



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (18-135)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
 Later (specify) June 27, 2018

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 shrimp rules in Puget Sound.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-340-52000P
Amended: WAC 220-340-520
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: The 2018 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) opens the pot fishery season for spot shrimp; and (2) implements a spot shrimp biweekly limit for all areas; (3) implements a minimum mesh size restriction for spot shrimp gear; (4) opens the 1B-21A trawl fishery season; and (5) maintains the previous regulations and restrictions for the non-spot trawl and pot fisheries. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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	1
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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: June 25, 2018

Name: Joe Stohr

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-52000Q 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, 1C, 2E, 2W, and 3 are open to the harvest of all shrimp species, effective immediately, until further notice, except as provided for in this section:
 - (i) All waters of the Discovery Bay Shrimp District are closed.
 - (ii) All waters of Shrimp Management Areas 1A and 1C are closed to the harvest of all species other than spot shrimp.
 - (iii) All waters of Shrimp Management Area 2E are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp
 - (iv) All waters of Shrimp Management Area 2W are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp
 - (v) All waters of Shrimp Management Area 3, 23A East are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp
 - (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 *weekly management period* from Shrimp Management Area 2W and 2E combined.
 - (c) Effective immediately, until further notice, the shrimp *weekly management period* is Wednesday through Tuesday.
 - (d) Effective immediately, until 11:59 p.m. July 3, 2018, it is unlawful for the combined total harvest of spot shrimp by a fisher or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 400 pounds.
 - (e) Effective 12:01 a.m. July 4, 2018, until further notice, it is unlawful for the combined total harvest of spot shrimp by a fisher or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 1,200 pounds per *biweekly management period*, with the following exceptions:
 - a. It is unlawful for the combined total harvest of spot shrimp by a fisher and/or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 600 pounds *per biweekly management period* in Shrimp Management Area 1A.
 - (f) Effective 12:01 a.m. July 4, 2018, until further notice, the spot shrimp *biweekly management periods* are (1) July 4 to July 17; (2) July 18 to July 31; and (3) August 1 to August 14.
 - (g) Only pots with a minimum mesh size of 1 inch may be pulled on calendar days when fishing for or retaining spot shrimp. Mesh size of 1 inch is defined as a mesh opening that a 7/8-inch square peg will pass through, excluding the entrance tunnels, except for flexible (web) mesh pots, where the mesh must be a minimum of 1¾-inch stretch measure. Stretch measure is defined as the distance between the inside of one knot to the outside of the opposite vertical knot of one mesh, when the mesh is stretched vertically. There is no size restriction for spot shrimp.

- (f) 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.
 - (d) That portion of Catch Area 21A within SMA 1B is open effective 6:00 a.m. July 1, 2018, until further notice.
- (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 June 27, 2018:

WAC 220-340-52000P Puget Sound Shrimp pot and beam trawl fishery-season.
(18-124)

