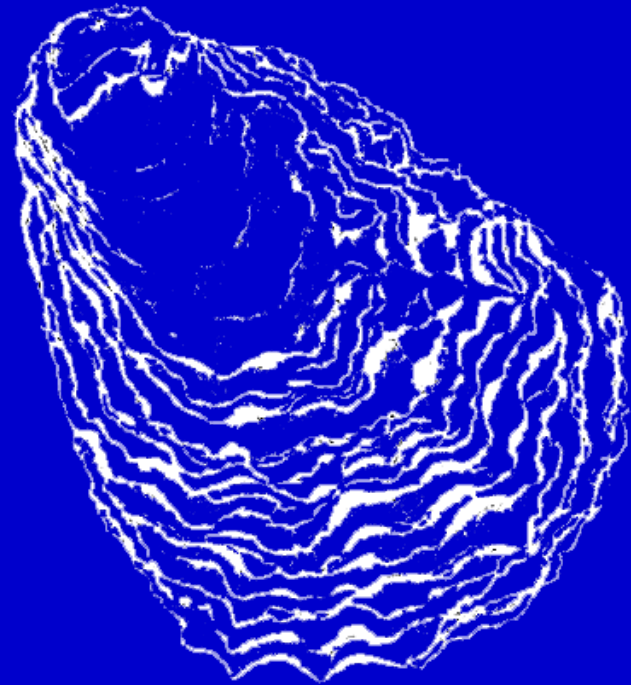
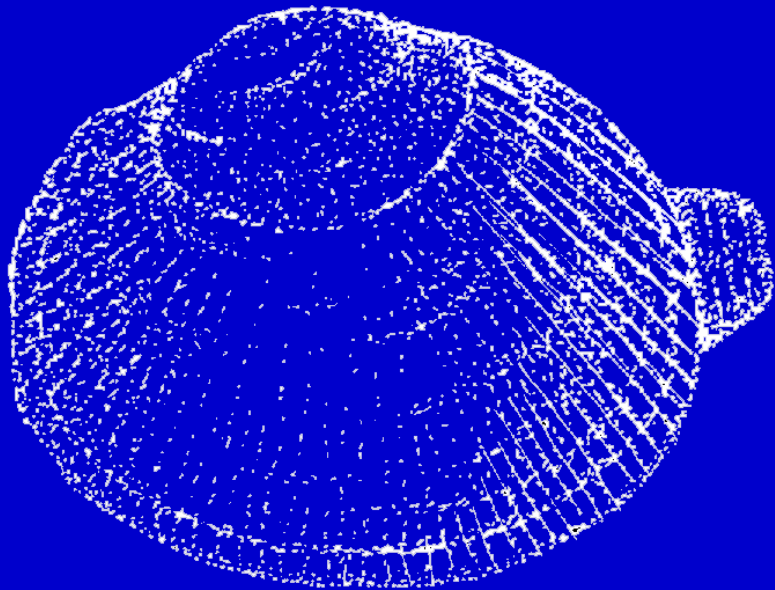


2012 Recreational Clam and Oyster Season Changes for Puget Sound Public Beaches



Rich Childers; Puget Sound Shellfish Manager, Fish Program

Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

February 3-4, 2012

Presentation Outline

- Why changes are needed
- Proposed season changes
- Public input/comment
- Questions
- Public testimony

Why Annual Season Changes are Needed

- Changes in the clam and oyster abundance
- Overharvest of the State's share during previous season
- Changes in projected effort and catch

2012 Proposed Clam Season Changes (WAC 220-56-350)

Location	Proposed 2012 Season	Change
Dosewallips State Park	March 1 - October 31	3 month increase
Fort Flagler State Park	May 15 - September 30	1 month increase
Point Whitney Lagoon	April 1 - April 30	opening dates shifted

2012 Proposed Clam Season Changes (WAC 220-56-350)

Location	Proposed 2012 Season	Change
Penrose Point State Park	March 1 - May 15	0.5 month decrease
Point Whitney Tidelands	March 1 – March 31	0.5 month decrease
Potlatch State Park & DNR	April 1 – June 30	1.5 month decrease
South Indian Island CP	May 15 – August 31	0.5 month decrease
Twanoh State Park	August 1 – September 30	0.5 month decrease
Kitsap Memorial State Park	Closed	closed since 2010

2012 Proposed Oyster Season Changes (WAC 220-56-380)

Location	Proposed 2012 Season	Change
Fort Flagler State Park	May 15 - September 30	1 month increase

Penrose Point State Park	March 1 – May 15	0.5 month decrease
Point Whitney Tidelands	January 1 – June 30	6.0 month decrease
Potlatch State Park & DNR	April 1 – June 30	1.5 month decrease
South Indian Island CP	May 15 – August 31	0.5 month decrease

Kitsap Memorial State Park	Closed	closed since 2010
----------------------------	--------	-------------------

Public Input

- Rule change proposals posted on Department website
- Rule change proposals e-mailed to the recreational fishing information contact list (approximately 1,700 contacts)
- No comments received

Questions