



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
FILED

DATE: April 17, 2023

TIME: 4:00 PM

WSR 23-09-051

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 23- 53))

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) April 19, 2023

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 seasons.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
 Repealed: WAC 220-330-16000A, WAC 220-330-01000Y
 Amended: WAC 220-330-160, WA 220-330-010
 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: 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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: April 17, 2023

Name: Kelly Susewind

Title: Director

Signature:



NEW SECTION

WAC 220-330-16000A 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 a.m. April 19 through 11:59 a.m. April 25, 2023, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Areas defined in WAC 220-330-160 during morning tides on dates and times listed below:

Razor Clam Area	Date	Time
Area 1	April 19 through April 25	From 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.
Area 2	Closed	Closed
Area 3	April 19 through April 25	From 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.
Area 4	April 20, 22, and 24	From 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.
Area 5	April 19, 21, 23, and 25	From 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.
Area 6	Closed	Closed
Area 7	Closed	Closed

- (2) 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 220-330-01000Y Shellfish—Daily limits, size restrictions, and unlawful acts.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-330-010 regarding Razor clam daily limits, effective 12:01 a.m. April 19, through 11:59 p.m. April 25, 2023, 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 12:01 a.m. April 26, 2023:

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

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