



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 17-177

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) August 1, 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 sea cucumber fishing rules

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:
 Amended: WAC 220-340-730
 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 needed to open the 2017-18 commercial sea cucumber fishery because harvestable surpluses of sea cucumbers exist in the districts specified to allow for harvest. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Date adopted: July 27, 2017

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Director

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(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:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	_____
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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:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-73000A Commercial Sea cucumbers fishery.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-730, effective August 1, 2017, until further notice, it is unlawful to take or possess sea cucumbers taken for commercial purposes except as provided for in this section:

- (1) Sea cucumber harvest using shellfish diver gear is allowed in Sea Cucumber District 1 Monday through Friday of each week.
- (2) Sea cucumber harvest using shellfish diver gear is allowed in the following Marine Fish/Shellfish areas of Sea Cucumber District 2 Monday through Friday of each week: 29, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 23A, 23D, and 23C. Sea cucumber harvest is not allowed within a closure zone in Area 23C west of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123 degrees 48.3 minutes west longitude and east of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123 degrees 52.7 minutes west longitude.
- (3) Sea cucumber harvest using shellfish diver gear is allowed in the following areas of Sea Cucumber District 5 Monday through Friday of each week: 28B, 28C, 28D, and 28A except for all waters of Hale Passage and Wollochet Bay within the following lines: west of a line projected true south from the shoreline near Point Fosdick at 122° 35 minutes west longitude to 47° 14 minutes north latitude, and thence projected true west to the shoreline of Fox Island, and east of a line projected true south from the shoreline near Green Point at 122° 41 minutes west longitude to 47° 16.5 minutes north latitude, and thence projected true east to the shoreline of Fox Island.
- (4) The maximum cumulative landing of sea cucumbers for each weekly fishery opening period is 2,500 pounds per valid designated sea cucumber harvest license.