

# Concise Explanatory Statement

## WAC 246-282-005, Sanitary Control of Shellfish Minimum Performance Standards.

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The Department of Health (department) did not receive written comments on the proposed rule. A public hearing was held on February 5, 2025. Two individuals attended the public hearing. The following is a summary of the comments received during the public hearing.

- One individual testified in support of the rule, stating that the adoption of the 2023 version of the Model Ordinance is a necessary step to protect public health and preserving the integrity of the shellfish industry in Washington. The individual expressed appreciation for the department's efforts and collaboration with the Washington shellfish industry.
  - Thank you for your interest in and support for this rule revision. We appreciate your engagement and look forward to continuing to work together on shellfish related matters.
  
- One individual asked a clarifying question of whether the proposed change affects bait.
  - The Model Ordinance regulates molluscan shellfish for human consumption only, not bait. Thank you for your interest in this rule revision.



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