

WAC 220-340-330 Commercial geoduck harvest—Time and area restrictions. (1) It is unlawful to harvest geoducks for commercial purposes during the following time and day restrictions:

(a) Between one-half hour before official sunset or 7:00 p.m., whichever is earlier, and 7:00 a.m.

(b) It is unlawful for a geoduck harvest vessel to be on a geoduck tract or harvest area after 7:30 p.m. or before 6:30 a.m.

(c) It is unlawful to take or fish for geoducks on Sundays or on state holidays as defined by the office of financial management.

(2) It is unlawful to take or fish for geoducks for commercial purposes outside the tract or harvest area designated in the department of natural resources harvest agreement required by WAC 220-340-310 and 220-340-320.

(3) It is unlawful to harvest geoducks in areas deeper than 70 feet below mean lower low water (0.0 ft.).

(4) It is unlawful to possess geoducks taken in violation of this section.

(5) Violation of this section is a misdemeanor or class C felony punishable by RCW 77.15.550, depending on the circumstances of the violation or the value of the shellfish taken.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), amended and recodified as § 220-340-330, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047. WSR 12-23-016 (Order 12-267), § 220-52-01903, filed 11/9/12, effective 12/10/12.]