

WSR 24-05-033  
EMERGENCY RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 24-16—Filed February 13, 2024, 5:03 p.m., effective February 13, 2024, 5:03 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this emergency rule is to close sea cucumber harvest in District 2-2.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-340-73000N; and amending WAC 220-340-730.

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 closes harvest of sea cucumber in District 2-2 as quota has been achieved. Harvestable surpluses of sea cucumbers exist in the districts specified. 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.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: February 13, 2024.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-340-73000P Sea cucumbers** Effective immediately, through February 29, 2024, the following provisions of WAC 220-340-730 regarding Puget Sound commercial sea cucumber harvest and sales shall be as described below. All other provisions of WAC 220-340-730 not addressed herein, and unless otherwise amended, remain in effect:

(a) Sea cucumber harvest using shellfish diver gear is allowed in Sea Cucumber District 1.

(b) It is unlawful for any harvester to fish for, take, or possess for commercial purposes more than 1,500 pounds of sea cucumber per license for each weekly fishery opening period from District 1.

REPEALER

The following section of Washington State Administrative code is repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-340-73000N Sea cucumbers (24-12)