



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
FILED

DATE: December 26, 2017

TIME: 2:08 PM

WSR 18-02-045

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 17-345)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
 Later (specify) _____

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

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: Amends recreational razor clam fishery.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed: WAC 220-330-16000K
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 emergency rule is needed to open the recreational razor clam season. 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. Razor clam beaches are closed by permanent rules unless opened by an emergency rule. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	<u>1</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	<u>1</u>
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted using:

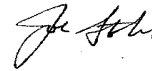
Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

Date adopted: December 26, 2017

Name: Joe Stohr for J W Unsworth

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-330-16000K 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. December 31, 2017 through 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2017, 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. December 31, 2017 through 11:59 p.m. January 1, 2018, 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. December 31, 2017 through 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2017, 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. December 31, 2017 through 11:59 p.m. January 1, 2018, 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 Twin Harbors and Copalis Beach Clam sanctuaries defined in WAC 220-320-130.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 12:01 a.m. January 2, 2018:

WAC 220-330-16000K Razor Clams – Areas and Seasons.