Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife  (Order No. 22-31)

Effective date of rule:
   Emergency Rules
   ☒ Later (specify) March 1, 2022

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

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close recreational sea cucumber harvest in all Puget Sound Marine Areas beginning March 1, 2022.

Citation of rules affected by this order:
   New:
   Repealed: WAC 220-330-090
   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 align the personal use sea cucumber rules with provisions of the 2021-22 Puget Sound Sea Cucumber Management Plan to ensure conservation of the species related to a biologically based spawning window closure. This rule will close the personal use sea cucumber fisheries in Marine Areas 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line, 5, 6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, and 13 from March 1, 2022, until further notice.

These rules are interim until permanent rules adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission and filed under WSR 22-06-066 become effective.

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.

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Date Adopted: February 28, 2022

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:
WAC 220-330-09000D  Sea Cucumbers—Areas and seasons.
Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-330-090, effective March 1, 2022, until further notice, it is unlawful to take or possess sea cucumbers taken for personal use in all waters of Marine Areas 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line, 5, 6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, and 13. All other provisions of WAC 220-330-090 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule.