



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: March 04, 2025

TIME: 10:50 AM

WSR 25-06-072

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-33)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☐ Immediately upon filing.
☒ Later (specify) March 8, 2025

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 March 8 through March 14.

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Repealed: WAC 220-330-16000E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 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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	New	_____	Amended _____ Repealed _____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	New	1	Amended _____ Repealed 1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: March 3, 2025		Signature: 	
Name: Amy Windrope for 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 March 8 through March 14, 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	March 8 through March 14	From 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Area 2	Closed	Closed
Area 3	March 8 through March 14	From 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Area 4	March 9, 10, 13 and 14	From 12:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
Area 5	March 8, 11, and 12	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 March 15, 2025:

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