



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 20-134)

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: This rule is needed to adjust the second spot shrimp accounting period to allow harvesters to take 2500 pounds of spot shrimp from July 15 to August 12, 2020.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-340-52000Q
- 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 2020 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) defines the shrimp management areas and Regions open to spot and non-spot commercial harvest; (2) sets harvest restrictions for and opens the non-spot commercial pot fishery; (3) sets harvest restrictions for and opens the spot commercial pot fishery; (4) sets the harvest and gear limitations for and opens the Puget Sound shrimp trawl fishery; (5) requires purchase of shrimp harvested by the designated fisheries to be done by appropriately licensed dealers, (6) closes Shrimp Management Area 1A to State commercial harvest of spot shrimp due to the attainment of quota (7137 pounds), and (7) amends the second spot shrimp accounting period to allow 2500 pounds of spot shrimp harvest between July 15 and August 12, 2020. This adjustment to the catch accounting period will provide greater flexibility to allow commercial harvesters to capitalize on shifting market conditions. Additionally, this adjustment streamlines WDFW staff workflow and optimizes the economic utility of the commercial share of the resource.

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

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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: July 9, 2020

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-52000R Puget Sound shrimp pot and trawl fishery—season.

Effective immediately and until further notice, or until this rule expires on August 28, 2020 pursuant to RCW 34.05.350, the following provisions of WAC 220-340-520 regarding Puget Sound commercial shrimp pot harvest, non-spot shrimp harvest, spot shrimp harvest, trawl shrimp harvest and sales shall be described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-340-520 not addressed herein, and unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

(1) Shrimp Pot Harvests:

- (a) All waters of Shrimp Management Areas 1A, 1B, 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 Marine Fish/Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas (Catch Areas) 23A-E, 23A-W, 23A-C, and 23A-S are closed to the harvest of non-spot shrimp until the spot quota is attained in all sub-areas of 23A. Catch Areas 23A-E, 23A-W, 23A-C, and 23A-S AE are within Shrimp Management Area 3 and comprise Catch Area 23A.
 - (ii) Effective immediately it is unlawful to harvest spot shrimp from sub-area 23A-E.
 - (iii) Effective immediately it is unlawful to harvest spot shrimp from Shrimp Management Area 1A.
 - (iv) Shrimp Management Area 1A is closed to harvest of non-spot shrimp until the spot shrimp quota is attained in all Catch Areas of 1A.
 - (v) Discovery Bay Shrimp District is closed to the harvest of all shrimp species.
 - (vi) Shrimp Management Areas 1B, 2E, and 2W are closed to the harvest of spot shrimp.
- (b) It is unlawful to harvest non-spot and spot shrimp in the same day.
- (c) It is unlawful to harvest shrimp in more than one Shrimp Management Area per day.

(2) Shrimp Non-spot Pot Harvest Restrictions

- (a) The non-spot shrimp catch accounting period is weekly from Wednesday through Tuesday, totaling 7 days in length.
- (b) 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 shrimp catch accounting week from Shrimp Management Areas 1B, 1C, 2E, and 2W combined.
- (c) Harvest of non-spot shrimp is not permitted deeper than 175 feet in Region 2W. Region 2W is comprised of Catch Areas 25B, 25C, 25D, and 26AW.
- (d) Harvest of non-spot shrimp is not permitted deeper than 150 feet in Region 2E. Region 2E is comprised of Catch Areas 24A, 24B, 24C, 24D, and 26AE (26A northerly of a line drawn from the southern tip of Possession Point on Whidbey Island 110° true to the shipwreck on the opposite shore).

(3) Shrimp Spot Pot Harvest Restrictions:

- (a) The initial spot shrimp catch accounting period is from May 5 through 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.
- (b) It is unlawful for the combined total harvest of spot shrimp by a fisher or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 2000 pounds for the initial catch accounting period from Shrimp Management Areas 1A, 1C, and 3 combined.
- (c) The second spot shrimp catch accounting period is from July 15, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. on August 12, 2020.
- (d) It is unlawful for the combined total harvest of spot shrimp by a fisher or the fisher's alternate operator to exceed 2500 pounds for the second catch accounting period from Shrimp Management Areas 1A, 1C, and 3 combined.
- (e) For the catch accounting periods defined in 3(a, c) of this rule each fisher or alternate operator is required to report their intended catch area of harvest prior to the deployment of any spot shrimp gear to either shrimp.report@dfw.wa.gov or by text message to 360-302-6372.

(4) 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 east of a line projected 122.47°W longitude and west of a line projected 122.43°W longitude in Rosario Strait is open.
- (c) The remaining portion of Catch Area 22A within SMA 1B is open effective immediately, until further notice, or until this expire on August 28, 2020.

- (5) All shrimp taken under this section must be sold to licensed Washington State wholesale fish dealers.

R E P E A L E R

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-340-52000Q Puget Sound shrimp pot and trawl fishery—season. (20-129)