

WSR 23-23-014
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-245—Filed November 2, 2023, 1:23 p.m., effective November 6, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: November 6, 2023.

Purpose: Closes harvest of sea cucumber in all areas.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-340-73000L.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047.

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.

Reasons for this Finding: This emergency rule closes harvest of sea cucumber in all areas to preserve quota for another opener in January 2024. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: November 2, 2023.

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Director

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administration code is repealed November 6, 2023:

WAC 220-340-73000L Commercial sea cucumber fishery.
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