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POLICY STATEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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This memo serves as notice that the department of health (department) is rescinding a policy statement titled "Exemption to Closure Related to *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* Illness" filed on August 22, 2011, and published as WSR 11-17-102.

This policy statement clarified requirements for a licensed shellfish dealer or harvester requesting an exemption to a shellfish growing area closure related to *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* illnesses. The department is rescinding this policy because it is outdated and does not reflect our current business practices.

Individuals requiring additional information on this should contact Todd Phillips, director of the office of environmental health and safety, at todd.phillips@doh.wa.gov.

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