



Chapter 246-282 WAC – The Sanitary Control of Shellfish Project Briefing

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Rulemaking Background

- High number of Vibriosis cases in 2021, largely due to exceedingly high temperatures.
 - The Department of Health expects the trend of high temperatures to continue.
 - Highlighted gaps in the rule and demonstrated the need to explore additional protections.
- The Board delegated emergency rulemaking authority to the Department of Health if heat wave conditions occur before July 1.



Recent Activity

- Reviewed over 200 comments and suggestions from 8 interested parties
 - Categorized comments

Changes to the rule	Response Document	Need further engagement
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- Drafted an engagement plan to gather further feedback from the industry
- Met with industry group representatives for feedback on the engagement plan
 - Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association (PCSGA)
 - Willapa-Grays Harbor Oyster Growers Association (WGHOGA)
 - Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (pending)
- Tours



Next Steps

Engagement starting in November

- Hybrid meetings
- Issue-focused agendas so partners can prioritize time and attendance
- Separate meetings for Tribal partners tailored to their priorities, locations, and capacity
- Ensure feedback from both large and small farms

Engagement with parties regarding response to comment document

- Answer questions, clarify where needed

Additional visits

Continue to refine rule language using feedback

New NSSP Model Ordinance



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