

# Coastal and Puget Sound Shellfish Rulemaking

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# Public Outreach

## Coast

- July 26 – October 2, 2023: Public comment period
- August 4, 2023: Notice of August 17 meeting
- August 17, 2023:
  - Coastal crab industry meeting
  - Letter sent to all coastal and Puget Sound license owners, operators and alternate operators and shellfish buyers impacted by the proposed rules
- May 11, 2023: Coastal crab industry meeting
- October 3, 2022: Coastal crab industry meeting
- September 21, 2022: Coastal crab industry meeting
- August 31, 2022: Coastal crab industry meeting

## Puget Sound

- September 11, 2023: Puget Sound Advisory Board meeting



# Public Comment

- Video: staff will continue to explore video
- Continuous power: review found a battery can provide sufficient power for vessels that don't have shore power
- Cost: funding is available to offset system costs

## Proposed changes:

- Placement of hydraulic pressure sensor
- Exemption permits
- Activation report
- Logbook requirement



# Staff Recommendation

Adopt rules as proposed with the following exceptions:

- 220-340-420 – EM Rule changes to address public comments
- 220-340-460 – Correct the time when logbooks must be received
- 220-352-060 – Modified electronic fish ticket language for clarity



# Staff Recommendation

- Adopt proposed regulatory changes and staff recommended additions
- Approve the EM Compliance Guide with proposed changes to reflect public input
- Delay EM implementation to be effective January 1, 2024
- Direct the Enforcement Program to use discretion and flexibility in the first year of the program
- Delegate authority for future changes to EM and Electronic FT regulations to the Director



# Motion #1

I move that the Commission adopt the proposed regulatory changes as presented by staff in the CR-102, except for WACs 220-340-420, 220-340-460 and 220-352-060, adopt with the changes shown in Attachment A and adopt the EM Compliance Guide with changes recommended by staff.



# Motion #2

I move that the Commission adopt a January 1, 2024, effective date for the electronic monitoring component of the proposed changes in WAC 220-340-420 and delegate authority to the Director to consider and adopt future technical changes to electronic monitoring and electronic fish ticket reporting regulations and updates to the EM Compliance Guide as needed.



# Motion #3

I move that the Commission direct the Enforcement Program to use their discretion and flexibility during the first year that electronic monitoring is required for the coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery.





**QUESTIONS?**

# Timeline and Public Engagement

