

## Steps to Operate in the Commercial Razor Clam Fishery

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**Step 1:** Determine if you want to start your own operation *OR* will be harvesting on behalf of an existing licensed dealer.

### ***Start Own Operation***

#### **Step 2: Apply for Licenses (in this order)**

- a. [DOH license](#)
- b. [WDFW](#)
- c. [DNR ROE Permit](#)

#### **Step 3: Prepare Your Documents**

- a. Create shellstock tags.
- b. Create harvest & sales record.
- c. Clean your boat and vessels (your boat and vessels must be inspected by DOH).
- d. Call DOH inspector to schedule your pre-operational inspection. These will be done at the Tokeland Marina.

#### **Step 4: Pass the pre-operational inspection**

#### **Step 5: Receive your DOH license**

#### **Step 6: Prepare for Harvesting**

- a. Clean your equipment (shovels, buckets, etc.).
- b. Clean your boat and vessels.
- c. DOH license, harvest site certificate, and shellstock tags ready for review by DOH/WDFW.
- d. Check with WDFW when the fishery will open.

#### **Step 7: Harvest Razor clams!**

- a. Harvest clams and place into a clean container.
- b. Fill out a shellstock tag to accompany the clams.
- c. Fill out harvest record stating the date of harvest and quantity of Razor clams harvested.

#### **Step 8: Sell Razor clams**

- a. If transporting from landing site to off-site location to sell – MUST obtain WDFW Transportation Ticket.
- b. Complete a transaction record to go with the tagged clams.
- c. Document on your sales record who the clams were sold to.
- d. Sign completed fish ticket. The buyer purchasing the clams is responsible for completing and submitting the fish ticket.

### ***Work on Behalf of a Licensed Dealer***

#### **Step 2: Apply for Licenses (in this order)**

- a. [WDFW](#)
- b. [DNR ROE Permit](#)

#### **Step 3: Prepare for Harvesting**

- a. Clean your equipment (including shovels, buckets, etc.)
- b. Clean your boat and vessels (your boat and vessels must be inspected by DOH).
- c. Check with your sponsor when you will be harvesting and get your documents (license, harvest site certificate, tags).

#### **Step 4: Harvest Razor clams!**

- d. If transporting from landing site to off-site location to sell – MUST obtain WDFW Transportation Ticket.
- e. Harvest clams and place into a clean container.
- f. Fill out a shellstock tag to accompany the clams.
- g. Take the clams to your sponsor *OR* who they told you to sell to.