

WSR 23-04-059
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 13-13 [23-13]—Filed January 27, 2023, 3:25 p.m., effective January 30, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: January 30, 2023.

Purpose: Closes sea cucumber harvest in all management districts.

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

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: The District 2-1 commercial sea cucumber quota is expected to be harvested by the end of the day January 29, 2023. This emergency rule closes harvest of sea cucumber in all management districts because there is no harvestable surplus remaining. This concludes the 2022-23 sea cucumber harvest season. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: January 27, 2023.

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Director

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective January 30, 2023:

WAC 220-340-73000H Commercial sea cucumber fishery (23-08)