

Shellfish Definitions Updates

This document is to summarize the changes made to the Definitions section of WAC 246-282-010.

Summary of Changes

Definition	Summary
*Beach Wet Storage	<i>Means when shellstock greater than maximum seed size is harvested from one harvest site and placed in another harvest site for less than 14 days.</i>
Commercial Quantity	Definition REMOVED from WAC. DOH will use the definition listed in RCW 69.30.010: <i>(2) "Commercial quantity" means any quantity exceeding: (a) Forty pounds of mussels; (b) one hundred oysters; (c) fourteen horse clams; (d) six geoducks; (e) fifty pounds of hard or soft shell clams; or (f) fifty pounds of scallops. The poundage in this subsection (2) constitutes weight with the shell.</i>
Harvester	Revised: Added clarification that proper transportation conveyances must be used to transport shellstock. <i>(11) "Harvester" means a shellfish operation with activities limited to growing shellstock, placing shellstock in a container, harvesting shellstock, transporting shellstock using proper transportation conveyances within Washington state, and delivering shellstock to a shellfish dealer licensed by the department within four hours of landing it. A harvester does not process shellfish, ship shellfish outside of Washington state, sell shellfish outside of Washington state, sell shellfish to retail outlets, shuck shellfish, repack shellfish, or store shellfish in any location outside of the approved growing area from where the shellfish is harvested.</i>
*Marina	<i>Means any water area with a structure including, but not limited to, docks, basins, floating docks, or mooring buoys used for docking and constructed to provide temporary or permanent docking or buoy moorage space for more than 10 boats. This only includes boats with a marine sanitation device.</i>
*Mooring area	<i>Means any portion of a growing area that is used to provide temporary or permanent anchorage or attachment to a mooring buoy for more than 10 boats. This only includes boats with a marine sanitation device.</i>
*Mooring buoy	<i>Mooring buoy means a floating marker permanently secured to a waterway bed with an anchoring line that can be used by boats instead of a dock.</i>

Person	<p>Definition REMOVED from WAC.</p> <p>DOH will use the definition listed in RCW 69.30.010:</p> <p><i>(7) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, company, corporation, association, or the authorized agents of any such entities.</i></p>
Secretary	<p>Definition REMOVED from WAC.</p> <p>DOH will use the definition listed in RCW 69.30.010:</p> <p><i>(9) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or his or her authorized representatives.</i></p>
Seed	<p>Revised: "Seed" means shellfish that are less than market size for human consumption and have a maximum shell length of:</p> <p><i>(a) Thirteen millimeters (1/2 inch) for mussels;</i></p> <p><i>(b) Twenty-five millimeters (1 inch) for scallops;</i></p> <p><i>(c) Nineteen millimeters (3/4 inch) for Olympia oysters;</i></p> <p><i>(d) Nineteen millimeters (3/4 inch) for Kumamoto oysters;</i></p> <p><i>(e) Thirty-eight millimeters (1 and 1/2 inches) for other oyster species;</i></p> <p><i>(f) Thirty-eight millimeters (1 and 1/2 inch) for geoducks; and</i></p> <p><i>(g) Thirteen millimeters (1/2 inch) for other clam species.</i></p>
*Transplant	<p><i>Means when shellstock greater than maximum seed size is moved from one harvest site and placed in another harvest site for 14 days or more.</i></p>
Wet Storage (revised)	<p><i>Means the placement of harvested shellstock in containers or floats in natural bodies of water or in tanks containing natural or synthetic seawater. Types of wet storage include beach wet storage, flow-through wet storage, and recirculating wet storage.</i></p>

*indicates the new definitions

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