasons opened by emergency rule and authorized by a permit issued by the director.

It is unlawful to operate shrimp beam trawl gear in Puget Sound from one hour after official sunset to one hour before official sunrise.

(3) It is unlawful to retain spot shrimp with trawl gear.

(4) Gear restrictions - Beam trawl gear is the only lawful trawl gear type permitted for Puget Sound. (~~Use of otter trawl gear or other trawl gear types is unlawful.~~)

(a) Maximum beam width in Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas 20A, 20B, 21A, and 22A is 25 feet.

(b) Maximum beam width in Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas 23A (trawl Catch Area 23A; WAC 220-320-140), 23B, 23C, 25A, and 29 is 60 feet.

(5) (~~Area restrictions:~~

~~(a) Catch Areas 21B, 22B, and those waters of Catch Area 20A north and east of a line from Point Roberts Light (48.9716°, -123.0838°) to Sandy Point Light, at the Lummi Reservation (48.7868°, -122.7124°) are closed year round.~~

(b)) Depth restrictions - It is unlawful to fish for shrimp with beam trawl gear in waters shallower than the following:

(a) 100 feet in Puget Sound.

(b) 120 feet in Catch Area 20A.

(6) Closed areas - It is unlawful to fish for shrimp with beam trawl gear year-round in the following areas:

(a) Catch Area 21A except those waters of the Lummi-Sinclair Triangle, as defined in WAC 220-320-140(4).

(b) Catch Areas 21B, 22B, and those waters of Catch Area 20A north and east of a line from Point Roberts Light (48.9716°, -123.0838°) to Sandy Point Light, at the Lummi Reservation (48.7868°, -122.7124°).

(c) Subregion 1A, as defined in WAC 220-320-140 (1)(a)(i).

(d) Discovery Bay Shrimp District, as defined in WAC 220-320-120

(1)(b).

(e) Sequim Bay CSMA, as defined in WAC 220-320-120(6).

(f) Catch Area 23D.

(7) Area restrictions - The following areas are closed from the season opening through the dates described in the following paragraphs.

(a) Catch Area 20A outside of those waters north and east of a line from Point Roberts Light (48.9716°, -123.0838°) to Sandy Point Light at the Lummi Reservation (48.7868°, -122.7124°) are closed through July 31st.

~~((c) Catch Area 21A is closed year round, except that those waters north and west of a line from the southern tip of Sinclair Island (48.6097°, -122.6572°) to Carter Point (48.6404°, -122.6088°) on Lummi Island)) (b) Those waters of the Lummi-Sinclair Triangle, as defined in WAC 220-320-140 (4) (c) are closed through June 30th.~~

~~((d) In Catch Area 22A:~~

~~(i) Shrimp trawl fishing is closed in Lopez Sound south of a line projected true east-west from the northern tip of Trump Island (48.5064°, -122.8369°) from the season opening through July 9th, except as described in (f) of this subsection.~~

~~(ii) Shrimp trawl fishing is closed that portion east of a line projected along -122.7833° longitude (east of Blakely Island) and west of a line projected along -122.7167° longitude (west of Cypress Island) in Rosario Strait from the season opening through June 15th, except as described in (f) of this subsection.~~

~~(e) Subregion 1B (Catch Areas 20B and 22A) is closed through June 15th, except as described in (f) of this subsection.~~

~~(f)) (c) Those waters of South Lopez Sound, as defined in WAC 220-320-140 (4) (a), are closed through July 9th.~~

~~(d) All waters of subregion 1B, with the exception of South Lopez Sound and the Lummi-Sinclair Triangle, as defined in WAC 220-320-140(4), are closed through June 15th, except as described in (e) of this subsection.~~

~~(e) The following areas may open on the described dates and remain open from that date contingent upon the results of department-approved observer sampling to evaluate bycatch. Bycatch parameters must be satisfied for the fishery to remain open earlier than the date((s)) described in (d) ((and (e))) of this subsection.~~

~~(i) ((In Catch Area 22A, in Lopez Sound south of a line projected true east-west from the northern tip of Trump Island (48.5064°, -122.8369°): May 1st.~~

~~(ii) That portion of Catch Area 22A east of a line projected along -122.7833° longitude (east of Blakely Island) and west of a line projected along -122.7167° longitude (west of Cypress Island) in Rosario Strait:)) Those waters of the subregion 1B, except South Lopez Sound and the Lummi-Sinclair Triangle, as defined in WAC 220-320-140(4) may open as early as May 1st.~~

~~((iii) Subregion 1B (Catch Areas 20B and 22A): May 16th.~~

~~(iv)) (ii) Trawl fishers seeking to open before the date((s)) described in (d) ((and (e))) of this subsection must coordinate with the department to arrange a department-approved bycatch observation plan prior to commencing fishing.~~

~~((g) It is unlawful to fish for shrimp in Puget Sound with beam trawl gear in waters shallower than 100 feet.~~

~~(h) It is unlawful to fish for shrimp with beam trawl gear shallower than 120 feet in Catch Area 20A.~~

~~(i)) A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.750.~~

~~((Landing and reporting~~

~~(6) All shrimp taken in the Puget Sound commercial shrimp fishery must be landed and recorded on Washington state fish receiving tickets within 24 hours of harvest. No fisher may land shrimp without immediate delivery to a licensed fish buyer, or if transferred at sea, without transfer to a licensed fish buyer. A fisher who is a licensed fish buyer or a limited fish seller may complete and return a fish receiving ticket to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.~~

~~(7) Harvesters must also comply with reporting provisions of WAC 220-340-030.)~~