



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.350
and 34.05.360)

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Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order No. 25-37)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) March 10, 2025

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 close green sea urchin harvest in Districts 3, 4, 5 and red sea urchin harvest in District 2.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-340-75000P
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 commercial harvest of green sea urchins in Districts 3, 4, 5, and red sea urchins in District 2, because these quotas will be reached by March 9, 2025. 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.

**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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	1	Amended		Repealed	1
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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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: March 7, 2025

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

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

Effective March 10, 2025, 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, seven days-per-week: Sea Urchin District 5.
3. It is unlawful for any harvester to fish for, take, or possess for commercial purposes more than 1,500 pounds of red sea urchin per license for each weekly fishery opening period.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective March 10, 2025:

WAC 220-340-75000P Commercial sea urchin fisheries. (25-26)