

WSR 22-02-019
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-280—Filed December 27, 2021, 3:43 p.m., effective December 27, 2021, 3:43 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close commercial sea cucumber harvest for the 2021-2022 commercial harvest season.

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

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: Sea cucumber quotas for the 2021-2022 commercial harvest season have been reached in all districts and/or remaining quotas are insufficient to support additional harvest. This emergency rule closes harvest of sea cucumber in catch reporting Areas 23B, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, and 25E of sea cucumber management Districts 1 and 2. This closure is needed to fulfill obligations of state and tribal comanager agreements. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: December 27, 2021.

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Director

REPEALER

The following section of Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective immediately:

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