



## 2014 Update: Commercial razor clam harvest

Requirements on state-owned aquatic lands managed by DNR

The **Washington State Department of Natural Resources** (DNR) is steward and manager of 2.6 million acres of **state-owned aquatic lands**, including the tidelands north of Leadbetter Point in Willapa Bay, where a small razor clam fishery has grown for the past 21 years. This is the only area in Washington State with a non-tribal, commercial razor clam fishery. The clams are used primarily for crab fishing bait but are also sold to distributors for retail and restaurant use.

All commercial uses on state-owned aquatic lands require a **right-of-entry authorization** for the use of these lands and to harvest public resources.

The right-of-entry authorization allows DNR to work with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to manage commercial razor clam harvest activity and ensure the protection of the resources on behalf of the public.

### Commercial razor clam fishery requirements

DNR requires a **\$100 fee** to obtain a right-of-entry authorization to commercially harvest razor clams.



Commercial razor clam harvester. Photo: WDFW

Commercial razor clam harvesters have several options to obtain and submit the required right-of-entry application: (Note: Payment by check only; no credit cards or cash, please.)

- Download the right-of-entry form at [bit.ly/dnr\\_razor\\_clam](http://bit.ly/dnr_razor_clam).
- Visit DNR main office building in **Olympia**:
  - Natural Resources Building, DNR Aquatics Division  
1111 Washington St., SE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Olympia, WA | 360-902-1100
- By mail: Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
MS 47027, Olympia, WA 98504 – 7027

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** (WDFW) regulates the fishery and issues the licenses. For more information about certification and licensing, visit WDFW's Commercial Razor Clam Fishery Regulations and Information web page at: [wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/razorclams/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/razorclams/).

The **Washington State Department of Health** certifies razor clam dealers and works with WDFW to ensure the shellfish are safe for human consumption.