



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

CODE REVISER USE ONLY

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

DATE: December 20, 2024

TIME: 12:36 PM

WSR 25-02-049

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 24-286)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.  
☒ Later (specify) December 28, 2024

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

- ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** This emergency rule opens recreational razor clam seasons.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New:  
Repealed: WAC 220-330-16000Z  
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 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

<b>The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:</b>				
	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____
<b>The number of sections adopted on the agency’s own initiative:</b>				
	New	1	Amended	_____ Repealed 1
<b>The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:</b>				
	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____
<b>The number of sections adopted using:</b>				
Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____ Repealed _____
<b>Date Adopted:</b> December 20, 2024			<b>Signature:</b> 	
<b>Name:</b> Kelly Susewind				
<b>Title:</b> Director				

## NEW SECTION

### **WAC 220-330-16000Z 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 December 28, 2024, through January 3, 2025, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Areas defined in WAC 220-330-160 on dates and times listed below:

Razor Clam Area	Date	Time
Area 1	December 28, 2024, through January 3, 2025	From 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Area 2	Closed	Closed
Area 3	December 28, 2024, through January 3, 2025	From 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Area 4	December 28 and 31, 2024; January 1, 2025	From 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Area 5	December 29 and 30, 2024; January 2 and 3, 2025	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.

## REPEALERS

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective January 4, 2025:

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