



APRIL 2023 RULEMAKING MEETING

Office of Environmental Health & Safety

Discussion Topics

- ❑ Introductions
- ❑ 10-minute discussion from last meeting
- ❑ Fee Study
- ❑ WAC 246-282-016 Aquaculture
- ❑ Questions/Suggestions

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.

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:

- ❑ WAC 246-282-014: Operating Provisions
- ❑ WAC 246-282-042: Wet storage permits
- ❑ WAC 246-282-080: Identification and Records

Fee Study

- Shellfish program is NOT generating sufficient revenue to cover the cost of the program.
- Rulemaking is required, fees are in WAC 246-282-990
- Currently, calculating the cost for our program to operate
- Next steps: share draft results of our costs and what the proposed fee increases could be
- Informal comment period

- [Shellfish Program Fees Rule Revision | Washington State Department of Health](#)

WAC 246-282-016 Aquaculture

Any person who conducts an aquaculture operation and is in possession of a commercial quantity of shellfish or any quantity of shellfish for sale for human consumption must meet all requirements of this chapter.

WAC 246-282-016 Aquaculture (Additions)

- (1) Operations who harvest seed from growing areas classified as prohibited or unclassified must:
 - (a) Possess a valid shellfish operation license;
 - (b) Possess a valid harvest site certificate listing both the initial harvest site and the grow out site;
 - (c) Submit an Aquaculture Operational Plan to the Authority as described in the NSSP Model Ordinance;
 - (d) Pay an aquaculture permit fee (if required);
 - (d) Receive the approved Aquaculture Operational Plan from the Authority;
 - (e) Be subject to an unannounced inspection annually; and
 - (f) Have a minimum of 120 days of growing to reach market size in an approved or conditionally approved area in the open status.

WAC 246-282-016 Aquaculture (Additions)

(2) The operation may remove seed that exceeds the maximum seed size from growing areas classified as prohibited or unclassified but must meet the following requirement:

- (a) List and follow all procedures in their plan of operations approved by the department, including:
 - (i) Staking or marking the grow-out site to be easily identified by the person until 120 days has passed;
 - (ii) Considering the beginning of the 120 day time period for a lot to be the moment that the last part of the lot is added to the grow-out site;
 - (iii) Keeping records for each lot of shellfish that show a lot identification number; the species, location, date, and quantity moved from the initial harvest site; the grow-out location; and the date of first harvest of any of those shellfish from the grow-out site.

Next Meeting

- We will send out draft language in May/June for you to review
- We will reconvene late summer/early fall to discuss the draft language

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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