Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order No. 21-237)

Effective date of rule:
- Emergency Rules
  - ☒ Later (specify) October 25, 2021

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?
- ☒ No

Purpose: Closes commercial harvest of green sea urchin in parts of Sea Urchin District 2.

Citation of rules affected by this order:
- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-340-750E
- 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 closes harvest of green sea urchins in parts of Sea Urchin District 2 (Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas 23B, 25A, 25B) to prevent overharvest. 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.
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Date Adopted: October 22, 2021

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:

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NEW SECTION


Effective October 25, 2021, until further notice, the provisions of WAC 220-340-750 regarding commercial harvest of sea urchins shall be modified as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-340-750 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule:

(1) It is unlawful for any person to fish for, take, or possess for commercial purposes any green sea urchins less than 2.25 inches; or red sea urchins measuring less than 3.25 inches or greater than 5 inches. All measurements are caliper measurements of the largest shell (test) diameter, exclusive of the spines.

(2) The following areas are open for green sea urchin harvest only, seven days-per-week: Sea Urchin District 1, District 2 Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas 21A, 21B, 22A, 22B, 23A, District 3 east of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123° 52.7’W longitude to the international border, District 4 west of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123° 48.3’W longitude to the international border, District 6, and District 7 except all waters of Hale Passage and Wollochet Bay within the following lines: west and north of a line starting at Point Fosdick following longitude 122° 35’W southward to latitude 47° 14’N thence true west to Fox Island, and east and north of a line starting at Green Point following longitude 122° 41’W southward to latitude 47° 16.5’N thence true east to Fox Island.

(3) 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 Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective October 25, 2021:

WAC 220-340-75000E Commercial sea urchin fishery. (21-212)