



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 21-206)

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: The purpose of this emergency rule is to open recreational razor clam digging on Copalis Beach on September 25, 2021.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed: WAC 220-330-01000L; WAC 220-330-16000X
- Amended: WAC 220-330-010; 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 regulation adds an opening on Razor Clam Area 4 for Saturday September 25. This additional date is available to State licensed diggers as a result of co-manager agreement with the Quinault Indian Nation, that they will not include it in openers for their use during this tide series. Survey results show that adequate clams are available for harvest in Razor Clam Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5 for recreational harvest. An exceptionally large population of harvestable razor clams in Razor Clam Areas 1,3,4 and 5 allow for a temporary increase in the daily bag limit. Washington Department of Health has certified clams from these Razor Clam Areas 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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 2 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	____

Date Adopted: September 21, 2021	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-330-16000Y 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 immediately, through 11:59 a.m. September 22, 2021, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 1 and Razor Clam Area 3. Digging is permissible from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. each day only.
- (2) Effective 12:01 p.m. September 23, through 11:59 p.m. September 25, 2021, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 1 and Razor Clam Area 3. Digging is permissible from 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. each day only.
- (3) Effective 12:01 a.m. September 22, through 11:59 a.m. September 22, 2021, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 4. Digging is permissible from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. each day only.
- (4) Effective 12:01 p.m. September 24, through 11:59 p.m. September 25, 2021, 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.
- (5) Effective immediately, through 11:59 a.m. September 21, 2021, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 5. Digging is permissible from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. each day only.
- (6) Effective 12:01 p.m. September 23, through 11:59 p.m. September 23, 2021, and effective 12:01 p.m. September 25, through 11:59 p.m. September 25, 2021, 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.
- (7) It is unlawful to dig for razor clams at any time in the Long Beach and Copalis Beach Clam sanctuaries defined in WAC 220-320-130.

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-330-01000M Shellfish—Daily limits, size restrictions, and unlawful acts.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-330-010 regarding Razor clam daily limits, effective immediately, through 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2021, the daily limit is 20 razor clams for personal use in any one day from Razor Clam Area 1, Razor Clam Area 3, Razor Clam Area 4 and Razor Clam Area 5. All other provisions of WAC 220-330-010 not addressed herein remain in effect unless otherwise amended by emergency rule.

REPEALERS

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed, effective immediately:

WAC 220-330-16000X Razor Clams – Areas and Seasons. (21-184)

WAC 220-330-01000L Shellfish—Daily limits, size restrictions, and unlawful acts. (21-184)

