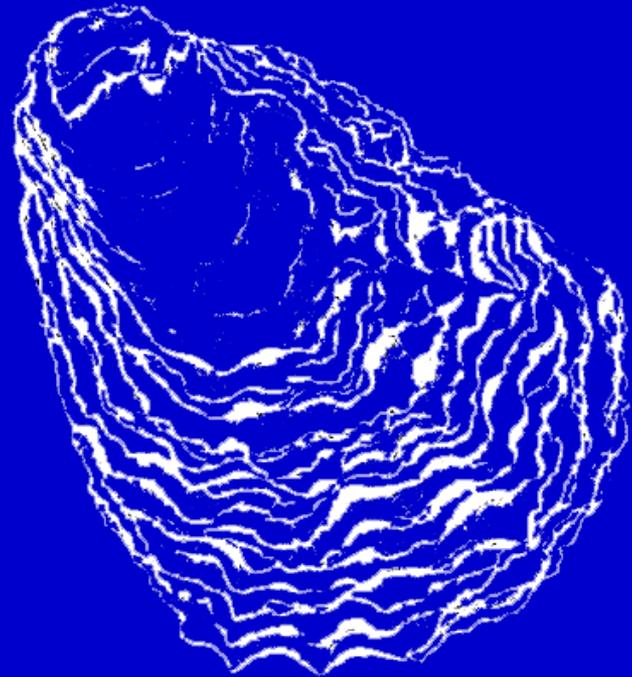
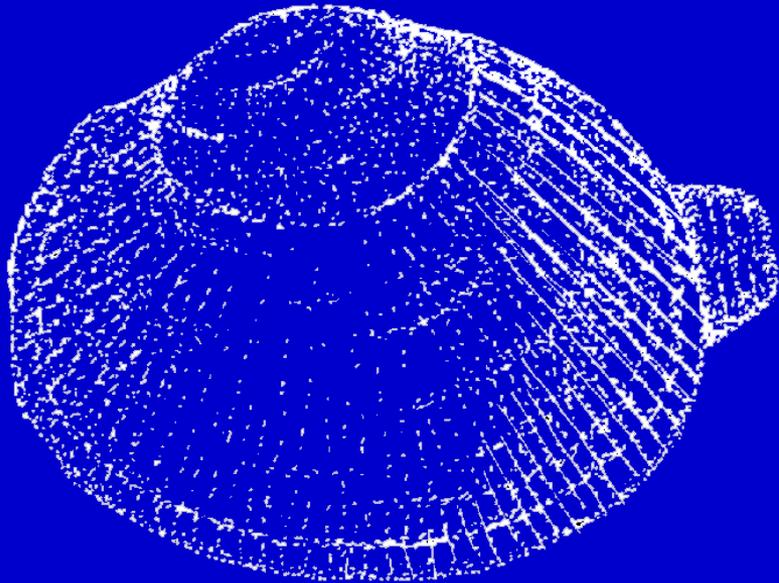


# 2014 Recreational Clam and Oyster Season Changes for Puget Sound Public Beaches



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# Presentation Outline

- Why changes are needed
- Public input/comment
- Proposed season changes
- Questions
- Public testimony

# Why Annual Season Changes are Needed

- Changes in the clam and oyster abundance
- Overharvest of the State's share during previous season
- Changes in projected effort and catch
- Changes in water quality

# Public Input

- Rule change proposals posted on Department website and hotline
- Rule change proposals e-mailed to the recreational fishing information contact list (approximately 1,700 contacts)
- Comments received
  - ❖ Support for closing Fay Bainbridge Park
  - ❖ Inquiry into Point Whitney Lagoon season shifted
  - ❖ Public and agency input on the split season on North Bay Oyster Reserve

# 2014 Proposed Clam Season Changes (WAC 220-56-350)

Location	Proposed 2014 Season	Change
Belfair State Park	January 1 – August 31	7 month increase
Dosewallips State Park	March 1 – July 15	same, season shift
Fay Bainbridge Park	Closed year round	12 month decrease
Fort Flagler State Park	Jan. 1 – Apr.15 ; May 15 – Dec. 31	5.5 month increase
Oak Bay County Park	April 1 – June 30	1 month decrease
<del>Oyster Reserve North Bay</del>	<del>June 1 – June 30 ; Aug. 1 – Aug. 31</del>	<del>3.5 month decrease</del>
Oyster Reserve North Bay	June 1 – July 31	3.5 month decrease
Point Whitney Lagoon	January 1 – March 15	1.5 month increase
Point Whitney Tidelands	Closed year round	0.5 month decrease
Point Whitney Tidelands	March 15 – March 31	0.5 month decrease
Potlatch State Park + DNR	July 1 – August 31	1 month decrease
Sequim Bay State Park	April 1 – June 30	1 month increase
South Indian Island Co. Park	July 1 – September 15	same, season shift
Triton Cove Tidelands	July 15 – August 31	0.5 month decrease
Twanoh State Park	May 1 – May15 ; Sept. 1 – Sept. 30	same, season shift

# 2014 Proposed Oyster Season Changes (WAC 220-56-380)

Location	Proposed 2012 Season	Change
Fay Bainbridge Park	Closed year round	12 month decrease
Fort Flagler State Park	Jan. 1 – Apr. 15 ; May 15 – Dec. 31	5.5 month increase
Oak Bay County Park	April 1 – June 30	1 month decrease
<del>Oyster Reserve North Bay</del>	<del>June 1 – June 30 ; Aug. 1 – Aug. 31</del>	<del>3.5 month decrease</del>
Oyster Reserve North Bay	June 1 – July 31	3.5 month decrease
Port Townsend Ship Canal	January 1 – July 31	1 month decrease
Potlatch State Park + DNR	July 1 – August 31	1 month decrease
South Indian Island Co. Park	July 1 – September 15	same, season shift

# 2014 Proposed Clam & Oyster Season Changes due to water quality improvements (WACs 220-56-380,-380)

Location	Proposed 2012 Season	Change
Dash Point State Park	Year round	12 month increase
DNR-79	Year round	12 month increase
Fort Ward Park	Year round	12 month increase
Purdy Spit County Park	August 1 – August 31	1 month increase
Suquamish (Old Man House)	Year round	12 month increase

# Questions