



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: October 11, 2017

TIME: 11:30 AM

WSR 17-21-032

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (17-279)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- 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:** Amends commercial fishing rules for Puget Sound scallops

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

New:  
Repealed:  
Amended: WAC 220-340-610  
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.

**Reasons for this finding:** This emergency rule is needed to open the Puget Sound commercial scallop season. A harvestable surplus of pink and spiny scallops exists in the areas specified to allow for commercial harvest. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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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:** October 11, 2017

**Name:** James B Scott for J W Unsworth

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-340-61000B Commercial scallop fishery—Puget Sound.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-610, effective immediately until further notice, it is unlawful to take or possess pink or spiny scallops taken for commercial purposes except as provided for in this section:

- (1) It is unlawful to fish for, take, or possess pink or spiny scallops with shellfish dive gear without a commercial scallop dive fishery license holder on board the designated harvest vessel.
- (2) Pink or spiny scallop harvest using shellfish diver gear is allowed within Rosario Strait Scallop Area 2 defined by the Washington Department of Health in Marine Fish/Shellfish Catch Reporting Areas 20A, 20B, 21A, and 22A.
- (3) Pink or spiny scallop harvest using shellfish diver gear is also allowed in Washington Department of Health (DOH) Approved Commercial Shellfish Growing Areas of Marine Fish/Shellfish Catch Reporting Areas 20A, 20B, 21A, 21B, 22A, 22B, 23A, 23B and 25A.
- (4) It is unlawful for more than two divers from a harvest vessel to be in the water at any one time during pink or spiny scallop harvest operations or when commercial quantities of pink or spiny scallops are on board the vessel.
- (5) It is unlawful to possess any other species of commercial shellfish during pink or spiny scallop harvest operations and when pink or spiny scallops are onboard the harvest vessel.