

WAC 246-280-010 Definitions. (1) Abbreviations:

- (a) "ml" means milliliter; and
- (b) "PSP" means paralytic shellfish poisoning.
- (2) "Beach evaluation" means the examination of the sanitary conditions of recreational shellfish beaches through water quality testing, shellfish tissue testing, PSP testing, and sanitary surveys.
- (3) "Beach inventory" means the department's list of recreational shellfish beaches governed by chapter 246-280 WAC.
- (4) "Closed classification" means a beach exceeds the standards for safe shellfish harvest.
- (5) "Conditionally open classification" means a recreational shellfish beach meets the standards for safe shellfish harvest during well-defined time periods, such as dry weather months, and is closed to shellfish harvest when the standards are exceeded.
- (6) "Department" means the Washington state department of health (DOH).
- (7) "Emergency closure" means temporary closure of a recreational shellfish beach when a contamination event is suspected of impacting an open or conditionally open beach.
- (8) "Geometric mean value" means a statistical calculation giving a mean value of data points. Geometric mean value is a term used in state water quality standards. The calculation is:
 - (a) $a \times b \times c \times d = y$; and
 - (b) n th root of $y =$ geometric mean value. $N =$ number of data points which determines the power of the root.
- (9) "Health officer" means the health officer or an authorized representative of the city, county, city-county health department or district.
- (10) "Local board of health" means the city, town, county, city-county, or district board of health as defined under chapters 70.05, 70.08, and 70.46 RCW.
- (11) "Open classification" means a recreational shellfish beach which complies with WAC 246-280-030 standards for safe shellfish harvest without any restrictions due to health hazards.
- (12) "Paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP)" means a human illness caused by eating shellfish that contain high levels of toxin which results from the shellfish consuming large amounts of toxin-producing microscopic marine organism called *Gonyaulax catenella*.
- (13) "Public ownership" means owned by the federal government, state government, a county, a city, or a port district.
- (14) "Recreational shellfish beach" means any beach under public ownership available to the public and any privately owned beach where the general public has unlimited access to recreationally harvest shellfish.
- (15) "Recreational shellfish harvest" means to harvest shellfish for personal consumption with no intention for sale or barter.
- (16) "Sanitary survey" means an evaluation of the sanitary conditions of the shoreline and uplands of a recreational shellfish beach.
- (17) "Shellfish" means, for the purposes of chapter 246-280 WAC, all varieties of oysters, clams, mussels, and scallops.
- (18) "Unclassified" means a recreational shellfish beach which does not have an initial classification because the department has incomplete sanitary survey data.
- (19) "Water quality study" means an evaluation of the sanitary conditions of the marine water of a recreational shellfish beach described under WAC 246-280-030 and 246-280-040.

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