



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: December 06, 2024

TIME: 4:46 PM

WSR 25-01-024

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-280)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) December 9, 2024

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

- ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: This emergency rule closes commercial sea cucumber harvest in Sea Cucumber District 2-1.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-340-73000U
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 commercial sea cucumber harvest in District 2-1, following projected attainment of share. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____
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	New	1	Amended	_____ Repealed 1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	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____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Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____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: December 6, 2024			Signature: 	
Name: Kelly Susewind				
Title: Director				

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-73000V Sea Cucumbers

Effective December 9, 2024, until further notice, the following provisions of WAC 220-340-730 regarding Puget Sound commercial sea cucumber harvest seasons and landing limits shall be as described herein. 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 Sea Cucumber District 1, Monday through Sunday of each week.
- (2) It is unlawful for any harvester to fish for, take, or possess for commercial purposes more than 1,500 pounds of sea cucumber per license for each weekly fishery opening period.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective December 9, 2024:

WAC 220-340-73000U Sea Cucumbers (24-277)