



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

CR-103E (August 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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DATE: August 11, 2017

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WSR 17-17-058

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
 Later (specify) August 12, 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 rules for Puget Sound.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-340-73000B
Amended: WAC 220-340-730
Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045 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.

Reasons for this finding: This emergency rule is needed to close the commercial harvest of sea cucumbers in District 2 East, Admiralty Inlet. The harvestable quota will be reached in this district. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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 on 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	Amended	___	Repealed	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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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:

Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

Date adopted: August 11, 2017

Name: Joe Stohr for J W Unsworth

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-730, effective August 12, 2017, under 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 the following Marine Fish/Shellfish areas of Sea Cucumber District 1 Monday through Friday of each week: 20A and B, 21A and B, and 22A and B.

(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, 23A, 23C, and 23D. 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) The maximum cumulative landing of sea cucumbers for each weekly fishery opening period is 2,500 pounds per valid designated sea cucumber harvest license.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective August 12, 2017.

WAC 220-340-73000B Commercial Sea cucumber fishery. (17-188)

Justification: This emergency rule is needed to close the commercial harvest of sea cucumbers in District 2 East, Admiralty Inlet. The harvestable quota will be reached in this district. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.