



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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Re: Collaborative- Updates to Tribal Shellfish Consent Decree and Attachments of Minimum Position Requirements – based on 2024 SHB2216

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we invite collaboration regarding legislation that passed during the 2024 session ([Substitute House Bill 2216](#)) which impacts the minimum position requirements detailed in the 1994 Shellfish Tribal Consent Decree Settlement Agreement.

As described in our May 14, 2025 [DTLL](#), this legislation impacts state position requirements, including positions associated with the [1994 Shellfish Tribal Consent Decree Settlement Agreement](#), which was signed by 19 Washington Tribes. The 2024 legislation, which passed and was signed into law, (*An Act Relating to reducing barriers to state employment by eliminating two-year and four-year degree requirements that are unnecessary*) impacts attachments F, G, and H of the Consent Decree, which outline minimum qualifications for Standardized Shellfish Inspectors, Water Quality Studies, and Shoreline Surveys. In accordance with the Consent Decree, we wish to address updating the attachments by mutual agreement:

Meeting Type	Date and Time	Zoom Information
Listening Session	Tuesday, August 12, 2025 2:00-4:00pm	Meeting ID: 822 0961 0681

For additional information, please contact Scott Berbells, Manager of the Shellfish Growing Area Section, Office of Environmental Health and Safety at scott.berbells@doh.wa.gov or Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR), at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360-819-7626.

Respectfully,

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