



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

DATE: May 06, 2025

TIME: 2:04 PM

WSR 25-10-086

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-73)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- ☒ Immediately upon filing.  
☐ Later (specify)

**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 is necessary to set a date to remove temporary pot limits placed on the Quinault Secondary Special Management Area (SSMA), beginning May 9, 2025.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New:  
Repealed: WAC 220-340-42000F  
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:** Tribal Special Management Area descriptions conform with recent State/Tribal Agreements and recent State/Tribal discussions regarding in-season modifications. State commercial Dungeness crab harvest in the Quinault U&A is below fifty percent of the harvestable surplus. Removing the pot limit within this area will not compromise the harvest sharing goals as described in the current harvest sharing agreement. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

<b>The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:</b>			
	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____
<b>The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:</b>			
	New	1	Amended _____ Repealed 1
<b>The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:</b>			
	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____
<b>The number of sections adopted using:</b>			
Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____
<b>Date Adopted:</b> May 6, 2025		<b>Signature:</b> 	
<b>Name:</b> Kelly Susewind			
<b>Title:</b> Director			

## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-340-42000G Commercial crab fishery—Unlawful acts.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-420 and WAC 220-340-480, effective immediately, until 8:00 a.m. June 1, 2025:

- (1) Effective immediately, until 8:00 a.m. May 9, 2025: It is unlawful for a vessel to use more than 200 pots in the Quinault Secondary Special Management Area (SSMA) between Split Rock (47° 24.50') and Joe Creek (47° 12.25'). Fishers must pre-register with the Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to deploying gear in this area by one of the following methods:
  - (a) E-mail to Jamie Fuller at [Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov); or
  - (b) Telephone call to Jamie Fuller at 360-580-0875.
- (2) Effective immediately, until 8:00 a.m. June 1, 2025: It is unlawful for a vessel to use more than 100 pots in the Quileute Special Management Area (SMA) between Cape Johnson (47° 58.00) and Destruction Island (47° 40.50). Fishers must pre-register with the Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to deploying gear in this area by one of the following methods:
  - (a) E-mail to Jamie Fuller at [Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov); or
  - (b) Telephone call to Jamie Fuller at 360-580-0875.
- (3) All other provisions of WAC 220-340-420 and WAC 220-340-480 remain in effect.

## REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately.  
WAC 220-340-42000F Commercial crab fishery—Unlawful acts. (25-60)