

WAC 352-37-340 Small-scale beach prospecting and placer mining.

(1) Small-scale beach prospecting and placer mining is allowed year-round in the seashore conservation area, except within fifty feet on either side of designated ocean beach access roads.

(2) The director may close specific areas to beach prospecting or placer mining when deemed necessary for wildlife protection or public safety.

(3) Only mineral prospecting tools approved for use on ocean beaches by the Washington department of fish and wildlife in chapter 220-660 WAC may be used in the seashore conservation area.

(4) All trenches, depressions, or holes created in the beach during mining activities must be back-filled before working another excavation site.

(5) Setting up or using mining equipment or conducting mining activities in a manner and/or location that subjects people, personal property, or park resources to injury or damage or impedes traffic on the driveable portion of the beach is prohibited.

(6) A person may possess or transport up to ten gallons of sand or concentrate per day.

(7) Any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 79A.05.030, 79A.05.610, and 79A.05.615. WSR 21-10-020, § 352-37-340, filed 4/23/21, effective 5/24/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 79A.05.030, 79A.05.165, and 79A.05.615. WSR 11-19-015, § 352-37-340, filed 9/8/11, effective 10/9/11.]