WAC 332-30-172 Geoduck diver safety program. (1) General.
   (a) Beginning January 1, 2015, divers shall annually demonstrate
       compliance with the geoduck diver safety program established in this
       section prior to being identified on a department geoduck harvest
       agreement plan of operations.
   (b) Applicants may submit applicable documents and certifications
       beginning October 1st of each year to verify compliance for the subse-
       quent calendar year. The department will not consider incomplete
       and/or illegible materials. The department shall review materials in
       the order they are received and notify divers of their compliance sta-
       tus within thirty-days of receipt of all required documentation.
   (c) Applicants may submit applicable materials to the department
       by certified mail or electronically by email or fax. The department
       will not accept materials submitted in person.
   (d) The department will maintain an electronic database document-
       ing annual compliance with the program. Compliance verification shall
       expire at the end of a calendar year.
   (e) If a plan of operations spans portions of two calendar years,
       the department shall only verify diver compliance for the calendar
       year the diver is initially identified on the plan of operations.
(2) Training qualifications. Divers shall provide evidence of the
   following qualifications:
   (a) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first-aid certifica-
   (b) Emergency oxygen administration certification;
   (c) Washington state boater education card; and
   (d) Annual self-attestation confirming applicant possesses a com-
       bination of training and experience necessary to conduct harvest div-
       ing in a safe and healthful manner. The department shall develop and
       make available a template for applicant signature. Divers shall main-
       tain, at a minimum, competency in the following subject areas:
       (i) Diving physiology and physics;
       (ii) Diving operations and emergency procedures;
       (iii) Tools, equipment, and techniques relevant to geoduck har-
       vesting;
       (iv) U.S. Coast Guard vessel safety requirements; and
       (v) Any additional subject matter areas as identified in "Quali-
           fications of Dive Team" within federal Occupational Safety and Health
           Standards for Commercial Diving Operations (C.F.R. 1910.410(a)).

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