



# 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 17-42**

- 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 recreational fishing rules

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

Repealed: WAC 220-56-23500G  
 Amended: WAC 220-56-235  
 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: This emergency rule is necessary to clarify removing the lingcod minimum size limit in Marine Areas 1 through 3 and Marine Area 4 (west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line) which was originally filed in WSR 17-06-008. Removing the minimum size limit provides additional angling opportunity. These rules conform with changes adopted by the Pacific Fishery Management Council. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**Date adopted:** March 3, 2017

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**

J W Unsworth

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Director

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

**DATE: March 03, 2017**

**TIME: 2:36 PM**

**WSR 17-07-009**

**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 220-56-23500H Possession limits—Bottomfish.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-56-235, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to violate the following provisions below. Unless otherwise amended, all permanent rules remain in effect.

(1) Coastal (Marine Areas 1 through 3 and Marine Area 4 (west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line): Limit 9 fish total, of all species and species groups of bottomfish, which may include no more than:

(a) Lingcod: 2 fish limit with no minimum size in Marine Areas 1 through 3 and Marine Area 4 (west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line).

(b) Rockfish: 7 fish in aggregate which can include up to one canary rockfish in Marine Areas 1 and 2. The possession limit for yelloweye rockfish is 0.

## REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-56-23500G Possession limits—Bottomfish. (17-31)