

# SMA RULEMAKING



- SMA implementation rules  
(Washington Administrative Code)
  - Ch. 173-18 streams and rivers
  - Ch. 173-20 lakes
  - Ch. 173-22 shorelands and wetlands
  - Ch. 173-26 master program (Guidelines)
  - Ch. 173-27 permit and enforcement

# TIMELINE



- **May 14 – June 5: Discussion Draft (Pre-draft #2)**
  - June 2 – Shellfish Aquaculture Regulatory Committee (SARC)
- **June 23: Rule filed**
- **August 18 – October 18: Public comment period**
  - Documents:
    - Draft Rules, Draft Small Business Economic Impact Statement, Draft Cost-Benefit Analysis, Final Addendum to FEIS 2003, Focus Sheet
  - Hearings:
    - Moses Lake (Sept 8), Everett (Sept 13), Lacey (Sept 14), Aberdeen (Sept 15)
- **Mid-December: Final rule filed**
- **January 8: Final rule takes effect**

# PROPOSED CHANGES



- **Commercial geoduck aquaculture – implement HB 2220 (RCW 43.21A.681)**
  - Aquatic environment subsection expanded
  - Conditional use permit for new and expanded use
  - Five year permit for planting and all subsequent harvesting over time
  - Removed subsistence, commercial, and recreational aquaculture from critical saltwater habitat classification

# PROPOSED CHANGES



- **WAC 173-26-201** – limited amendments criteria, relationship to comprehensive amendments
- **Ch. 173-18, 20, 22** – listing of water bodies, wetlands manual
- **‘Housekeeping’ amendments** to align with statute changes – HB 1653 GMA/SMA

# LOCAL INTEGRATION



- Must be reflected in your SMP if not locally adopted by January 8
- Commercial geoduck aquaculture guidance available in January
  - Folded into handbook chapters and existing web pages
  - Best management practices for planting and harvesting – based on DNR’s BMP guidance for wild harvest

# RULE COMMUNICATION

- **Web:** SMP site => Special Topics
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