

WSR 21-12-018
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 21-73—Filed May 21, 2021, 1:18 p.m., effective May 21, 2021, 1:18 p.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: Amends recreational harvest rules for razor clams.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 220-330-16000W; and amending WAC 220-330-160.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, and 77.12.047.

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.

Reasons for this Finding: This emergency rule is needed to open the recreational razor clam season. Survey results show that adequate clams are available for harvest in Razor Clam Area 5 for recreational harvest. Washington department of health has certified clams from this beach to be safe for human consumption. There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: May 21, 2021.

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Director

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-330-16000W 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:

Effective 12:01 a.m. May 24, 2021 through 11:59 a.m. May 24, 2021 and 12:01 a.m. May 26, 2021 through 11:59 a.m. May 26, 2021 and 12:01 a.m. May 28, 2021 through 11:59 a.m. May 28, 2021 and 12:01 a.m. May 30, 2021 through 11:59 a.m. May 30, 2021, razor clam digging is permissible in Razor Clam Area 5. Digging is permissible from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. each day only.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed effective 12:01 p.m. May 30, 2021:

WAC 220-330-16000W Razor clams—Areas and seasons.