

Clam Season Changes (WAC 220-56-350):

Ala Spit County Park:

Current Regulation: Open May 1 through May 31.

Proposed Regulation: Closed.

Dosewallips State Park:

Current Regulation: Open April 1 through September 30.

Proposed Regulation: Open March 1 through October 31.

Surveys indicate that the clam resource continues to increase due to both natural recruitment and enhancement and can support a much longer season in 2009.

Fort Flagler State Park:

Current Regulation: Open April 1 through June 15.

Proposed Regulation: Open May 15 through July 31.

Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) closures have prevented harvest on this beach during much of the spring season for the last several years. We are proposing a later season to avoid the time when PSP closures are most likely, and also to avoid conflict with State Parks' seaweed harvesting season. Parks has approved the proposed season change.

Frye Cove County Park:

Current Regulation: Open January 1 through May 15.

Proposed Regulation: Open January 1 through June 15.

Surveys indicate an increase in the clam population, and the resource can support a longer season in 2009.

Oak Bay County Park:

Current Regulation: Open July 1 through August 31.

Proposed Regulation: Open June 1 through July 31.

This proposal retains the month-long clam season but opens it one month earlier in 2009. This shift in the season retains the long-standing tradition of opening Oak Bay County Park immediately after nearby South Indian Island County Park closes.

Point Whitney Tidelands (excluding Lagoon):

Current Regulation: Open March 1 through June 30.

Proposed Regulation: Open March 1 through May 31.

Surveys indicate a decrease in the clam population requiring a reduced season. We were not able to negotiate a resource trade with tribes allowing a longer season.

Point Whitney Lagoon:

Current Regulation: Open July 1 through July 31.
Proposed Regulation: CLOSED.

Surveys indicate a decrease in the clam population. We were unable to negotiate a resource trade with tribes allowing even a two-week season.

Sequim Bay State Park:

Current Regulation: Open May 1 through July 15.
Proposed Regulation: Open May 1 through July 31.

Surveys indicate an increase in the clam population, and changes to the Park's septic system will allow for a longer season in 2009. Parks has approved the proposed season change.

South Indian Island County Park:

Current Regulation: Open April 1 through June 30.
Proposed Regulation: Open April 1 through May 31.

The Manila clam resource on this beach has suffered a "kill" due to environmental changes in the substrate and algae cover, and surveys indicate that it will only support a shortened season in 2009.

Oyster Season Changes (WAC 220-56-380):

Fort Flagler State Park:

Current Regulation: Open April 1 through June 15.
Proposed Regulation: Open May 15 through July 31.

Oyster season should coincide with the clam season on this beach. See the clam season change above for an explanation of the proposed later season.

Frye Cove County Park:

Current Regulation: Open January 1 through May 15.
Proposed Regulation: Open January 1 through June 15.

Oyster season should coincide with the clam season on this beach.

Oak Bay County Park:

Current Regulation: Open July 1 through August 31.
Proposed Regulation: Open June 1 through July 31.

Oyster season should coincide with the clam season on this beach.

South Indian Island County Park:

Current Regulation: Open April 1 through June 30.
Proposed Regulation: Open April 1 through May 31.

Oyster season should coincide with the clam season on this beach.