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

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 23-273) Effective date of rule: Immediately upon filing. Later (specify) January 1, 2024 Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule? Yes No If Yes, explain: Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open commercial red sea urchin harvest seasons. Citation of rules affected by this order: New: Repealed: WAC 220-340-75000B Armended: WAC 220-340-7500 Suspended: Statuory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045 and 77.12.047 Other authority: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: Image: The transmitter of the detail adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public healt safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment up adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest. Image: The red urchin quota for each District follows co-manager agreement in a signed plan. Immediate adoption of a rule. Reasons for this finding: This emergency rule opens harvest of red sea urchins in Sea Urchin Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 January 1, 2024. The red urchin quota for each District follows co-manager agreement in a signed plan. Immediate adoption of a rul	
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NEW SECTION

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

Effective January 1, 2024, 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 red sea urchin harvest only, seven days-per-week: Sea Urchin District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4.
- (3) The following areas are open for green sea urchin harvest only, seven days-per-week: Sea Urchin District 1, District 3, District 4.
- (4) The maximum cumulative landings for red sea urchins and green sea urchins for each weekly fishery opening period is 1,500 pounds per species per valid designated sea urchin harvest license.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective January 1, 2024:

WAC 220-340-75000B Commercial sea urchin fisheries. (23-269)