



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: February 16, 2018

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**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 18-23)

**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:** Amend commercial sea urchin harvest rules.

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

New:  
 Repealed: WAC 220-340-75000C  
 Amended: WAC 220-340-750  
 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:** There are no active harvesters remaining for Green Sea Urchins in Districts 6 and 7. This emergency rule is needed to close the commercial season for Green Sea Urchins in these districts. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New 1 Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed 1

**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted using:**

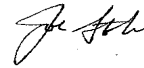
Negotiated rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Pilot rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Other alternative rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____

**Date Adopted:** February 16, 2018

**Name:** Joe Stohr

**Title:** Acting Director

**Signature:**



## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-340-75000D Sea Urchins**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-750, effective immediately, it is unlawful to take or possess sea urchins taken for commercial purposes except as provided for in this section:

(1) The following areas are open for red sea urchin harvest seven days-per-week: marine fish / shellfish catch areas 23B, 25A, and 25B in Sea Urchin District 2, Sea Urchin District 4 west of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123 degrees 52.7 minutes west longitude. It is unlawful to fish for, take, or possess red sea urchins smaller than 3.25 inches or larger than 5.0 inches (size is largest test diameter exclusive of spines).

(2) The maximum cumulative landings for red and green sea urchins for each weekly fishery opening period is 1,500 pounds per species per valid designated sea urchin harvest license. Each fishery week begins Monday and extends through Sunday.

## REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-340-75000C Commercial Sea urchin fisheries. (18-19)