

**WSR 22-20-051  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Order 22-218—Filed September 28, 2022, 3:38 p.m., effective October 1, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: October 1, 2022.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open Puget Sound recreational winter crab seasons.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-330-04000G; and amending WAC 220-330-040.

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 emergency rule opens recreational crab harvest in Marine Areas 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, 5, 6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, 9, and 12 north of a line projected true east from Ayock Point, beginning October 1, 2022. Preliminary summer recreational harvest estimates indicate that sufficient quota remains in the specified areas to open on October 1.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: September 28, 2022.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-330-04000G Crab—Areas and seasons—Personal use.** Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-330-040, effective immediately through December 31, 2022, it is unlawful to fish for crab for personal use in Puget Sound in all waters of Marine Areas, 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, 5, 6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, except as provided herein:

Effective 12:01 a.m. October 1, through 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2022 it is permissible to crab for personal use in the following Ma-

rine Areas: 4 East of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, 5, 6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, 9, and 12 north of a line projected true east from Ayock Point.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective January 1, 2023:

WAC 220-330-04000G Crab—Areas and seasons—Personal use.