



# 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 15-267**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) August 19, 2015

**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 for Puget Sound commercial shrimp

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

Repealed: WAC 220-52-05100G  
 Amended: WAC 220-52-051  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020 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 2015 State/Tribal Shrimp Harvest Management Plans for the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound require adoption of harvest seasons contained in this emergency rule. This emergency rule (1) implements a spot shrimp weekly limit of 400 pounds in Catch Area 23A-E; and (2) closes Catch Area 23A-E effective August 25 as the quota will be reached. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**Date adopted:** August 18, 2015

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**

J W Unsworth

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Director

**CODE REVISER USE ONLY**

OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

**DATE: August 18, 2015**

**TIME: 8:53 AM**

**WSR 15-17-085**

(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 220-52-05100H Puget Sound shrimp pot and beam trawl fishery—season.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-52-051, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to fish for shrimp for commercial purposes in Puget Sound except as provided for in this section:

## (1) Shrimp pot gear:

- (a) All waters of Shrimp Management Areas 1C, 2W, 3 and 6 are open to the harvest of all shrimp species, except:
  - (i) All waters of the Discovery Bay Shrimp District are closed.
  - (ii) Effective 11:59 p.m. August 25, 2015, until further notice, all waters of Marine Fish/Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area (Catch Area) 23A-E are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp.
  - (iii) All waters of Shrimp Management Areas 2W, 6 and Catch Area 25A are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp.
  - (iv) All waters of Shrimp Management Area 1C are closed to the harvest of all species other than spot shrimp.

(b) The spot shrimp catch accounting week is Wednesday through Tuesday.

(c) It is unlawful for the combined total harvest of spot shrimp by a fisher and/or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 800 pounds per week, except it is unlawful for the combined total harvest of spot shrimp by a fisher and/or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 400 pounds per week in Catch Area 23A-E.

(d) It is unlawful to pull shellfish pots in more than one catch area per day.

(e) Only pots with a minimum mesh size of 1 inch may be pulled on calendar days when fishing for or retaining spot shrimp. Mesh size of 1 inch is defined as a mesh opening that a 7/8-inch square peg will pass through, excluding the entrance tunnels, except for flexible (web) mesh pots, where the mesh must be a minimum of 1¾-inch stretch measure. Stretch measure is defined as the distance between the inside of one knot to the outside of the opposite vertical knot of one mesh, when the mesh is stretched vertically. There is no size restriction for spot shrimp.

## (2) Shrimp beam trawl gear:

- (a) Shrimp Management Area 3 (outside of the Discovery Bay Shrimp District, Sequim Bay and Catch Area 23D) is open. Sequim Bay includes those waters of Catch Area 25A south of a line projected west from Travis Spit on the Miller Peninsula.

- (b) Those portions of Catch Areas 21A and 22A within Shrimp Management Area 1B are open.
  - (c) Effective immediately, until 6:00 p.m. August 22, 2015, that portion of Catch Area 20B within Shrimp Management Area 1B is open.
  - (d) All waters of Catch Area 20A are open.
- (3) All shrimp taken under this section must be sold to licensed Washington wholesale fish dealers.

## REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 11:59 p.m. August 18, 2015:

WAC 220-52-05100G Puget Sound Shrimp pot and beam trawl fishery-season. (15-252)

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