

**WAC 220-370-230 Kelp importation—Permit required—Disease control.** (1) It is unlawful for any person to import kelp into the state of Washington for use in the herring spawn on kelp fishery without first having obtained a permit to do so issued by the department. A copy of the permit must accompany the imported kelp at all times until the kelp is placed into the marine environment and must be presented upon request to department employees.

(2) The director may impose permit conditions as necessary to ensure protection of aquaculture products and native species from disease when the director concludes that there is a risk of disease transmission associated with the imported kelp.

(3) A kelp import permit is not transferrable.

(4) Violation of these rules or the conditions of a permit may result in suspension or revocation of the kelp import permit. In the event of denial, suspension or revocation of a kelp import permit, the affected party may appeal through the Administrative Procedure Act. A suspended or revoked permit will remain suspended or revoked during the appeal process.

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