

WSR 23-17-022  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-154—Filed August 7, 2023, 4:03 p.m., effective August 8, 2023]

Effective Date of Rule: August 8, 2023.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to amend recreational shrimp rules in Puget Sound.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-330-07000U; 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 rule opens the portion of Marine Area 6 outside the Discovery Bay Shrimp District for nonspot shrimp only with a maximum 175-foot depth restriction. This rule also maintains the previously announced opening of Marine Area 7 West and a portion of Marine Area 7 South to harvest of all shrimp (including spot shrimp) from August 7 - 14. It maintains the open nonspot shrimp fisheries in Marine Areas 7 East, 8-1, 8-2, 9, 11, and 13 with associated nonspot shrimp fishing depth restrictions. This regulation is needed to ensure an orderly fishery, manage the fishery within court-ordered sharing requirements, and meet conservation objectives. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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 7, 2023.

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Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-330-07000V Shrimp—Areas and seasons.** Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-330-070, effective August 8, 2023 until further 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-Ta-

toosh 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 daily, from 1 hour before official sunrise to 1 hour after official sunset, until further notice for all shrimp species.

(2) Marine Area 6 (excluding the Discovery Bay Shrimp District): Open daily 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 200 feet deep. All spot shrimp caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(3) Marine Area 7 South: Only that portion of Marine Area 7 South that is west of a line projected due south from Point Colville on Lopez Island and east of a line projected due south from Cattle Point on San Juan Island, will open from 1 hour before official sunrise to 1 hour after official sunset on August 7 through August 14 for all shrimp species.

(4) Marine Area 7 West: Open from 1 hour before official sunrise to 1 hour after official sunset on August 7 through August 14 for all shrimp species.

(5) Marine Area 7 East: Open daily 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.

(6) Marine Areas 8-1 and 8-2: Open daily 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.

(7) Marine Area 9: Open daily 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.

(8) Marine Area 11: Open daily 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.

(9) Marine Area 13: Open daily 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.

#### REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed, effective August 8, 2023:

WAC 220-330-07000U Shrimp—Areas and seasons. (23-129)