



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: April 15, 2025

TIME: 4:48 PM

WSR 25-09-070

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-56)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) May 21, 2025

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

- ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: Opens recreational shrimp harvest in waters of Puget Sound.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed:
Amended: WAC 220-330-070
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 regulation is needed to ensure an orderly fishery, manage the fishery within court-ordered sharing requirements, and meet conservation objectives. Harvestable amounts of spot shrimp are available, but recreational shares will only support a limited number of open days in marine areas 8, 9, 10 (inside Elliott Bay), and 12. In addition, this emergency regulation opens the seasons in Marine Areas 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, 5, 6 and 7 one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, which is the default daily start time and end time for those areas. Marine areas 10 (inside Elliott Bay), 11, and 13 will remain closed to spot shrimp harvest for conservation reasons. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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: April 15, 2024
Name: Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind
Title: Director

Signature:


NEW SECTION

WAC 220-330-07000B Shrimp—Areas and Seasons.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-330-070, effective May 21, 2025, until further notice, it is unlawful to fish for or possess shrimp 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, 12, 13 and the Discovery Bay Shrimp District, except as provided for in this section:

- (1) Marine Areas 4 (east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line) and 5: Open daily for all shrimp species beginning May 21, from 1 hour before official sunrise to 1 hour after official sunset, until further notice.
- (2) Marine Area 6 (excluding the Discovery Bay Shrimp District): Open for all shrimp species from 1 hour before official sunrise to 1 hour after official sunset on May 21 through 23, June 6 through 7, June 20 through 21, and July 18 through 19.
- (3) Discovery Bay Shrimp District: Open for all shrimp species May 21 from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m..
- (4) Marine Area 7 South: Open for all shrimp species from 1 hour before official sunrise to 1 hour after official sunset on May 21 through May 23 and June 6 through June 7. Only that portion of Marine Area 7 South that is west of a line projected due south from Point Colville on Lopez Island and east of a line projected due south from Cattle Point on San Juan Island, will open from June 6 through 7 for all shrimp species.
- (5) Marine Area 7 East: Open for all shrimp species from 1 hour before official sunrise to 1 hour after official sunset on May 21 through 23 and June 6 through 7 for all shrimp species.
- (6) Marine Area 7 West: Open for all shrimp species from 1 hour before official sunrise to 1 hour after official sunset on May 21 through 23, June 6 through 7, June 20 through 21, and July 18 through 19.
- (7) Marine Areas 8-1 and 8-2:
 - (a) Open for all shrimp species May 21 and June 6 from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m..
 - (b) Divers may take shrimp by hand or hand-held device from 7:00 p.m. until midnight on May 21 and June 6 in Marine Area 8-2.
- (8) Marine Area 9: Open for all shrimp species May 21 from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m..
- (9) Marine Area 10 (inside Elliott Bay): That portion of Marine Area 10 east of a line drawn from West Point to Alki Point is open for all shrimp species May 21 from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m..
- (10) Marine Area 10 (outside Elliott Bay): That portion of Marine Area 10 west of a line drawn from West Point to Alki Point will remain closed.
- (11) Marine Area 12: Open for all shrimp species May 21, May 22, June 4, June 18, and July 2 from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m..