Shellfish Growing Areas Closed for Commercial Harvest by DOH

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This report is provided by the Washington State Department of Health, Office of Environmental Health and Safety as a service to the shellfish industry and partner agencies. The growing area closures listed below are for commercial harvest only – not for recreational harvest. These closures are temporary and do not represent changes in growing area classification.

Growing Areas With Ongoing Closures

ANNAS BAY GROWING AREA IN MASON COUNTY
Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 05/01/2022  Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE  Re-opens on: 12/01/2022
The Conditionally Approved portion of Annas Bay around Hood Canal Marina (at Union) is seasonally closed from May 1 through November 30 each year.

HOOD CANAL #3 GROWING AREA IN JEFFERSON COUNTY
Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 05/01/2022  Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE  Re-opens on: 11/01/2022
The Conditionally Approved portion of Hood Canal 3 Growing Area at the mouth of the Duckabush River is closed from May 1st through October 31st, based on seasonal water quality conditions.

KILISUT HARBOR GROWING AREA
Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 09/15/2022  Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN  Closed Until Further Notice
The PSP toxin result on 9/15/22 was 328 micrograms of toxin in oysters and 991 micrograms of toxin in mussels collected on 9/13/22

MYSTERY BAY GROWING AREA
Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 09/15/2022  Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN  Closed Until Further Notice
The PSP toxin result was 991 micrograms of toxin in mussels collected on 9/13/22.

PORTAGE BAY GROWING AREA IN WHATCOM COUNTY
Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 09/01/2022  Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE  Re-opens on: 01/01/2023
The Conditionally Approved portion of Portage Bay will be closed from September 1st through December 31st, based on water quality conditions.

POVERTY BAY GROWING AREA IN KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES
Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 06/01/2022  Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE  Re-opens on: 12/01/2022
The Conditionally Approved portion of Poverty Bay will be closed from June 1st through November 30th, based on seasonal water quality conditions.

SEQUIM BAY GROWING AREA
Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 09/06/2022  Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN  Closed Until Further Notice
Update 9/8/22: This closure was updated to closed to all species of shellfish. The PSP result on 9/8/22 was 101 micrograms of toxin in manila clams and 359 micrograms in blue mussels. Previously this was a geoduck only closure.

The biotoxin results on 9/6/22 were 379 micrograms of PSP toxin and 39 micrograms of DSP toxin in geoducks.

Recently Opened Growing Areas

BLAKE ISLAND GROWING AREA IN KITSAP COUNTY

Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 05/01/2022 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opened on: 10/01/2022

The Conditionally Approved portion of Blake Island (three areas around mooring buoys) is closed seasonally from May 1 through September 30 each year.

HOOD CANAL #6 GROWING AREA IN MASON COUNTY

Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 05/01/2022 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opened on: 10/01/2022

The Conditionally Approved portion of Hood Canal 6 (the area 210 yards in each shoreline direction from the center of the Alderbrook Resort & Spa dock) is seasonally closed from May 1 through September 30 each year.

HOOD CANAL #8 GROWING AREA IN MASON COUNTY

Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 05/01/2022 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opened on: 10/01/2022

The Conditionally Approved portion of Hood Canal 8 at Twanoh State Park (120 yards along shore to the northwest of the culvert discharge of the wading pool to 100 feet southeast of the pumpout dock) is seasonally closed from May 1 to September 30 each year.

LIBERTY BAY GROWING AREA IN KITSAP COUNTY

Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 05/01/2022 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opened on: 10/01/2022

The Conditionally Approved portion of Liberty Bay is seasonally closed from May 1 through September 30 each year.

MATS MATS BAY GROWING AREA IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 06/01/2022 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opened on: 10/01/2022

The Conditionally Approved portion of the growing area is closed due to boating activities.

MYSTERY BAY GROWING AREA IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 05/01/2022 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opened on: 10/01/2022

The Conditionally Approved portion of Mystery Bay is closed seasonally from May 1 through September 30 each year due to boating activities.

QUILCENE BAY GROWING AREA IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

Closure for: All Species
Closure Date: 05/01/2022 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opened on: 10/01/2022

The Conditionally Approved portion of Quilcene Bay around the Quilcene Boat Basin is seasonally closed from May 1 through September 30 each year.
For more information about commercial closures, please contact: Washington State Department of Health, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, (360) 236-3330.