



**RULE-MAKING ORDER
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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DATE: October 26, 2018

TIME: 10:41 AM

WSR 18-22-027

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 18-306)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) October 29, 2018

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 sea urchin rules for Puget Sound.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-340-75000G
 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: This emergency rule is needed to close commercial sea urchin harvest in part of District 2 to prevent overharvest. Harvestable surpluses of sea urchin exist in the districts specified. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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: October 26, 2018	Signature: 
Name: Joe Stohr for Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-75000G Commercial sea urchin fisheries.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-750, effective October 29, 2018, until further notice, 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 green sea urchin harvest seven days-per-week: Sea Urchin District 1, marine fish / shellfish catch areas 21A, 21B, 22A, 22B, 23A in Sea Urchin District 2, District 3 east of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123 degrees 48.3 minutes west longitude, District 4 west of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123 degrees 52.7 minutes west longitude, District 6, and District 7 except 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. It is unlawful to fish for, take, or possess green sea urchins smaller than 2.25 inches (size is largest test diameter exclusive of spines).

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

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective October 29, 2018:

WAC 220-340-75000F Commercial sea urchin fisheries. (18-260)

