



**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: October 25, 2023

TIME: 1:38 PM

WSR 23-22-070

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 23-238)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) October 27, 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- Repealed: WAC 220-330-16000E
- 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: 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 these Razor Clam Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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New 1 Amended ____ Repealed 1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New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____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: October 25, 2023	Signature: 
Name: Kelly Susewind	
Title: Director	

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-330-16000E 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 27 through 11:59 p.m. October 31, 2023, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Areas defined in WAC 220-330-160 during evening tides on dates and times listed below:

Razor Clam Area	Date	Time
Area 1	October 27 through 30	From 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Area 2	Closed	Closed
Area 3	October 27 through 30	From 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Area 4	October 28 and 30	From 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Area 5	October 27, 29 and 31	From 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.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.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 12:01 a.m. November 1, 2023:

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