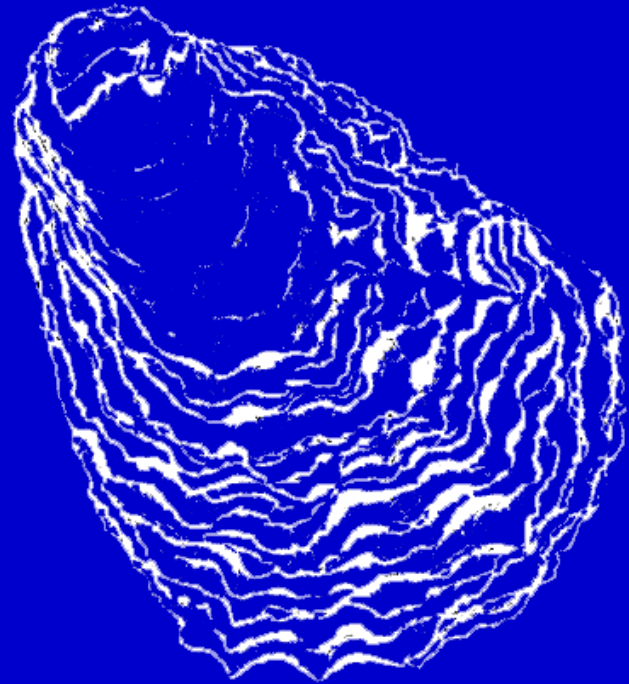
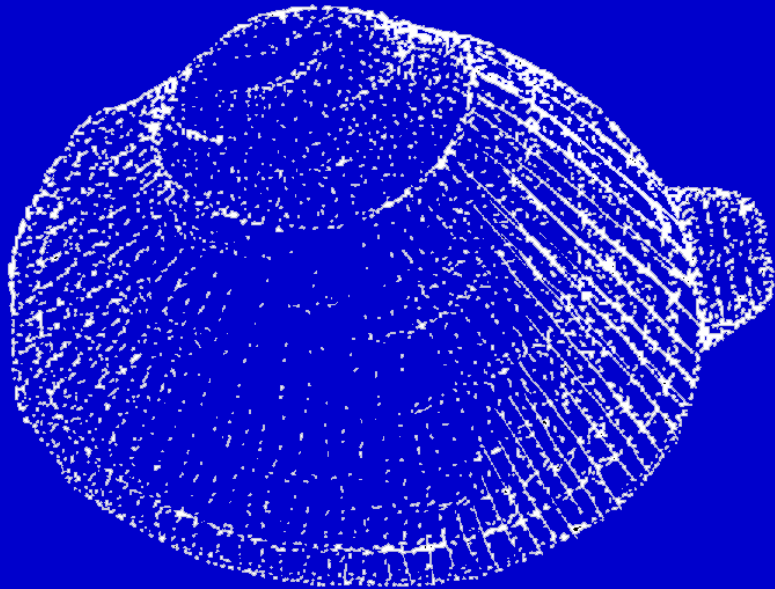


2013 Recreational Clam and Oyster Season Changes for Puget Sound Public Beaches



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Presentation Outline

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

2013 Proposed Clam Season Changes (WAC 220-56-350)

Location	Proposed 2013 Season	Change
West Dewatto (DNR 44A)	July 1 – September 30	1 month increase
East San de Fuca	Year round	12 month increase
Fort Flagler State Park	May 15 – October 31	1 month increase
Oak Bay County Park	April 1 – July 31	1 month increase
Belfair State Park	April 1 – April 30	11 month decrease
Dosewallips State Park	April 1 – August 15	3.5 month decrease
Oyster Reserve North Bay	April 1 – September 15	6.5 month decrease
Point Defiance (Tacoma Park)	Closed year round	12 month decrease
Point Whitney Tidelands	March 15 – March 31	0.5 month decrease
Port Townsend Ship Canal	January 1 – June 30	1 month decrease
South Indian Island Co. Park	April 1 – June 15	1 month decrease
Triton Cove Tidelands	July 1 – August 31	1 month decrease
Twanoh State Park	August 1 – September 15	0.5 month decrease

2013 Proposed Oyster Season Changes (WAC 220-56-380)

Location	Proposed 2012 Season	Change
East San de Fuca	Year round	12 month increase
Fort Flagler State Park	May 15 – October 31	1 month increase
Oak Bay County Park	April 1 – July 31	1 month increase
Oyster Reserve North Bay	April 1 – September 15	6.5 month decrease
Point Defiance (Tacoma Park)	Closed year round	12 month decrease
Port Townsend Ship Canal	January 1 – June 30	1 month decrease
South Indian Island Co. Park	April 1 – June 15	1 month decrease

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)
- No comments received

Questions