



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Geoduck Diver Safety

- **2013 Legislature Passed 2SHB
HB 1764**
- **Directed DNR Aquatics to Adopt
Rules**



2SHB 1764: An Act Relating to Geoduck Diver Licenses

- **Limited licenses**
 - WDFW to issue no more than 77 geoduck diver licenses
 - Nontransferable
- **Geoduck Harvest Safety Committee**
 - State agency and industry representatives
 - Ongoing review & evaluation of diver safety
- **Geoduck Diver Safety Program**
 - Rule must be adopted by December 1, 2014
 - Prerequisite for WDFW license and DNR plan of operations



Geoduck Diver Safety Program: Committee Recommendation

– Consensus Agreement

- CPR/First aid certification
- Emergency Oxygen certification
- WA state boater education card
- Industry sponsored diver safety refresher course

– Dissention

- Annual physician examination of diver's medical fitness



Rule-Making Timeline

- ✓ File CR-101 / Pre-proposal statement of inquiry
- Brief Board of Natural Resources April 1
- File CR-102 / Notice of proposed rulemaking by April 23
- Conduct Public Hearing late May/ early June
- Present to Board of Natural Resources on July 3
- File CR-103 / Rule-Making Order by July 15





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