

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING: WAC 246-260-131

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Water Recreation Program



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WAC vs MAHC

Staff are working with a technical advisory committee (TAC) to adopt the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC) standards into rule.

| WAC 246-260-131 | MAHC 6.3.2.1 |
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| <p>(6) Required personnel.</p> <p>(b) General use swimming pool facilities <u>shall have lifeguards</u> present at all times pools are in use; <u>except</u>:</p> <p>(i) If swim or dive teams are facility users, the owner <u>may allow substitution of a qualified coach</u> properly credentialed by the sponsoring organization furnishing the swim or dive coach; and</p> <p>(ii) Owners <u>may substitute persons</u> with Master Scuba Diver Trainer or Master Scuba Diver Instructor certification through PADI or SCUBA instructor, assistant instructor or divemaster through NAUI or other department-approved training in lieu of lifeguards for SCUBA training.</p> | <p><u>List of Aquatic Facilities Requiring Qualified Lifeguards</u></p> <p>4) Any AQUATIC VENUE <u>while it is being used for group training</u> must have <u>dedicated lifeguards on DECK for class surveillance</u>, sufficient to meet the requirements of MAHC 6.3.3.1, including but not limited to <u>competitive swimming and/or sports</u>, lifeguard training, exercise programs, and swimming lessons;</p> |

Rulemaking Process

Work through MAHC w/TAC (Fall, 2024)*

Input from broader audience (Fall/Winter, 2024)

Complete cost/benefit analysis (Winter, 2024)

Informal/formal comment period (Spring, 2025)

Make recommendation to SBOH (Summer, 2025)**

Questions?



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