



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

**CR-103E (July 2011)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.350)**

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Emergency Rule Only**

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules 14-214**

- 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 commercial fishing rules

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed: WAC 220-49-00500A  
 Amended: WAC 220-49-005  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 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.
- That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013, which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding: The Fish and Wildlife Commission have taken action to implement a 60,000 pound annual quota for the Puget Sound commercial smelt fishery. This regulation requires commercial smelt fishers to report smelt harvest no later than 10:00 a.m. the day following harvest to give Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife the capability to manage the fishery within this quota. This emergency rule is interim until permanent rules take effect.

**Date adopted:** August 21, 2014

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**  
Philip Anderson

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**  
Director

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

**DATE: August 21, 2014**

**TIME: 2:25 PM**

**WSR 14-18-006**

(COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE)

**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:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>1</u>	Amended	_____	Repealed	<u>1</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-49-00500B Puget Sound forage fish—Smelt harvest reporting.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-49-005, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful for vessel operators engaged in commercial harvest of smelt from Puget Sound to fail to report their daily catch by e-mail, fax, or phone to WDFW by 10:00 a.m. the day after the smelt are harvested. E-mail daily catch reports must be submitted to [smeltreport@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:smeltreport@dfw.wa.gov), fax reports must be transmitted to fax number 425-338-1066, and phone messages transmitted to phone number 425-775-1311 ext. 131. Daily catch reports must include the following information as it is recorded on the fish receiving ticket: fisher name, wholesale fish dealer name, pounds of smelt landed, catch area, date of harvest, date of sale, and complete fish ticket serial number, including the first alphanumeric letter. If the fish receiving ticket is faxed as the daily harvest report, the date of harvest must be recorded on the bottom half of the ticket.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-49-00500A Puget Sound forage fish—Smelt harvest reporting. (14-159)

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