



MARCH 2023 RULEMAKING MEETING

Office of Environmental Health & Safety

Discussion Topics

- ❑ Introductions
- ❑ 10-minute discussion from last meeting
- ❑ WAC 246-282-014: Operating Provisions
- ❑ WAC 246-282-042: Wet storage permits
- ❑ WAC 246-282-080: Identification and Records
- ❑ Questions/Suggestions

February Meeting Discussion

We will allocate 10 minutes for questions or discussion of any items that were covered in the previous Rule making meeting.

For example:

- Are there more comments or questions about seed size?
- Any additional definition discussions
- Questions pertaining to the growing area section

WAC 246-282-014 Operating Provisions

(6) The designated person in charge of a shellfish operation must have a functioning telephone **with voicemail and an email address registered** ~~message device or service issued by a telephone service provider~~ to the owner(s) or person in charge. The person in charge must:

(a) Monitor their **telephone with voicemail and email** ~~device or service~~ each day that the shellfish operation is active, regarding messages from the department about emergency closure of harvest areas or recall of shellfish products; and

(b) Notify the department whenever the telephone number **or email** used for this purpose changes; or (c) Maintain another equivalent method of contact with the department approved in the plan of operations.

WAC 246-282-042 Wet Storage Permit

- (4) If a person uses a natural body of water for a wet storage operation, the person must possess a valid harvest site certificate listing the **harvest site where it is stored.** ~~body of water.~~
- (a) **If shellstock is transferred from one growing area to another and left in the new growing area for 14 days or more, the shellstock now takes on the characteristics of the new growing area.**
- (b) ***clarification on record keeping, tagging, production, etc.**
- (5) If a person uses artificial seawater for a wet storage operation, the chemicals used to make the seawater must be approved food grade.
- (6) A person operating under a wet storage permit must follow all procedures in the plan of operations approved by the department.
- (7) A person's wet storage permit expires on the same date as the person's shellfish operation license.

WAC 246-282-080 Identification and Records

(2) Any person who possesses a commercial quantity of shellstock or any quantity of shellstock for sale for human consumption must identify the shellstock by an approved tag with permanent marking, according to requirements of the NSSP Model Ordinance, upon removal from the harvest site.

- a) Each tag must list the harvest site application number (i.e. 2023-201), harvest site ID, geoduck tract number, or parcel from where the shellstock was originally harvested.
 - a) The identifier listed above must be able to be matched to the operation's harvest site certificate.

April Meeting

- Last meeting (for now)
- We will send out draft language in May for you to review
- We will reconvene late summer/early fall to discuss the draft language

Tribal: April 26th from 9-11am

RAC: April 27th from 11am-1pm

Topics:

- Fee Study
- WAC 246-282-016: Aquaculture
- Risk Category follow up
- Seed Size follow up (if needed)

Questions?

All meeting agendas, presentations, and information can be found here:
<https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/shellfish/rules/wac-246-282-sanitary-control-shellfish-rule-revision>

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