

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: 05/01/2019

Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE

Re-opens on: 12/01/2019

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: Mussels

Closure Date: 09/18/2019

Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN

Closed Until Further Notice

The blue mussel PSP result on 9/18/19 was 101 micrograms of toxin.

POINT PARTRIDGE GROWING AREA

Closure for: Geoducks

Geoduck Tract Number: 03100 - Point Partridge

Closure Date: 08/29/2019

Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN

Closed Until Further Notice

The PSP result on 8/29/19 was 152 micrograms of toxin.

PORTAGE BAY GROWING AREA IN WHATCOM COUNTY

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 10/01/2019

Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE

Re-opens on: 01/01/2020

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: 06/01/2019

Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE

Re-opens on: 12/01/2019

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.

SEQUIM BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 09/25/2019

Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN

Closed Until Further Notice

Update 11/6/19: Manila clams are closed for harvest from South End/Blyn. ASP results on 11/6/19 was 33ppm of toxin in manila clams. All other shellfish species from all other areas of Sequim Bay are still closed.

Update 10/30/19: Manila clams and oysters from South End /Blyn are open for harvest. All other shellfish species from all other areas of Sequim Bay are still closed.

Update 10/23/19: Oysters only from South End /Blyn are open for harvest. All other shellfish species from all other areas of Sequim Bay are still closed.

The PSP result on 9/25/19 was 166 micrograms of toxin in Pacific oysters and 239 micrograms of toxin in manila clams.

Recently Opened Growing Areas

GRAYS HARBOR GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 11/05/2019

Closure Reason: EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Re-opened on: 11/12/2019

The central bay portion of Grays Harbor is closed due to high bacteria levels in the Cosmo Specialty Fibers wastewater discharge.

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