



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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WSR 25-13-062

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-116)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) July 3, 2025

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 opens 2025 Puget Sound recreational crab seasons.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed:
Amended: WAC 220-330-140
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 opens recreational crab harvest in Marine Areas 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, 5, 6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, and 12 north of Ayock Point. This rule is necessary to achieve the 50/50 harvest defined by the Federal Court Order. Marine Area 12 south of a line projected due east from Ayock Point and Marine Area 13 are closed. 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____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	New	1	Amended	_____ Repealed _____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: June 12, 2025			Signature: 	
Name: Kelly Susewind				
Title: Director				

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-330-04000T Crab--Areas and Seasons—Personal use.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-330-040, effective July 3, through September 30, 2025, it is unlawful to fish for crab for personal use in Puget Sound in all waters of Marine Areas, 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, 5, 6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, except as provided in this section:

- (1) **Marine areas 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, 5, 6, 8-1, 8-2, and 9:** Effective July 3 through September 1, 2025, it is permissible to fish for crab for personal use on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.
- (2) **Those waters of Marine Area 7 south** and west of a line projected from Village Point, Lummi Island, through the navigation buoy just east of Matia Island, thence to the buoy at Clements Reef, thence to the easternmost point of Patos Island, thence running along the northern shore of Patos Island to the westernmost point of Patos Island, thence true west to the international boundary and south of a line that extends from Point Francis on Portage Island, through the marker just north of Inati Bay on Lummi Island to Lummi Island: Effective July 17, through September 29, 2025, it is permissible to fish for crab for personal use on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.
- (3) **Marine Area 10:** Effective July 6 through September 1, 2025, it is permissible to fish for crab for personal use on Sundays, and Mondays.
- (4) **Marine Area 11:** Effective July 6 through September 1, 2025, it is permissible to fish for crab for personal use on Sundays, and Mondays.
- (5) **The portion of Marine Area 12 north of a line projected due east from Ayock Point:** Effective July 3 through September 1, 2025, it is permissible to fish for crab for personal use on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.
- (6) **The portion of Marine Area 12 south of a line projected due east from Ayock Point:** Closed until further notice.
- (7) **Marine Area 13:** Closed until further notice.