Shellfish Growing Areas Closed for Commercial Harvest by DOH

As of: **11:48 AM on Wednesday, November 11, 2026**
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.

Recently Closed Growing Areas

ANNAS BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 11/08/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Closed Until Further Notice

The Conditionally Approved portion of Annas Bay (Skokomish River delta) is closed to commercial shellfish harvest on 11/08/2026 at 4:30AM due to the Skokomish River exceeding 15 feet.

BURLEY LAGOON GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 11/11/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 11/16/2026

The Conditionally Approved portion of Burley Lagoon is closed due to 1.06 inches of rain at the Rocky Bay Fire Station rain gauge.

FILUCY BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 11/11/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 11/16/2026

The Conditionally Approved portion of Filucy Bay is closed due to 1.06 inches of rain at the Rocky Bay Fire Station rain gauge.

HENDERSON INLET GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 11/07/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 11/16/2026

The Conditionally Approved portion of Henderson Inlet is closed due to 0.54 inches of rain at the Olympia Airport rain gauge.

The closure of the Conditionally Approved portion of Henderson Inlet is extended on 11/11/2026 due to 0.85 inches of rain at the Olympia Airport rain gauge.

NORTH BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 11/11/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 11/16/2026

The Conditionally Approved portion of North Bay is closed due to 1.06 inches of rain at the Rocky Bay Fire Station rain gauge.

OAKLAND BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 11/10/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 11/15/2026

The Conditionally Approved portion of Oakland Bay is closed due to 1.14 inches of rain at the Taylor United FLUPSY.

VAUGHN BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 11/11/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 11/16/2026

The Conditionally Approved portion of Vaughn Bay is closed due to 1.06 inches of rain at the Rocky Bay Fire Station rain gauge.

Growing Areas With Ongoing Closures

ANNAS BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: Varnish Clams

Closure Date: 08/25/2026 Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN Closed Until Further Notice

Update 10/28/26: The Annas Bay growing area is closed to the commercial harvest of varnish clams only due to 18 micrograms of DSP toxin. The remainder of Annas Bay remains closed to varnish clams due to PSP toxin.

Update 10/8/26: The biotoxin closure for manila clams from Annas Bay has been lifted. The remainder of Annas Bay remains closed to varnish clams.

Update 8/27/26: The closure was updated to include manila clams. PSP toxin result on 8/27/26 was105 micrograms in manila clams.

The PSP toxin result on 8/25/26 was108 micrograms in varnish clams.

DISCOVERY BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: Geoducks Geoduck Tract Number: 999009 - Beckett Beach - Intertidal

Closure Date: 10/23/2026 Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN Closed Until Further Notice

The PSP result on 10/23/26 was 117 micrograms of toxin in geoduck clams.

DRAYTON HARBOR GROWING AREA IN WHATCOM COUNTY

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 11/01/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 02/01/2027

The Conditionally Approved portion of Drayton Harbor is closed from November 1st through January 31st, based on seasonal water quality conditions.

DRAYTON HARBOR GROWING AREA

Closure for:

Closure Date: 11/01/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 02/01/2027

The Conditionally Approved portion of Dungeness Bay is closed from November 1st through January 31st, based on seasonal water quality conditions.

DUNGENESS BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for:

Closure Date: 11/01/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 02/01/2027

The Conditionally Approved portion of Dungeness Bay is closed from November 1 through January 31 based on seasonal water quality conditions.

EAST STRAITS GROWING AREA

Closure for: Geoducks Geoduck Tract Number: 00340 - Kahiyu

Closure Date: 06/15/2026 Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN Closed Until Further Notice

The Kahiyu Tract #00340 is closed due to 80 micrograms of PSP toxin.

HOOD CANAL #1 GROWING AREA

Closure for: Geoducks

Closure Date: 08/04/2026 Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN Closed Until Further Notice

Update 9/10/26: Hood Canal #1 remains closed to intertidal geoduck.

Update 8/4/26: The biotoxin closure for oysters and manila clams from Hood Canal #1 has been lifted. The remainder of Hood Canal #1 remains closed to geoduck.

The PSP toxin result in pacific oysters collected on 6/15/26 was 365 micrograms of toxin.

HOOD CANAL #2 GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 03/15/2024 Closure Reason: EMERGENCY CLOSURE Closed Until Further Notice

A portion of the eastern shoreline of Hood Canal 2 Growing Area from Devils Hole Beach to the Bangor Naval Base Delta Pier is closed due to an oil spill.

Based on updated information, the closure has been expanded to include all of the Approved portion of Hood Canal 2 along Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor beginning at the northern end of the unclassified area north to the southern end of the Prohibited area.

LIBERTY BAY GROWING AREA

Closure for: Manila Clams

Closure Date: 09/21/2026 Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN Closed Until Further Notice

The PSP toxin result on 9/21/26 was 141 micrograms in manila clams.

PORTAGE BAY GROWING AREA IN WHATCOM COUNTY

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 09/01/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 11/30/2026

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

POVERTY BAY GROWING AREA IN KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 06/01/2026 Closure Reason: CONDITIONAL CLOSURE Re-opens on: 12/01/2026

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: 08/26/2026 Closure Reason: BIOTOXIN Closed Until Further Notice

Update 10/27/26: The Sequim Bay Growing Area is closed to the commercial harvest of all species of shellfish due to 148 & 150 micrograms of PSP toxin in oysters.

Update 10/14/26: The Sequim Bay Growing Area is closed to the commercial harvest of all species of shellfish due to 95 micrograms of PSP toxin in oysters. Previously this was a manila clam, littleneck clam and butter clam only closure.

Update 9/30/26: The Sequim Bay growing area is closed to the commercial harvest of Manila clams due to 134 micrograms of PSP in manila clams. Sequim Bay is now closed to the commercial harvest of Manila clams, littleneck clams, and butter clams.

Update 9/17/26: The biotoxin closure for oysters from Sequim Bay has been lifted. The remainder of Sequim Bay remains closed to littleneck clams and butter clams.

Update 8/28/26: The Sequim Bay growing area is closed to the commercial harvest of all species of shellfish due to 81 micrograms of PSP in littleneck clams. Previously this was an

Recently Opened Growing Areas

EAST PASSAGE GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 10/19/2026 Closure Reason: EMERGENCY CLOSURE Re-opened on: 11/09/2026

A portion of East Passage on the northern end of Vashon Island at the Ferry Dock is closed on 10/19/2026 due to a sewage spill. The closed area extends 1000 ft from shore and 1500 ft in both directions from the Ferry Dock.

HOOD CANAL #6 GROWING AREA

Closure for: All Species

Closure Date: 10/18/2026 Closure Reason: EMERGENCY CLOSURE Re-opened on: 11/08/2026

A portion of the southern shoreline of the Hood Canal 6 Shellfish Growing Area beginning on the west side of Parcel 32232-50-81004 east to the east side of Parcel 32234-33-00000 is closed beginning at midnight on October 18th due to a temporary loss of secondary treatment and limited disinfection at the Alderbrook Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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