

WAC 220-320-140 Commercial shrimp geographical management units

—**Puget Sound.** Puget Sound commercial shrimp harvest management utilizes a hierarchy of geographical management units consisting of region, subregion, Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area (catch area), and subarea. This section defines these units.

(1) **The following areas are defined as Puget Sound Shrimp Management Regions and subregions:**

(a) Region 1 - Trawl fishery: All waters of Catch Areas 20A, 20B, 21A, 21B, 22B, and 22A;

Region 1 - Pot fishery: All waters of Catch Areas 20A, 20B, 21A, 21B, 22B, and Catch Area 22A, except the southwesterly portion of Catch Area 22A south of a line true west from Lime Kiln Point Light (48.5159°, -123.1525°) on San Juan Island to the International Boundary, then south of the shoreline of San Juan Island from Lime Kiln Point Light to Cattle Point (48.4501°, -122.9636°), then south of a line from Cattle Point to Davis Point (48.4559°, -122.9355°) on Lopez Island, and south of the shoreline of Lopez Island from Davis Point to Point Colville (48.4217°, -122.8131°; see (d) of this subsection—Region 3).

(i) Subregion 1A: All waters of Catch Area 20B west of a line from Point Doughty (48.7117°, -122.9492°) on Orcas Island to the bell buoy (48.7649°, -123.0145°) at the International Boundary and all waters of Catch Area 22A west of a line projected true north and south from the western tip of Crane Island (48.5975°, -123.0078°), west of a line projected from the number 4 marker (48.5223°, -122.9173°) at the entrance to Fisherman Bay to the southern tip of Shaw Island (48.5466°, -122.9487°), and north of a line true west from Lime Kiln Point Light (48.5159°, -123.1525°) on San Juan Island to the International Boundary.

(ii) Subregion 1B: All waters of Catch Area 20B east of a line from Point Doughty (48.7117°, -122.9492°) on Orcas Island to the bell buoy at the International Boundary (48.7649°, -123.0145°), and waters of Catch Area 22A east of a line projected true north and south from the western tip of Crane Island (48.5975°, -123.0078°), east of a line projected from the number 4 marker (48.5223°, -122.9173°) at the entrance to Fisherman Bay to the southern tip of Shaw Island (48.5466°, -122.9487°), and east of a line projected true south from Point Colville (48.4217°, -122.8131°), and all waters of Catch Area 21A north and west of a line from the southern tip of Sinclair Island (48.6097°, -122.6572°) to Carter Point (48.6404°, -122.6088°) at the southern tip of Lummi Island.

(iii) Subregion 1C: All waters of Catch Areas 20A, 21B, 22B, and those waters of Catch Area 21A not included in Subregion 1B.

(b) Region 2-East (2E): All waters of Catch Areas 24A, 24B, 24C, 24D, and Subarea 26A-E (east; subareas defined in subsections (2) and (3) of this section).

(c) Region 2-West (2W): Waters of Catch Areas 25B, 25C, 25D, and Subarea 26A-W (west).

(d) Region 3 - Trawl fishery: All waters of Catch Areas 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D, 25A, 25E, and 29.

Region 3 - Pot fishery: All waters of Catch Areas 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D, 25A, 25E, 29, and the southwesterly portion of Catch Area 22A south of a line true west from Lime Kiln Point Light (48.5159°, -123.1525°) on San Juan Island to the International Boundary, then south of the shoreline of San Juan Island from Lime Kiln Point Light to Cattle Point (48.4501°, -122.9636°), then south of a line from Cat-

tle Point to Davis Point (48.4559°, -122.9355°) on Lopez Island, and south of the shoreline of Lopez Island from Davis Point to Point Colville (48.4217°, -122.8131°).

(e) Region 4: All waters of Catch Area 26C and 26B, which is divided into Subareas 26B-1 and 26B-2 (subareas defined in subsection (2) of this section).

(f) Region 5: All waters of Catch Areas 27A, 27B, and 27C.

(g) Region 6: All waters of Catch Areas 26D, 28A, 28B, 28C, and 28D.

(2) **The following areas are defined as Puget Sound Commercial Shrimp Subareas, shrimp pot harvest:** For purposes of Puget Sound shrimp pot harvest allocation, fishing season, and catch reporting, catch areas (WAC 220-301-040) are modified as follows:

(a) That portion of Catch Area 22A south of a line true west from Lime Kiln Point Light (48.5159°, -123.1525°) on San Juan Island to the International Boundary, then south of the shores of San Juan Island from Lime Kiln Point Light to Cattle Point (48.4501°, -122.9636°), then south of a line from Cattle Point to Davis Point on Lopez Island (48.4559°, -122.9355°), and south of the shoreline of Lopez Island from Davis Point to Point Colville (48.4217°, -122.8131°) shall be considered to be part of Catch Area 23A.

(b) Catch Area 23A is divided into four subareas:

(i) Subarea 23A-E (east): All waters of Catch Area 23A east of -122.9500° (122°57'W) longitude and north of 48.3750° (48°22.5'N) latitude.

(ii) Subarea 23A-W (west): All waters of Catch Area 23A west of -122.9500° (122°57'W) longitude and north of 48.3750° (48°22.5'N) latitude.

(iii) Subarea 23A-C (central): All waters of Catch Area 23 south of 48.3750° (48°22.5'N) latitude and east of a line projected 335° true from the New Dungeness Lighthouse (48.1818°, -123.1103°).

(iv) Subarea 23A-S (south): All waters of Catch Area 23A west of a line projected 335° true from the New Dungeness Lighthouse (48.1818°, -123.1103°).

(c) Catch Area 26A is divided into two subareas:

(i) Subarea 26A-E (east): All waters of Catch Area 26A north and east of a line projected 110° true from the southern tip of Possession Point (47.9061°, -122.3846°) on Whidbey Island to the shipwreck located 0.8 nautical miles north of Picnic Point (47.8931°, -122.3286°) on the opposite shore.

(ii) Subarea 26A-W (west): All waters of Catch Area 26A south and west of a line projected 110° true from the southern tip of Possession Point (47.9061°, -122.3846°) on Whidbey Island to the shipwreck located 0.8 nautical miles north of Picnic Point (47.8931°, -122.3286°) on the opposite shore.

(d) Catch Area 26B is divided into two subareas:

(i) Subarea 26B-1: All waters of Catch Area 26B westerly of a line projected from West Point (47.6619°, -122.4348°) to Alki Point (47.5763°, -122.4199°).

(ii) Subarea 26B-2: All waters easterly of a line projected from West Point (47.6619°, -122.4348°) to Alki Point (47.5763°, -122.4199°).

(3) **The following areas are defined as Puget Sound Shrimp Subareas, shrimp trawl harvest:** For the purpose of Puget Sound shrimp trawl harvest allocation and catch reporting, catch areas (WAC 220-301-040) are modified as follows:

(a) Trawl Subarea 23A East: That portion of Catch Area 23A, east of a line projected true north from the New Dungeness Lighthouse (48.1818°, -123.1103°) to the International Boundary.

(b) Trawl Subarea 23A West: That portion of Catch Area 23A, west of a line projected true north from the New Dungeness Lighthouse (48.1818°, -123.1103°) to the International Boundary.

(4) The following areas are defined as shrimp beam trawl harvest areas of special designation:

(a) South Lopez Sound is defined as those waters of Lopez Sound within Subregion 1B that are south of a line projected true east-west from the northern tip of Trump Island (48.5064°, -122.8369°).

(b) Rosario Box is defined as that portion of Catch Area 22A within Subregion 1B that are east of a line projected along -122.7833° longitude (east of Blakely Island) and west of a line projected along -122.7167° longitude (west of Cypress Island) in Rosario Strait.

(c) Lummi-Sinclair Triangle is defined as those waters of Catch Area 21A north and west of a line from the southern tip of Sinclair Island (48.6097°, -122.6572°) to Carter Point (48.6404°, -122.6088°) on Lummi Island.

(5) In shrimp Subregions 1A, 1B, and 1C, all catch must be reported by catch area and subregion combined (for example 22A-1A).

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