



**RULE-MAKING ORDER  
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

**CR-103E (December 2017)  
(Implements RCW 34.05.350  
and 34.05.360)**

CODE REVISER USE ONLY

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

DATE: October 25, 2019

TIME: 9:39 AM

WSR 19-22-010

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 19-267)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) 12:01 p.m. October 26, 2019

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes  No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** Amend recreational razor clam rules.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New:  
 Repealed: WAC 220-330-16000G; WAC 220-330-16000H  
 Amended: WAC 220-330-160  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.12.045 and 77.12.047

**Other authority:**

**EMERGENCY RULE**

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.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

**Reasons for this finding:** This rule is needed to open razor clam harvest opportunity on coastal beaches. Survey results show that adequate clams are available for harvest in Razor Clam Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5 for recreational harvest. Washington Department of Health has certified clams from this beach to be safe for human consumption. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New 1 Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed 2

**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Pilot rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Other alternative rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____

<b>Date Adopted:</b> October 24, 2019
<b>Name:</b> Kelly Susewind
<b>Title:</b> Director

**Signature:**



## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-330-16000H Razor clams – Areas and Seasons.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-330-160, it is unlawful to take, dig for or possess razor clams taken for personal use from any beaches in any razor clam area except as provided for in this section:

- (1) Effective 12:01 p.m. October 26, 2019 through 11:59 p.m. November 1, 2019, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 1. Digging is permissible from 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. each day only.
- (2) Effective 12:01 p.m. October 26, 2019 through 11:59 p.m. November 1, 2019, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 3. Digging is permissible from 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. each day only.
- (3) Effective 12:01 p.m. October 26, 2019 through 11:59 p.m. October 26, 2019, and 12:01 p.m. October 28, 2019 through 11:59 p.m. October 28, 2019, and 12:01 p.m. October 30, 2019 through 11:59 p.m. October 30, 2019, and 12:01 p.m. November 1, 2019 through 11:59 p.m. November 1, 2019, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 4. Digging is permissible from 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. each day only.
- (4) Effective 12:01 p.m. October 27, 2019 through 11:59 p.m. October 27, 2019, and 12:01 p.m. October 29, 2019 through 11:59 p.m. October 29, 2019, and 12:01 p.m. October 31, 2019 through 11:59 p.m. October 31, 2019, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 5. Digging is permissible from 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. each day only.
- (5) It is unlawful to dig for razor clams at any time in the Long Beach, Twin Harbors and Copalis Beach Clam sanctuaries defined in WAC 220-320-130.

## REPEALERS

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 220-330-16000G Razor Clams – Areas and Seasons. (19-266)

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 12:01 a.m. November 2, 2019:

WAC 220-330-1600000H Razor Clams – Areas and Seasons.

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