



**RULE-MAKING ORDER
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

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

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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DATE: February 27, 2020
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WSR 20-06-041

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 20-39)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) March 6, 2020

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 rules.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-330-16000R
- 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. 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1

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	____

Date Adopted: February 27, 2020

Name: Amy Windrope for Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-330-16000R 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. March 6, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. March 11, 2020, and 12:01 p.m., 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. March 6, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. March 11, 2020, and 2:01 p.m., 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. March 7, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. March 7, 2020, and 12:01 p.m. March 9, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. March 9, 2020, and 12:01 p.m. March 11, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. March 11, 2020, 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. March 6, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. March 6, 2020, and 12:01 p.m. March 8, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. March 8, 2020, and 12:01 p.m. March 10, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. March 10, 2020, 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.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 12:01 a.m., March 12, 2020:

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