

WAC 246-280-001 Authority, purpose, and scope. (1) Authority. Under the authority of RCW 43.20.050, powers and duties of state board of health, these regulations are hereby established as minimum requirements for the monitoring and classification of recreational shellfish beaches.

(2) Purpose. It is the purpose of chapter 246-280 WAC to protect public health and establish procedures for evaluating the sanitary quality of recreational shellfish beaches.

(3) Scope.

(a) These regulations shall apply to recreational shellfish beaches under public ownership. Commercial shellfish harvest, even though it may occur on publicly owned beaches, is governed by chapter 246-282 WAC and chapter 69.30 RCW.

(b) These regulations shall apply to recreationally harvested shellfish on privately owned beaches when the general public has unlimited access to beaches for recreational shellfishing. The department may evaluate and monitor these privately owned beaches if the department determines it to be in the public interest.

(4) Other statutes related to this chapter are:

- (a) Chapter 69.30 RCW, sanitary control of shellfish; and
- (b) Chapter 246-282 WAC, sanitary control of shellfish.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. WSR 92-02-019 (Order 225B), § 246-280-001, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92; WSR 91-02-051 (Order 124B), recodified as § 246-280-001, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: Chapter 90.70 RCW. WSR 89-20-020 (Order 335), § 248-52-001, filed 9/27/89, effective 10/28/89.]