



# 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 17-131**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) 11:59 p.m. June 20, 2017

**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 shrimp

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

Repealed: WAC 220-340-52000B  
 Amended: WAC 220-340-520  
 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 2017 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) lowers the weekly limit for non-spot shrimp in Shrimp Management Areas 1A, 1B and 1C; and (2) closes the pot fishery season for non-spot shrimp in Shrimp Management Areas 1A, 1B and 1C on June 24, as the quota will be reached. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**Date adopted:** June 19, 2017

**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**  
Joe Stohr for J W Unsworth

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**  
Director

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**DATE: June 19, 2017**

**TIME: 3:46 PM**

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**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 220-340-52000C Puget Sound shrimp pot and trawl fishery—season.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-520, 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 1A, 1B, 1C, 2W and 3 are open to the harvest of all non-spot shrimp species, effective immediately, until further notice, except as provided for in this section:
    - (i) All waters of Catch Areas 23A-E, 23A-W, 23A-C and the Discovery Bay Shrimp District are closed.
    - (ii) All waters of Shrimp Management Area 1A north of a line projected at 48° .31.5' N latitude are closed.
    - (iii) Effective 6:00 p.m. June 24, 2017 all waters of Shrimp Management Areas 1A, 1B and 1C are closed.
  - (b) Effective immediately, until further notice, it is unlawful for the combined total harvest of non-spot shrimp by a fisher or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 600 pounds per week from Shrimp Management Area 2W.
  - (c) Effective immediately, until 6:00 p.m. June 24, 2017, it is unlawful for the combined total harvest of non-spot shrimp by a fisher or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 100 pounds in Shrimp Management Areas 1A, 1B and 1C.
  - (d) Effective immediately, until further notice, the shrimp catch accounting week is Wednesday through Tuesday.
  - (e) It is unlawful to pull shellfish pots in more than one catch area per day.
- (2) Shrimp trawl gear:
  - (a) Shrimp Management Area (SMA) 3 (outside of the Discovery Bay Shrimp District, Sequim Bay and Catch Area 23D) is open, effective immediately, until further notice. Sequim Bay includes those waters of Catch Area 25A south of a line projected west from Travis Spit on the Miller Peninsula.
  - (b) That portion of Catch Area 22A within SMA 1B is open.
  - (c) That portion of Catch Area 20B within SMA 1B is 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. June 20, 2017:

WAC 220-340-52000B Puget Sound Shrimp pot and beam trawl fishery-season.  
(17-121)



