Puget Sound Recreational Clam and Oyster Seasons – (Briefing/Public Hearing)

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	Summary
Meeting dates:	August 4-5, 2017
Agenda item:	Puget Sound Recreational Clam and Oyster Season Changes - (Briefing/Public Hearing)
Presenter(s):	Chris Eardley, Puget Sound Shellfish Policy Coordinator, Fish Program

Background summary:

Changes to the recreational clam and oyster seasons on Puget Sound public beaches are recommended annually in order to maximize recreational opportunity while preventing overharvest of the state shares. Season changes are recommended based on the results of annual clam and oyster population surveys, expected recreational effort, the frequency of low tides, and taking into consideration public health concerns and administrative needs. For 2017, shellfish staff recommends clam and oyster season changes to 15 public beaches based on survey and effort information (Attachments A and B, respectively). Of these proposed 15 changes, 12 beaches will have longer seasons compared to 2016 and 3 will have shorter seasons. In addition, 6 beaches will be revised based on public health considerations (Attachment C). In order to meet administrative needs, 20 beaches will have revised text in both areas and seasons WACs (Attachment D). Specifics on these changes are outlined in the attached tables.

Following negotiations with the affected treaty tribes, state and tribal co-managers agreed there were no conservation reasons to maintain a smaller minimum size limit for clams on the public tidelands on the west side of the bay and north of the boat ramp. Previously, Quilcene Bay was the only site in Puget Sound with a codified smaller size limit of 1 ¼ inches. This rule change standardizes the minimum size limit on all public tidelands to 1 ½ inches measured across the longest part of the shell.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration: None

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Season change recommendations were coordinated where appropriate with Washington State Parks staff, WA Department of Natural Resources, WA Department of Health and county governments. All season change recommendations were announced on the agency web site and the Shellfish Rule Change phone hotline.

Action requested:

Briefing and public comment only

Draft motion language:

None at this time. Briefing only.

Justification for Commission action:

None at this time. Briefing only.

Communications Plan:

Agency web site and Shellfish Rule Change phone hotline, news releases, beach signage, and the 2017-2018 Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet.

Form revised 12/5/12

2017 Puget Sound Recreational Clam and Oyster Season Changes WAC Change Summary Sheet

The intertidal bivalve management team has completed analysis of survey data, sport harvest projections, and negotiations affecting intertidal sport regulations with treaty tribes. Using this information and also taking into consideration public health concerns and administrative needs, the following is a synopsis of the recommended changes to the permanent clam and oyster seasons (WAC 220-330-110 and –140) for Puget Sound beaches in 2017.

Rationale	Resulting Change	Clam Beaches Affected	Clam Season Length Change (months)	Oyster Beaches Affected	Oyster Season Length Change (months)
	Longer Season	12	+29.5	10	+28.5
TAC and Conservation	Shorter Season	3	-7.0	3	-7.0
	TOTAL	15	+22.5	13	+21.5
	Beaches Opened	2	+24	2	+24
Public Health	Beaches Closed	2	-24	4	-48
	TOTAL	4	0	6	-24
Administrativo	Beaches Removed	5	0	5	0
Administrative	Text Change	19	0	19	0
Changes	TOTAL	24	0	24	0

Information on specific beaches are attached and are grouped based upon the rationale for the change i.e. TAC and conservation, public health, or administrative need.

A recommendation to change the minimum size limit for clams for Quilcene Bay (WAC 220-330-120 Clams, oysters, mussels – Unlawful acts) is being proposed. Following negotiations with the affected treaty tribes, state and tribal co-managers agreed there were no conservation reasons to maintain a unique smaller minimum size limit for clams on this public tideland. Previously, Quilcene Bay was the only site in Puget Sound with a codified smaller size limit of 1 ¼ inches. This rule change standardizes the minimum size limit on all public tidelands to 1 ½ inches measured across the longest part of the shell.

In addition, a copy of the submitted CR-102 and OTS text changes are attached. It is planned that these recommendations will be presented for public testimony at the August 4-5, 2017 Commission meeting, and adopted on the August 18, 2017 WDFW Commission conference call.

Attachments:

A-2017 Recreational Clam Season Changes for Public Beaches in Puget Sound

B-2017 Recreational Oyster Season Changes for Public Beaches in Puget Sound

C-2017 Clam and Oyster Season and WAC Changes Based on Public Health Considerations

D-2017 Clam and Oyster Season and WAC Changes Based on In-house Administrative Needs

E-2017 CR-102

F- OTS Clam Season, Clam-- Unlawful Acts, Oyster Season, WACs

Attachment A. 2017 Recreational Clam Season Changes for Public Beaches in Puget Sound

	Recommende	Recommended 2017 Season	Proposed	2016 Cla	2016 Clam Season	2016 Season	Caseon
Beach Name	Open	Close	Season Length (months)	Open	Close	Length (months)	Change (months)
Drayton West	January 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	12.0	February 1, 2016	October 31,2016	9.0	3.0
	January 1, 2017	April 15, 2017	Ľ		JFUC FC +2112011V	ц	
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Freeland CP	January 1, 2017	May 15, 2017	4.5	March 1, 2016	May 15, 2016	2.5	2.0
Indian Island CP/Lagoon Beach	August 15, 2017	September 30, 2017	1.5	August 15, 2016	September 15, 2016	1.0	0.5
North Day	Contomber 1 2017	December 21 2017		May 1, 2016	May 31, 2016	0 0	
	Jeptenner 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	4.0	September 1, 2016	September 30, 2016	7.0	0.2
Penrose Point SP	March 1, 2017	April 30, 2017	2.0	March 1, 2016	May 15, 2016	2.5	-0.5
Point Whitney Tidelands	January 1, 2017	March 31, 2017	3.0	January 1, 2016	March 15, 2016	2.5	0.5
Port Gamble Heritage Park	January 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	12.0	January 1, 2016	June 30, 2016	6.0	6.0
Port Townsend Ship Canal/Portage Beach	January 1, 2017	June 15, 2017	5.5	January 1, 2016	July 31, 2016	7.0	-1.5
Potlatch DNR Tidelands	April 1, 2017	August 31, 2017	5.0	April 1, 2016	July 15, 2016	3.5	1.5
Potlatch SP	April 1, 2017	August 31, 2017	5.0	April 1, 2016	July 15, 2016	3.5	1.5
Quilcene Bay Tidelands	January 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	12.0	April 1, 2016	December 31, 2016	9.0	3.0
Sequim Bay SP	January 1, 2017	June 30, 2017	6.0	April 1, 2016	June 30, 2016	3.0	3.0
Twanoh SP	July 15, 2017	September 30, 2017	2.5	August 1, 2016	September 30, 2016	2.0	0.5
West Penn Cove	June 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	7.0	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2016	12.0	-5.0

Attachment B. 2017 Recreational Oyster Season Changes for Public Beaches in Puget Sound

	Recommended 2017	ed 2017 Season	Proposed	2016 Oys	2016 Oyster Season	3016 Season	Carean
Beach Name	Open	Close	Season Length (months)	Open	Close	Length (months)	Change (months)
Drayton West	January 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	12.0	February 1, 2016	October 31,2016	9.0	3.0
Fort Flagler SP	January 1, 2017	April 15, 2017	9.5	May 15, 2016	August 31, 2016	3.5	6.0
Freeland CP	January 1, 2017	May 15, 2017	4.5	March 1, 2016	May 15, 2016	2.5	2.0
Indian Island CP/Lagoon Beach	August 15, 2017	September 30, 2017	1.5	August 15, 2016	September 15, 2016	1.0	0.5
North Bay	September 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	4.0	May 1, 2016 September 1, 2016	May 31, 2016 September 30, 2016	2.0	2.0
Penrose Point SP	March 1, 2017	April 30, 2017	2.0	March 1, 2016	May 15, 2016	2.5	-0.5
Port Gamble Heritage Park	January 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	12.0	January 1, 2016	June 30, 2016	6.0	6.0
Port Townsend Ship Canal/Portage Beach	January 1, 2017	June 15, 2017	5.5	January 1, 2016	July 31, 2016	7.0	-1.5
Potlatch DNR Tidelands	April 1, 2017	August 31, 2017	5.0	April 1, 2016	July 15, 2016	3.5	1.5
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Quilcene Bay Tidelands	January 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	12.0	April 1, 2016	December 31, 2016	0.6	3.0
Sequim Bay SP	January 1, 2017	June 30, 2017	6.0	April 1, 2016	June 30, 2016	3.0	3.0
West Penn Cove	June 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	7.0	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2016	12.0	-5.0

Attachment C. 2017 Clam and Oyster WAC Changes Based on Public Health Considerations

		Recommend	Recommended 2017 Season	Proposed	2016	2016 Season			
Beach Name	Species *	Open	Close	Season Length (months)	Open	Close	Season Length	Season Change (months)	Rationale
Cultus Bay	C & O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2016	12.0	-12.0	Pollution closure
Gertrude Island	0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2016	12.0	-12.0	Pollution closures; was already closed for clams
McNeil Island	0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2016	12.0	-12.0	State correctional facility; was already closed for clams
North Fort Lewis	C&O	January 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	12.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	+12.0	DOH upgrade
Oak Harbor	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2016	12.0	-12.0	Pollution closure
South Gordon Point	C&O	January 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	12.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	+12.0	DOH upgrade
*IInder species C= clam and O=ovster	and O=ovste								

ana U=oyster Under species, C= clar Attachment D. 2017 Clam and Oyster WAC Changes Based on Housekeeping Needs

		Recommende	Recommended 2017 Season	Proposed	2016	2016 Season			
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Beach Name	*	Open	Close	Length	Open	Close	Length	Change (months)	Rationale
				(montns)					
Bay Center Oyster Reserve	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	WAC text change
Blaine Marine Park	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Name changed from Semiahmoo
Eld Inlet Oyster Reserve	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	WAC text change
English Camp	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	WAC text change (name modified)
Garrison Bay	C & O	REMOVE	REMOVE	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Renamed as Guss Island and English Camp
Guss Island	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	WAC text change (name modified)
Howarth/Darlington Beach	C & O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Name modified
Long Island Oyster Reserve	C&O	1/1/17	12/31/17	12.0	1/1/16	12/31/16	12.0	0.0	WAC text change
Long Island Slough Oyster Reserves	C & O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	WAC text change
Mukilteo	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Name modified
Nahcotta Tidelands	U	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Name changed from Willapa Bay
Nahcotta Tidelands	0	1/1/17	12/31/17	12.0	1/1/16	12/31/16	12.0	0.0	Named changed from Willapa Bay
Nemah Oyster Reserve	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	12.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	12.0	WAC text clarification
North Bay**	C&O	9/1/2017	12/31/17	4.0	5/1/2016 9/1/16	5/31/2016 9/30/16	2.0	2.0	WAC text change and clarification
Oakland Bay reserves	C&O	1/1/17	12/31/17	12.0	1/1/16	12/31/16	12.0	0.0	WAC text change and clarification
Oyster Reserves	C & O	REMOVE	REMOVE		N/A	V/N		0.0	Ungrouping Oyster Reserve section to create line items for each reserve
Reid Harbor – South Beach	C&O	REMOVE	REMOVE	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Renamed to align with State Park & DOH names
Semiahmoo	C & O	REMOVE	REMOVE	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Renamed Blaine Marine Park
South Mukilteo	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Name modified
Southworth	C & O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Name modified
Stuart Island SP – Reid Harbor (South Reach)	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Name modified to align with State Park and DOH
Totten Inlet Oyster	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	WAC text change
Willapa Bav	U	REMOVE	REMOVE	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	Renamed Nahcotta Tidelands
Willapa River Oyster Reserve	C&O	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	CLOSED	CLOSED	0.0	0.0	WAC text change
*Under species, C= clam	and O=oyster; *	*For North Bay seaso	*Under species, C= clam and O=oyster; **For North Bay season change details, see Attachments A & B.	tachments A & B.					

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PROPOSED RULE MAKIN	NG CR-102 (June 2004) (Implements RCW 34.05.320) Do NOT use for expedited rule making
Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW	
 Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 16-20-106 or Expedited Rule MakingProposed notice was filed as WSR Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4). 	; or Continuance of WSR
Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) WAC 220-330-110, Clams other than razor clams, mussels – WAC 220-330-120, Clams, oysters, mussels—Unlawful acts; WAC 220-330-140, Oysters – Areas and seasons	
Hearing location(s): Natural Resources Building, Room 172 1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98504	Submit written comments to: Name: Scott Bird WDFW Rules Coordinator Address: 600 Capitol Way N. Olympia WA 98501-1091
Date: <u>August 4-5, 2017</u> Time: <u>8:00 a.m.</u>	e-mail <u>Rules.Coordinator@dfw.wa.gov</u> fax (360) <u>902-2403</u> by (date) <u>August 5, 2017</u> Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact
Date of intended adoption: <u>August 18, 2017</u> (Note: This is NOT the effective date)	Tami Lininger by August 3, 2017 TTY (360) 902-2207 or (360) 902-2267
Recent clam and oyster survey data, sport harvest projections fisheries, along with public health considerations and administ to be extended or shortened on some public beaches. Due to and tribal co-managers agreed that the exception to the states appropriate for this site and this exception should be repealed Reasons supporting proposal: These amendments will perpetuate shellfish resources while republic health.	trative tasks, call for recreational clam and oyster seasons changes in beach ecology at Quilcene Bay Tidelands, state wide minimum size for hardshell clams is no longer I. This proposal reflects these changes.
Statutory authority for adoption: RCWs 77.04.012 and 77.12.047	Statute being implemented: RCWs 77.04.012 and 77.12.047
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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?				
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⊠ No. This rule or	A copy of the statement may be obt Name: Address: phone () fax () e-mail Explain why no statement was prep ly affects recreational shellfishers a	- bared. and there is no small business economic impact.		
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🛛 No:	Please explain: This proposal doe	es not involve hydraulics.		

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-05-112, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17)

WAC 220-330-110 Clams other than razor clams, mussels-Areas and seasons. It is permissible to take, dig for, and possess clams and mussels for personal use from public tidelands year-round, except the following restrictions apply to the public tidelands at the beaches listed below:

(1) Ala Spit: All public tidelands of Ala Spit are open May 1 through May 31 only.

(2) Alki Park: Closed year-round.

(3) Alki Point: Closed year-round.

(4) Bay Center Oyster Reserve (Willapa Harbor reserves): Palix River channel, extending from the Palix River bridge to beyond Bay Center to the north of Goose Point, is closed year-round.

(5) Bay View State Park: Closed year-round.

((((5)))) <u>(6)</u> Belfair State Park: Open year-round.

(((6))) (7) Blaine Marine Park: Closed year-round.

(8) Blake Island State Park Marina: Closed year-round.

((((7))) (9) Blowers Bluff North: Closed year-round.

((((8)))) (10) Brown's Point Lighthouse: Closed year-round.

(((9))) (11) Budd Inlet: All state-owned tidelands of Budd Inlet south of a line drawn due west from the southern boundary of Burfoot Park to the opposite shore near 68th Avenue N.W. are closed yearround.

(((10))) (12) Cama Beach State Park: Closed year-round.

(((11))) (13) Camano Island State Park: Closed year-round.

(((12))) (14) Chimacum Creek Tidelands (Irondale Beach Park): Public tidelands south of the main Chimacum Creek channel are closed year-round.

(((13))) (15) Chuckanut Bay: All tidelands of Chuckanut Bay north of the BNSF Railroad trestle are closed year-round.

(((14))) (16) Coupeville: Closed year-round.

(((15))) (17) Cultus Bay: Closed year-round.

(18) Dave Mackie County Park: Closed year-round.

(((16))) (19) Des Moines City Park: Closed year-round.

(((17))) (20) Discovery Park: Closed year-round.

 $((\frac{18}{19}))$ (21) DNR-142: Closed year-round. $((\frac{19}{19}))$ (22) DNR-144 (Sleeper): Closed year-round.

(((20))) (23) Dockton County Park: Closed year-round.

(((21))) (24) Dosewallips State Park: Open year-round only in the area defined by boundary markers and signs posted on the beach.

(((22))) <u>(25)</u> Dosewallips State Park South: Closed year-round south of the line defined by boundary markers on the beach.

(((23))) (26) Drayton West: All public tidelands of Drayton Harbor are closed year-round, except tidelands identified as ((conditionally)) approved by the department of health and defined by boundary markers and signs posted on the beach are open ((February 1 through October 31)) year-round.

(((24))) (27) Dungeness Spit and Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge Tidelands: Open May 15 through September 30 only.

(((25))) (28) Eagle Creek: Open July 1 through July 31 only.

(((26))) (29) East San de Fuca: Tidelands east of the Rolling Hills Glencairn Community dock are closed year-round.

(((27))) <u>(30) Eld Inlet Oyster Reserves (Mud Bay reserves):</u> <u>Closed year-round.</u>

(31) English Camp: Tidelands between the National Park Service dinghy dock to the southern park boundary are closed year-round.

(32) Evergreen Rotary Park (Port Washington Narrows): Closed year-round.

(((28))) <u>(33)</u> Fay Bainbridge Park: Closed year-round.

((29))) <u>(34)</u> Fort Flagler State Park: Open ((May 15 through August 31)) January 1 through April 15 and July 1 through December 31 only, except that portion of Rat Island and the spit west and south of the park boundary is closed year-round from two white posts on the north end of the island at the vegetation line south to the end of the island.

(((30))) <u>(35)</u> Freeland County Park: Open ((March)) <u>January</u> 1 through May 15 only.

(((31))) <u>(36)</u> Frye Cove County Park: Open May 1 through May 31 only.

(((32))) <u>(37)</u> Fudge Point State Park: Closed year-round.

((33) Garrison Bay: The tidelands at Guss Island and those tidelands at British Camp between the National Park Service dinghy dock at the north end and the park boundary at the south end are closed year round.

(34))) (38) Gertrude Island: All tidelands ((at)) of Gertrude Island are closed year-round.

(((35))) (39) Golden Gardens: Closed year-round.

(((36))) <u>(40)</u> Graveyard Spit: Closed year-round.

(((37))) <u>(41)</u> Guss Island: All tidelands of Guss Island are closed year-round.

(42) Hoodsport: Tidelands at Hoodsport Salmon Hatchery are closed year-round.

(((38))) (43) Hope Island State Park (South Puget Sound): Open May 1 through May 31 only.

(((39))) <u>(44)</u> Howarth Park/Darlington Beach: Closed year-round.

(((40))) (45) Illahee State Park: Open April 1 through July 31 only.

((41)) (46) Indian Island County Park/Lagoon Beach: From the jetty boundary with Port Townsend Ship Canal east to the beach access stairs on Flagler Road near milepost 4 open August 15 through September ((15)) 30 only.

(((42))) <u>(47)</u> Kayak Point County Park: Closed year-round.

(((43))) <u>(48)</u> Kitsap Memorial State Park: Closed year-round.

(((44))) (49) Kopachuck State Park: Open June 1 through July 31 only.

(((45))) <u>(50)</u> Lent Landing (Port Washington Narrows): Closed year-round.

(((46))) (51) Liberty Bay: All state-owned tidelands in Liberty Bay north and west of the Keyport Naval Supply Center are closed year-round.

(((47))) <u>(52)</u> Lincoln Park: Closed year-round.

(((48))) <u>(53)</u> Lions Park (Bremerton): Closed year-round.

(((49))) <u>(54)</u> Lofall: Closed year-round.

((50))) <u>(55)</u> Long Island Oyster Reserve (Willapa Harbor reserves): Diamond Point on the northwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 39 and 41 and Pinnacle Rock on the southwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 58 and 59 is open year-round.

(56) Long Island Slough Oyster Reserve (Willapa Harbor reserves): Closed year-round. (57) Long Point West: Closed year-round.

(((51))) (58) Lower Roto Vista Park: Closed year-round.

 $((\frac{52}{53}))$ Manchester State Park: Closed year-round. $((\frac{53}{53}))$ March Point Recreation Area: Closed year-round.

(((54))) (61) McNeil Island: All tidelands ((on)) of McNeil Island are closed year-round.

(((55))) <u>(62)</u> Meadowdale County Park: Closed year-round.

((((56)))) (63) Mee-Kwa-Mooks Park: Closed year-round.

((((57))) <u>(64)</u> Monroe Landing: Closed year-round.

(((58))) <u>(65)</u> Mukilteo ((State Park)): Closed year-round.

(((59))) (66) Mystery Bay State Park: Open October 1 through April 30 only.

(((60))) (67) Nahcotta Tidelands: State-owned tidelands east of the Willapa Bay Field Station and Nahcotta Tidelands interpretive site are closed year-round.

(68) Nemah Oyster Reserve (Willapa Harbor reserves): Oyster reserves between reserve monuments 10 and 11 are closed year-round.

(69) Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge: All state-owned tidelands of the Nisqually River delta south of a line drawn from Luhr Beach boat ramp to Sequalitchew Creek are closed year-round.

((((61))) (70) North Bay (Case Inlet): State-owned oyster reserves and contiguous state-owned tidelands south and east of the powerline crossing are open September 1 through December 31 only.

(71) North Beach County Park: Closed year-round.

(((62) North Fort Lewis: Closed year-round.

(63))) (72) North Tabook Point: Closed year-round.

(((64))) (73) Oak Bay County Park: Open May 1 through May 31 only.

(((65))) <u>(74) Oak Harbor: Closed year-round.</u>

(75) Oak Harbor Beach Park: Closed year-round.

((((66))) <u>(76)</u> Oak Harbor City Park: Closed year-round.

((((67))) (77) Oakland Bay: State-owned oyster reserves are open year-round except in areas defined by boundary markers and signs posted on the beach.

(78) Old Mill County Park (Silverdale): Closed year-round.

((((68))) (79) Olympia Shoal: Closed year-round.

(((69) Oyster Reserves: Puget Sound and Willapa Bay state oyster reserves are closed year-round except as follows:

(a) North Bay: State owned oyster reserves and contiguous stateowned tidelands south and east of the powerline crossing are open May 1 through May 31 and September 1 through September 30 only.

(b) Oakland Bay: State owned oyster reserves open year round except in areas defined by boundary markers and signs posted on the beach.

(c) Willapa Bay - Long Island oyster reserve: Northwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 39 and 41 and southwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 58 and 59 are open year-round.

(70))) (80) Pat Carey Vista Park: Closed year-round.

(((71))) (81) Penrose Point State Park: Open March 1 through ((May 15)) April 30 only.

(((72))) <u>(82)</u> Picnic Point County Park: Closed year-round.

(((73))) <u>(83)</u> Pitship Point: Closed year-round.

(((74))) <u>(84)</u> Pitt Island: All tidelands on Pitt Island are closed year-round.

(((75))) <u>(85)</u> Pleasant Harbor State Park: Closed year-round.

(((76))) (86) Pleasant Harbor WDFW Boat Launch: Closed yearround.

(((77))) <u>(87)</u> Point Defiance: Closed year-round.

(((78))) <u>(88)</u> Point No Point South: Closed year-round.

(((79))) (89) Point Whitney Lagoon: Open January 1 through April 30 only.

(((80))) (90) Point Whitney Tidelands (excluding Point Whitney Lagoon): Open January 1 through March ((15)) <u>31</u> only.

(((81))) <u>(91)</u> Port Angeles Harbor: All public tidelands of Port Angeles Harbor and interior tidelands of Ediz Hook are closed yearround.

(((82))) <u>(92)</u> Port Gamble Heritage Park Tidelands: Open ((January 1 through June 30 only)) year-round.

((((83))) <u>(93)</u> Port Gardner: Closed year-round.

(((84))) (94) Port Townsend Ship Canal/Portage Beach: Open January 1 through ((July 31)) June 15 only.

(((85))) (<u>95)</u> Post Point: Closed year-round. (((86))) (<u>96)</u> Potlatch DNR tidelands: Open April 1 through ((July 15)) August 31 only.

(((87))) <u>(97)</u> Potlatch State Park: Open April 1 through ((July 15)) <u>August 31</u> only.

(((88))) (98) Priest Point County Park: Closed year-round.

(((89))) <u>(99)</u> Purdy Spit County Park: The southern shore of the spit from the boat ramp east to the southern utility tower near Purdy Bridge is open April 1 through April 30 only.

(((90))) (100) Quilcene Bay Tidelands: All state-owned tidelands in Quilcene Bay north of a line drawn from the Quilcene Boat Haven to Fisherman's Point are closed to the harvest of clams year-round, except those state-owned tidelands on the west side of the bay north of the Quilcene Boat Haven are open ((April 1 through December 31, daily from official sunrise to official sunset only.

(91) Reid Harbor - South Beach: Closed year-round.

(92)) year-round.

(101) Retsil: Closed year-round.

(((93))) (102) Richmond Beach Saltwater Park: Closed year-round.

(((94))) (103) Salt Creek Recreation Area (DNR-419): Closed yearround.

(((95))) (104) Saltair Beach (Kingston Ferry Terminal): Closed year-round.

 $((\frac{96}{100}))$ (105) Saltwater State Park: Closed year-round.

 $((\frac{97}{}))$ (106) Samish Bay: Public tidelands of Samish Bay between Scotts Point and an unnamed point on the shore (latitude N48.5745°; longitude W122.4440°) are closed year-round.

(((98))) (107) Scenic Beach State Park: Closed year-round.

(((99))) (108) Seahurst County Park: Closed year-round.

(((100) Semiahmoo: Closed year-round.

(101))) (109) Semiahmoo County Park: Closed year-round.

(((102))) (110) Semiahmoo Marina: Closed year-round.

(((103))) (111) Sequim Bay State Park: Open ((April)) January 1 through June 30 only.

(((104))) (112) Shine Tidelands State Park: Open January 1 through May 15 only.

(((105))) <u>(113)</u> Silverdale Waterfront Park: Closed year-round.

(((106))) <u>(114)</u> Sinclair Inlet: All public tidelands of Sinclair Inlet west of a line drawn from the intersection of Bancroft Road and Beach Drive East northerly to Point Herron are closed year-round.

(((107))) <u>(115)</u> Skagit Bay Estuary Wildlife Areas: All public tidelands of Skagit Bay Estuary Wildlife Area, Fir Island Farms Reserve Wildlife Area, Island Wildlife Area, Camano Island Wildlife Area and Leque Island Wildlife Area are closed year-round.

(((108))) (116) South Carkeek Park: Closed year-round.

(((109) South Gordon Point: Closed year-round.

(110))) (117) South Mukilteo ((Park)): Closed year-round.

((((111))) (118) Southworth ((Ferry Dock)): Closed year-round.

(((112))) <u>(119)</u> Spencer Spit State Park: Open March 1 through July 31 only.

(((113))) <u>(120)</u> Stuart Island State Park – Reid Harbor (South Beach): Closed year-round.

(121) Taylor Bay: Closed year-round.

(((114))) <u>(122) Totten Inlet Oyster Reserve (Oyster Bay re-</u> serves): Closed year-round.

(123) Triton Cove Tidelands: Open July 15 through August 31 only.

(((115))) <u>(124)</u> Twanoh State Park: Open ((August 1)) <u>July 15</u> through September 30 only.

(((116))) <u>(125)</u> Walker County Park: Closed year-round.

(((117))) (126) West Dewatto: DNR Beach 44A open July 1 through September 30 only.

(((118))) <u>(127)</u> West Pass Access: Closed year-round.

(((119) Willapa Bay: State-owned tidelands east of the department Willapa Bay Field Station and Nahcotta Tidelands Interpretive Site are closed year-round.

(120))) (128) West Penn Cove: From the property boundary at the Grasser's Lagoon access on Highway 20 to the dock extending across the tidelands from Captain Whidbey Inn on Madrona Road open June 1 through December 31 only.

(129) Willapa River Oyster Reserve (Willapa Harbor reserves): Reserves located in the Willapa River channel extending west and upriver from a point approximately one-quarter mile from the blinker light marking the division of Willapa River channel and the North River channel are closed year-round.

(130) Wolfe Property State Park: Open January 1 through May 15 only.

(((121))) <u>(131)</u> Woodard Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area: Closed year-round.

It is permissible to take, dig for, and possess clams, cockles, borers, and mussels, not including razor clams, for personal use in Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor year-round, except from state oyster reserves, which are closed to clam digging year-round.

It is permissible to take, dig for, and possess clams, cockles, borers, and mussels, not including razor clams, for personal use from the Pacific Ocean beaches from November 1 through March 31 only.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-05-112, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17)

WAC 220-330-120 Clams, oysters, mussels—Unlawful acts. (1) It is unlawful to take, dig for and possess clams (excluding razor clams), cockles, and mussels taken for personal use except by hand or with hand-operated forks, picks, mattocks, rakes and shovels. Violation of this subsection is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160. (2) It is unlawful to take, dig for and possess razor clams taken for personal use except by hand, shovels or with cylindrical cans, tubes or hinged digging devices. The opening of tubes or cans must be either circular or elliptical with the circular can/tube having a minimum outside diameter of 4 inches and the elliptical can/tube having a minimum dimension of 4 inches long and 3 inches wide outside diameter. The hinged digging device when opened in a cylindrical position, must have a minimum outside diameter of 4 inches at the bottom. Violation of this subsection is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160.

(3) Any newly designed or modified digging device intended for the recreational use of razor clams must receive the specific approval of the director of fish and wildlife.

(4) In the field each digger, including holders of razor clam disability permits, must have his or her daily limit in a separate container. Violation of this subsection is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160.

(5) It is unlawful to possess shellfish taken with gear that violates the provisions of this section. Possession of shellfish while using gear in violation of the provisions of this section is a rebuttable presumption that the shellfish were taken with such gear. Possession of such shellfish is punishable under RCW 77.15.380 Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree—Penalty, unless the shellfish are taken in the amounts or manner to constitute a violation of RCW 77.15.370 Unlawful recreational fishing in the first degree—Penalty.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person digging clams other than razor clams for personal use to fail to fill in holes created during the digging operation. Beach terrain must be returned to approximately its original condition by clam diggers before leaving the scene.

(7) It shall be unlawful to maim, injure or attempt to capture a geoduck by thrusting any instrument through its siphon or to possess only the siphon or neck portion of a geoduck.

(8) Oysters taken for personal use must be shucked before removing oysters from the intertidal zone and the shells replaced on the tidelands at the approximate tide level from which originally taken and it shall be unlawful for any person to fail to do so.

(9) It is unlawful to possess Manila, native littleneck, cockle, or butter clams taken for personal use which measure less than 1-1/2 inches across the longest dimension of the shell ((except minimum size 1-1/4 inches if taken from public tidelands on the west side of Quil-cene Bay north of the county boat ramp)).

(10) It is unlawful to return any eastern softshells, horse clams, or geoducks to the beach or water regardless of size or condition. All such clams taken for personal use must be retained by the digger as part of the daily limit.

(11) Violation of the provisions of this section shall be an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-05-112, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17)

WAC 220-330-140 Oysters—Areas and seasons. It is permissible to take and possess oysters for personal use from public tidelands

year-round except the following restrictions apply to the public tidelands at the beaches listed below:

(1) Ala Spit: All public tidelands of Ala Spit open May 1 through May 31 only.

(2) Alki Park: Closed year-round.

(3) Alki Point: Closed year-round.

(4) <u>Bay Center Oyster Reserve (Willapa Harbor reserves): Palix</u> River channel, extending from the Palix River bridge to beyond Bay Center to the north of Goose Point, is closed year-round.

(5) Bay View State Park: Closed year-round.

((((5))) <u>(6)</u> Blaine Marine Park: Closed year-round.

(7) Blake Island State Park Marina: Closed year-round.

((((6))) (8) Blowers Bluff North: Closed year-round.

(((7))) (9) Brown's Point Lighthouse: Closed year-round.

(((8))) <u>(10)</u> Budd Inlet: All state-owned tidelands of Budd Inlet south of a line drawn from the southern boundary of Burfoot Park to the opposite shore near 68th Avenue N.W. are closed year-round.

(((9))) <u>(11)</u> Cama Beach State Park: Closed year-round.

(((10))) (12) Camano Island State Park: Closed year-round.

(((11) Chuckanut Bay: All tidelands of Chuckanut Bay north of the BNSF Railroad trestle are closed year-round.

(12))) (13) Chimacum Creek Tidelands (Irondale Beach Park): Public tidelands south of the main Chimacum Creek channel are closed year-round.

(((13))) (14) Chuckanut Bay: All tidelands of Chuckanut Bay north of the BNSF Railroad trestle are closed year-round.

(15) Coupeville: Closed year-round.

(((14))) (16) Cultus Bay: Closed year-round.

(17) Dave Mackie County Park: Closed year-round.

(((15))) (18) Des Moines City Park: Closed year-round.

(((16))) (19) Discovery Park: Closed year-round.

 $((\frac{17}{18}))$ (20) DNR-142: Closed year-round. $((\frac{18}{18}))$ (21) DNR-144 (Sleeper): Closed year-round.

(((19))) (22) Dockton County Park: Closed year-round.

(((20))) (23) Dosewallips State Park: Open year-round only in the area defined by boundary markers and signs posted on the beach.

(((21))) <u>(24)</u> Dosewallips State Park South: Closed year-round south of the line defined by boundary markers on the beach.

(((22))) <u>(25)</u> Drayton West: All public tidelands of Drayton Harbor are closed year-round, except tidelands identified as ((conditionally)) approved by the department of health and defined by boundary markers and signs posted on the beach are open ((February 1 through October 31 only)) year-round.

(((23))) <u>(26)</u> Dungeness Spit/National Wildlife Refuge: Open May 15 through September 30 only.

(((24))) <u>(27)</u> East San de Fuca: Tidelands east of the Rolling Hills Glencairn Community dock are closed year-round.

(((25))) (28) Eld Inlet Oyster Reserves (Mud Bay reserves): Closed year-round.

(29) English Camp: Tidelands between the National Park Service dinghy dock to the southern park boundary are closed year-round.

(30) Evergreen Rotary Park (Port Washington Narrows): Closed year-round.

(((26))) <u>(31)</u> Fay Bainbridge Park: Closed year-round.

(((27))) (32) Fort Flagler State Park: Open ((May 15 through August 31)) January 1 through April 15 and July 1 through December 31 only, except that portion of Rat Island and the spit west and south of

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the park boundary is closed year-round from two white posts on the north end of the island at the vegetation line south to the end of the island.

(((28))) <u>(33)</u> Freeland County Park: Open ((March)) <u>January</u> 1 through May 15 only.

(((29))) <u>(34)</u> Frye Cove County Park: Open May 1 through May 31 only.

(((30))) <u>(35)</u> Fudge Point State Park: Closed year-round.

(((31) Garrison Bay: The tidelands at Guss Island and those tidelands at British Camp between the National Park Service dinghy dock at the north end and the park boundary at the south end are closed yearround.

(32))) (36) Gertrude Island: All tidelands of Gertrude Island are closed year-round.

(37) Golden Gardens: Closed year-round.

(((33))) (38) Graveyard Spit: Closed year-round.

(((34))) <u>(39)</u> Guss Island: All tidelands of Guss Island are closed year-round.

(40) Hoodsport: Tidelands at the Hoodsport Salmon Hatchery are closed year-round.

(((35))) <u>(41)</u> Hope Island State Park (South Puget Sound): Open May 1 through May 31 only.

(((36))) <u>(42)</u> Howarth Park/Darlington Beach: Closed year-round.

(((37))) (43) Illahee State Park: Open April 1 through July 31 only.

(((38))) (44) Indian Island County Park/Lagoon Beach: From the jetty boundary with Port Townsend Ship Canal east to the beach access stairs on Flagler Road near milepost 4 open August 15 through September ((15)) 30 only.

(((39))) <u>(45)</u> Kayak Point County Park: Closed year-round.

(((40))) (46) Kitsap Memorial State Park: Closed year-round.

(((41))) (47) Kopachuck State Park: Open March 1 through July 31 only.

(((42))) (48) Lent Landing (Port Washington Narrows): Closed year-round.

(((43))) <u>(49)</u> Liberty Bay: All state-owned tidelands in Liberty Bay north and west of the Keyport Naval Supply Center are closed year-round.

(((44))) (50) Lincoln Park: Closed year-round.

(((45))) (51) Lions Park (Bremerton): Closed year-round.

(((46))) (52) Lofall: Closed year-round.

(((47))) <u>(53)</u> Long Island Oyster Reserve (Willapa Harbor reserves): Diamond Point on the northwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 39 and 41 and Pinnacle Rock on the southwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 58 and 59 is open year-round.

(54) Long Island Slough Oyster Reserve (Willapa Harbor reserves): Closed year-round.

(55) Long Point West: Closed year-round.

(((48))) (56) Lower Roto Vista Park: Closed year-round.

(((49))) <u>(57)</u> Manchester State Park: Closed year-round.

(((50))) <u>(58)</u> March Point Recreation Area: Closed year-round.

(((51))) <u>(59) McNeil Island: All tidelands of McNeil Island are closed year-round.</u>

(60) Meadowdale County Park: Closed year-round.

(((52))) <u>(61)</u> Mee-Kwa-Mooks Park: Closed year-round.

(((53))) <u>(62)</u> Monroe Landing: Closed year-round.

(((54))) <u>(63)</u> Mukilteo ((State Park)): Closed year-round.

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(((55))) <u>(64)</u> Mystery Bay State Park: Open October 1 through April 30 only.

(((56))) (65) Nahcotta Tidelands: State-owned tidelands east of the Willapa Bay Field Station and Nahcotta Tidelands interpretive site are open year-round.

(66) Nemah Oyster Reserve (Willapa Harbor reserves): Oyster reserves between reserve monuments 10 and 11 are closed year-round.

(67) Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge: All state-owned tidelands of the Nisqually River delta south of a line drawn from Luhr Beach boat ramp to Sequalitchew Creek are closed year-round.

(((57))) (68) North Bay (Case Inlet): State-owned oyster reserves and contiguous state-owned tidelands south and east of the powerline crossing are open September 1 through December 31 only.

(69) North Beach County Park: Closed year-round.

(((58) North Fort Lewis: Closed year-round.

(59))) (70) North Tabook Point: Closed year-round.

(((60))) <u>(71)</u> Oak Bay County Park: Open May 1 through May 31 only.

(((61))) <u>(72) Oak Harbor: Closed year-round.</u>

(73) Oak Harbor Beach Park: Closed year-round.

(((62))) <u>(74)</u> Oak Harbor City Park: Closed year-round. (((63))) <u>(75) Oakland Bay: State-owned oyster reserves are open</u> year-round except in areas defined by boundary markers and signs posted on the beach.

(76) Old Mill County Park (Silverdale): Closed year-round.

((((64))) (77) Olympia Shoal: Closed year-round.

(((65) Oyster Reserves: Puget Sound and Willapa Bay oyster reserves are closed year-round except as follows:

(a) North Bay: State-owned reserves and contiguous state-owned tidelands south and east of the powerline crossing are open May 1 through May 31 and September 1 through September 30 only.

(b) Oakland Bay: State owned oyster reserves are open year round except in areas defined by boundary markers and signs posted on the beach.

(c) Willapa Bay - Long Island oyster reserve: Northwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 39 and 41 and southwest side of Long Island between reserve monuments 58 and 59 are open year-round.

(66))) (78) Pat Carey Vista Park: Closed year-round.

(((67))) (79) Penrose Point State Park: Open March 1 through ((May 15)) April 30 only.

((((68))) <u>(80)</u> Pitship Point: Closed year-round.

(((69))) (81) Picnic Point County Park: Closed year-round.

(((70))) <u>(82)</u> Pitt Island: Closed year-round.

(((71))) <u>(83)</u> Pleasant Harbor State Park: Closed year-round.

(((72))) (84) Pleasant Harbor WDFW Boat Launch: Closed yearround.

(((73))) <u>(85)</u> Point Defiance: Closed year-round.

 $((\overline{(74)}))$ (86) Point No Point South: Closed year-round.

(((75))) (87) Point Whitney Tidelands (excluding Point Whitney Lagoon): Open January 1 through June 30 only.

(((76))) <u>(88)</u> Port Angeles Harbor: All public tidelands of Port Angeles Harbor and interior tidelands of Ediz Hook are closed yearround.

(((77))) <u>(89)</u> Port Gamble Heritage Park Tidelands: Open ((January 1 through June 30 only)) year-round.

(((78))) (<u>90)</u> Port Gardner: Closed year-round.

(((79))) <u>(91)</u> Port Townsend Ship Canal/Portage Beach: Open January 1 through ((July 31)) <u>June 15</u> only.

(((80))) <u>(92)</u> Post Point: Closed year-round. (((81))) <u>(93)</u> Potlatch DNR Tidelands: Open April 1 through ((July 15)) August 31 only.

 $((\overline{(82)}))$ <u>(94)</u> Potlatch State Park: Open April 1 through $((\overline{3}))$ <u>August 31</u> only.

(((83))) <u>(95)</u> Priest Point County Park: Closed year-round.

(((84))) (96) Purdy Spit County Park: The southern shore of the spit from the boat ramp east to the southern utility tower near Purdy Bridge is open April 1 through April 30 only.

(((85))) <u>(97)</u> Quilcene Bay Tidelands: All state-owned tidelands in Quilcene Bay north of a line drawn from the Quilcene Boat Haven to Fisherman's Point are closed year-round except those state-owned tidelands on the west side of the bay north of the Quilcene Boat Haven are open ((April 1 through December 31, daily from official sunrise to official sunset, only.

(86) Reid Harbor - South Beach: Closed year-round.

(87))) year-round.

(98) Retsil: Closed year-round.

(((88))) (<u>99)</u> Richmond Beach Saltwater Park: Closed year-round.

(((89))) (100) Salt Creek Recreation Area (DNR-419): Closed yearround.

(((90))) (101) Saltair Beach (Kingston Ferry Terminal): Closed year-round.

(((91))) (102) Saltwater State Park: Closed year-round.

(((92))) (103) Samish Bay: Public tidelands of Samish Bay between Scotts Point and an unnamed point on the shore (latitude N48.5745°; longitude W122.4440°) are closed year-round.

(((93))) (104) Scenic Beach State Park: Closed year-round.

(((94))) (105) Seahurst County Park: Closed year-round.

(((95) Semiahmoo: Closed year-round.

(96))) (106) Semiahmoo County Park: Closed year-round.

(((97))) <u>(107)</u> Semiahmoo Marina: Closed year-round.

(((98))) <u>(108)</u> Sequim Bay State Park: Open ((April)) <u>January</u> 1 through June 30 only.

(((99))) (109) Shine Tidelands State Park: Open January 1 through May 15 only.

(((100))) <u>(110)</u> Silverdale Waterfront Park: Closed year-round.

(((101))) (111) Sinclair Inlet: All public tidelands of Sinclair Inlet west of a line drawn from the intersection of Bancroft Road and Beach Drive East northerly to Point Herron are closed year-round.

(((102))) <u>(112)</u> Skagit Bay Estuary Wildlife Areas: All public tidelands of the Skagit Bay Estuary Wildlife Area, Fir Island Farms Reserve Wildlife Area, Island Wildlife Area, Camano Island Wildlife Area and Leque Island Wildlife Area are closed year-round.

(((103))) (113) South Carkeek Park: Closed year-round.

(((104) South Gordon Point: Closed year-round.

(105))) (114) South Mukilteo ((Park)): Closed year-round.

(((106))) <u>(115)</u> Southworth ((Ferry Dock)): Closed year-round.

(((107))) (116) Spencer Spit State Park: Open March 1 through July 31 only.

(((108))) (117) Stuart Island State Park - Reid Harbor (South Beach): Closed year-round.

(118) Taylor Bay: Closed year-round.

((((109))) (119) Totten Inlet Oyster Reserve (Oyster Bay reserves): Closed year-round.

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(120) Walker County Park: Closed year-round.

((((110))) (121) West Pass Access: Closed year-round.

(((111) Willapa Bay: State-owned tidelands east of the department Willapa Bay Field Station and the Nahcotta Tidelands Interpretive Site are open only between boundary markers and posted signs.

(112))) (122) West Penn Cove: From the property boundary at the Grasser's Lagoon access on Highway 20 to the dock extending across the tidelands from Captain Whidbey Inn on Madrona Road open June 1 through December 31 only.

(123) Willapa River Oyster Reserve (Willapa Harbor reserves): Reserves located in the Willapa River channel extending west and upriver from a point approximately one-quarter mile from the blinker light marking the division of Willapa River channel and the North River channel are closed year-round.

(124) Wolfe Property State Park: Open January 1 through May 15 only.

(((113))) (125) Woodard Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area: Closed year-round.