

Concise Explanatory Statement

Aquatic Invasive Species

Rules amended as part of this rulemaking:

WAC 220-640-010 Aquatic invasive species—Provisions

WAC 220-640-020 Deleterious exotic wildlife

WAC 220-640-030 Prohibited level 1 aquatic animal species

WAC 220-640-040 Prohibited level 2 aquatic animal species

WAC 220-640-050 Prohibited level 3 aquatic animal species

WAC 220-640-060 Prohibited level 3 aquatic animal species

WAC 220-640-070 Regulated Type A aquatic animal species

WAC 220-640-080 Regulated Type B aquatic animal species

WAC 220-640-090 Regulated Type C aquatic animal species

WAC 220-640-100 Scientific research/display permits and monitoring and control programs—Requirements for possession of prohibited aquatic animal species

WAC 220-640-110 Importation of live aquatic organisms—Required certification of "zebra/quagga mussel free."

WAC 220-640-120 Capture of prohibited aquatic animals in Washington waters—Requirements

WAC 220-640-130 Allowable possession of prohibited aquatic animals if acquired prior to classification—Requirement of documentation.

Rules repealed as part of this rulemaking:

WAC 220-640-090 Regulated Type C aquatic animal species

Background/Summary:

During the 2014 legislative session, the legislature made substantial changes to the laws concerning Aquatic Invasive Species and enacted RCW chapter 77.135 (Invasive Species). Based on changes from ESSB 6040 passed during the 2014 legislative session, the department needs to amend and repeal

certain AIS rules contained in WAC chapter 220-640 to reflect these statutory changes. The department filed an expedited rule making to make these changes.

1. Reasons for adopting these rules:

These changes are required based on 2014 request legislation amending RCW chapter 77.135.

2. Differences between the proposed rule and the rule as adopted

There were no changes made between the proposed rules and the adopted rules.

3. Comments received during the official public comment period:

The department did not receive any comments from the public concerning this proposed rules.