



# 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 No. 21-178)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) September 6, 2021

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes  No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** Closes commercial sea cucumber harvest in sea cucumber management district 2-1.

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

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-340-73000Z
- Amended: WAC 220-340-730
- 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 closes harvest of sea cucumber in sea cucumber management District 2-1 because the quota in this area has been reached. This closure is needed to fulfill obligations of state and tribal co-manager agreements. Immediate adoption of this rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare. Observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to public interest. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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	1	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	___

<b>Date Adopted:</b> September 3, 2021	<b>Signature:</b> 
<b>Name:</b> Kelly Susewind	
<b>Title:</b> Director	

## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-340-73000A Commercial sea cucumber fishery.**

Effective September 6, 2021, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-340-730 regarding Puget Sound commercial sea cucumber harvest and sales shall be described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-340-730 not addressed herein, and unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

- (1) Sea cucumber harvest using shellfish diver gear is allowed in the following catch record areas of Sea Cucumber District 1, Monday through Sunday of each week: 20A, 20B, 21A, 21B, 22A, 22B.
- (2) The maximum cumulative landing of sea cucumbers for each weekly fishery opening period is 1,800 pounds per valid designated sea cucumber harvest license.

## REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective September 6, 2021:

WAC 220-340-73000Z Commercial sea cucumber fishery. (21-155)