

**WAC 246-282-044 Transplant.** (1) To transplant shellstock, the following requirements must be met:

(a) The person shall have a valid shellfish operation license;

(b) The person shall have a valid harvest site certificate for the original harvest site(s) and the original harvest site(s) are classified as approved or conditionally approved in the open status.

(c) The person shall have a valid harvest site certificate for the grow-out site(s);

(d) During transit, the shellstock must be identified by tagging or other methods approved by the department. The identification must include:

(i) The date the shellstock was removed from the original harvest site(s);

(ii) The quantity of shellstock;

(iii) The species of shellstock; and

(iv) The original harvest site(s) and grow-out site(s); and

(e) The operation shall keep and maintain accurate and detailed records of the original harvest site, transplant method, and destination of transplanted shellstock for one year.

(2) After 14 days, the shellstock will take on the characteristics and properties of the transplant site.

(3) While in transit, shellstock under this section are exempt from the requirements in WAC 246-282-006.

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