

WSR 24-07-093  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-42—Filed March 19, 2024, 1:06 p.m., effective March 19, 2024, 1:06 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close red sea urchin and green urchin harvest in all areas.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-340-75000G.

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 red urchin and green urchin in all areas immediately. For red urchin, all the quotas have been reached. For green urchin, there is quota remaining, but harvesters are no longer active due to diminished market quality related to the urchin seasonal peak spawning cycle. Immediate adoption of this rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: March 18, 2024.

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Director

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-340-75000G Commercial sea urchin fisheries.  
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