

WSR 24-23-046
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-263—Filed November 14, 2024, 3:34 p.m., effective November 18, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: November 18, 2024.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close Puget Sound commercial sea cucumber harvest.

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

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 management districts to preserve quota for another harvest opener later, in December 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 14, 2024.

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REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective November 18, 2024:

WAC 220-340-73000T Sea cucumbers (24-186)