

# 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: 05/01/2020

Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE

Re-opens on: 12/01/2020

The Conditionally Approved portion of Annas Bay around Hood Canal Marina (at Union) is seasonally closed from May 1 through November 30 each year.

### BAINBRIDGE SOUTH GROWING AREA

Closure for: Geoducks

Geoduck Tract Number: 07850 - Restoration Point

Closure Date: 09/11/2017

Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN

Closed Until Further Notice

The PSP result on 9/11/17 was 128 micrograms of toxin.

### DISCOVERY BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: Geoducks

Closure Date: 10/02/2020

Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN

Closed Until Further Notice

The PSP result on 10/2/20 was 205 micrograms of toxin.

### EAST STRAITS GROWING AREA

Closure for: Geoducks

Geoduck Tract Number: 00320 - DUNGENESS WEST

Closure Date: 05/11/2020

Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN

Closed Until Further Notice

The PSP result on 05/11/20 was 97 micrograms of toxin.

### HARSTINE EAST GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 08/27/2020

Closure Reason: EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Closed Until Further Notice

Based on issues with the outfall at the Harstene Pointe WWTP, 3,000 ft along the northeast shoreline of the island within the Harstine East Growing Area including Geoduck Tract 15500 (Dougall Point) is closed for commercial shellfish harvest.

### HOOD CANAL #3 GROWING AREA IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 05/01/2020

Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE

Re-opens on: 11/01/2020

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.

### KALALOCH GROWING AREA IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 09/01/2020

Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE

Re-opens on: 12/31/2020

The Conditionally Approved portion of the Kalaloch Growing Area is closed from September 1 through December 31, based on seasonal water quality conditions.

#### LOPEZ SOUND GROWING AREA

Closure for: Scallop

Closure Date: 03/04/2020

Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN

Closed Until Further Notice

The PSP toxin result on 03/04/20 was 147 micrograms in pink scallops

#### MYSTERY BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: Manila Clams

Closure Date: 07/27/2020

Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN

Closed Until Further Notice

Update 8/19/20: The biotoxin closure for oysters has been lifted. Manila clams remain closed due to elevated levels of PSP toxin.

The PSP result was 547 micrograms of toxin in pacific oysters on 7/27/20 and 143 micrograms of PSP toxin on 7/24/20.

#### PORT GAMBLE GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 08/25/2020

Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN

Closed Until Further Notice

Update 9/22/20: The biotoxin closure has been lifted for the Gravel Plot harvest area. All other harvest locations remain closed due to elevated levels of PSP toxin.

Update 8/26/20: The PSP result was 240 micrograms of toxin in oysters on 8/26/20.

The PSP result was 444 micrograms of toxin in manila clams on 8/25/20.

#### PORTAGE BAY GROWING AREA IN WHATCOM COUNTY

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 10/01/2020

Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE

Re-opens on: 12/31/2020

The Conditionally Approved portion of Portage Bay will be closed from October 1st through December 31st, based on seasonal water quality conditions.

#### POVERTY BAY GROWING AREA IN KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 06/01/2020

Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE

Re-opens on: 12/01/2020

The Conditionally Approved portion of Poverty Bay will be closed from June 1st through November 30th, based on seasonal water quality conditions.

#### SAMISH BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: Geoducks

Closure Date: 07/30/2019

Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN

Closed Until Further Notice

This closure was updated on 9/11/19 to closed to geoduck clams only. Previously this closure was changed on 8/28/19 to an all species closure due to a PSP toxin result of 104 micrograms in oysters and 489 micrograms of toxin in geoduck clams. The PSP toxin result on 07/30/19 was 118 micrograms in geoduck clams.

### **Recently Opened Growing Areas**

#### ANNAS BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 10/12/2020

Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE

Re-opened on: 10/21/2020

The Conditionally Approved portion of Annas Bay (Skokomish River delta) is closed on 10/11/2020 at 9:45 PM to commercial shellfish harvest due to the Skokomish River exceeding 15.0 feet.

The Conditionally Approved portion of Annas Bay (Skokomish River delta) will open for shellfish harvesting on 10/21/2020 at 5:15 PM.

**For more information about commercial closures, please contact: Washington State Department of Health, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, (360) 236-3330.**