



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 13, 2024

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WSR 25-01-097

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-283)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) December 16, 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 will limit where commercially harvested Dungeness crab may be landed. i

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed:
Amended: WAC 220-340-420
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 rule is necessary to limit where commercial Dungeness crab may be landed in Washington. Limiting landings from Oregon into ports in southern Washington provides access to landing areas in Washington in a manner that minimizes enforcement concerns with transiting Dungeness crab through areas that are closed to commercial harvest in Washington. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____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	New	1	Amended _____ Repealed _____
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 13, 2024		Signature: 	
Name: Kelly Susewind			
Title: Director			

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-42000A Commercial crab fishery—Unlawful acts.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-420, effective December 16, 2024, until further notice:

- (1) Vessels that participate in the Dungeness crab fishery south of Cape Falcon (45°46.00 N. Lat.) may not deliver crab north of the Columbia River except into the ports of Ilwaco and Chinook until further notice. Such vessels must adhere to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife closed area transit allowance requirements.
- (2) All other provisions of WAC 220-340-420 remain in effect.