



# 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: April 21, 2025

TIME: 4:38 PM

WSR 25-09-122

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife (Order 25-59)

**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 razor clam harvest in Razor Clam Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5.

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

New:  
 Repealed: WAC 220-330-16000H  
 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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_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New 1 Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed 1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:** April 21, 2025

**Name:** Kelly Susewind

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



NEW SECTION

**WAC 220-330-16000H 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 April 26 through May 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	April 26 through May 1	From 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.
Area 2	Closed	Closed
Area 3	April 26 through May 1	From 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.
Area 4	April 26, 29, 30, and May 1	From 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.
Area 5	April 27 and 28	From 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.
Area 6	Closed	Closed

Razor Clam Area	Date	Time
Area 1	May 2 and 3	From 12:01 a.m. to 1:59 p.m.
Area 2	Closed	Closed
Area 3	May 2 and 3	From 12:01 a.m. to 1:59 p.m.
Area 4	Closed	Closed
Area 5	May 2 and 3	From 12:01 a.m. to 1:59 p.m.
Area 6	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 May 4, 2025:

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