

**WSR 22-18-003
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-180—Filed August 24, 2022, 4:21 p.m., effective August 24, 2022, 4:21 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: Amends recreational shrimp fishery in Puget Sound. Opens Marine Area 6 (excluding the Discovery Bay Shrimp District) for recreational nonspot shrimp fishing.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-330-07000Q; and amending WAC 220-330-070.

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 regulation is needed to ensure an orderly fishery, manage the fishery within court-ordered sharing requirements, and ensure conservation. This regulation maintains the recreational spot shrimp fisheries already open in Marine Areas 4 and 5 through September 15. This regulation maintains the recreational nonspot shrimp fisheries already open in Marine Areas 7 East, 8-1, 8-2, 9, 11, and 13 through October 15. There is also sufficient recreational nonspot shrimp share to open the recreational fishery in Marine Area 6 outside Discovery Bay through October 15. The nonspot shrimp fisheries have maximum depth restrictions specific to each area to limit capture and handling of spot shrimp. Spot shrimp must be immediately released unharmed during nonspot shrimp seasons. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: August 24, 2022.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-330-07000R Shrimp—Areas and seasons. Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-330-070, effective immediately, until fur-

ther notice it is unlawful to fish for or possess shrimp taken for personal use in all waters of Marine Areas 4 (east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line), 5, 6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and the Discovery Bay Shrimp District, except as provided for in this section:

(1) Marine Areas 4 (east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line) and 5: Open each day, from 1 hour before official sunrise to 1 hour after official sunset, through September 15 for all shrimp species.

(2) Marine Area 6 (excluding the Discovery Bay Shrimp District): Open through October 15 for shrimp species other than spot shrimp with a 175-foot maximum fishing depth restriction. During this time it is unlawful to set or pull shrimp gear in waters greater than 175 feet deep. All spot shrimp caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(3) Marine Area 7 East: Open through October 15 for shrimp species other than spot shrimp with a 200-foot maximum fishing depth restriction. During this time it is unlawful to set or pull shrimp gear in waters greater than 200 feet deep. All spot shrimp caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(4) Marine Areas 8-1 and 8-2: Open through October 15 for shrimp species other than spot shrimp with a 175-foot maximum fishing depth restriction. During this time it is unlawful to set or pull shrimp gear in waters greater than 175 feet deep. All spot shrimp caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(5) Marine Area 9: Open through October 15 for shrimp species other than spot shrimp with a 150-foot maximum fishing depth restriction. During this time it is unlawful to set or pull shrimp gear in waters greater than 150 feet deep. All spot shrimp caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(6) Marine Area 11: Open through October 15 for shrimp species other than spot shrimp with a 150-foot maximum fishing depth restriction. During this time it is unlawful to set or pull shrimp gear in waters greater than 150 feet deep. All spot shrimp caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(7) Marine Area 13: Open through October 15 for shrimp species other than spot shrimp with a 200-foot maximum fishing depth restriction. During this time it is unlawful to set or pull shrimp gear in waters greater than 200 feet deep. All spot shrimp caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-330-07000Q Shrimp—Areas and seasons. (22-159)