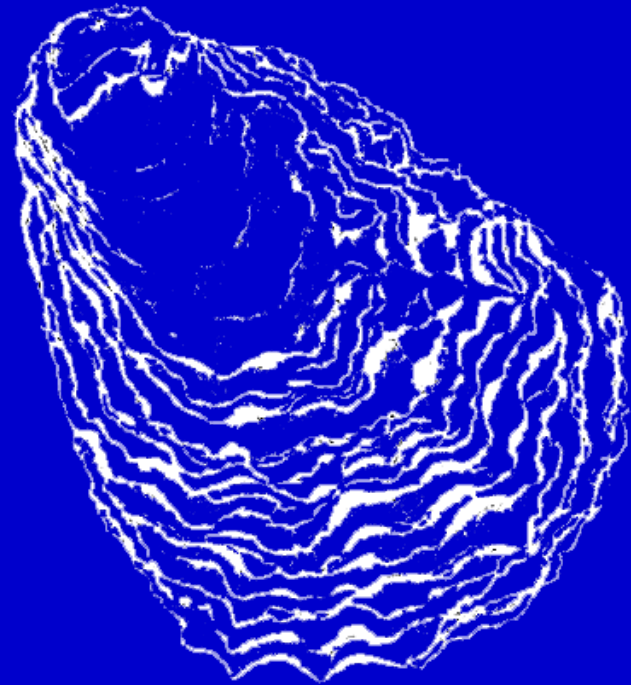
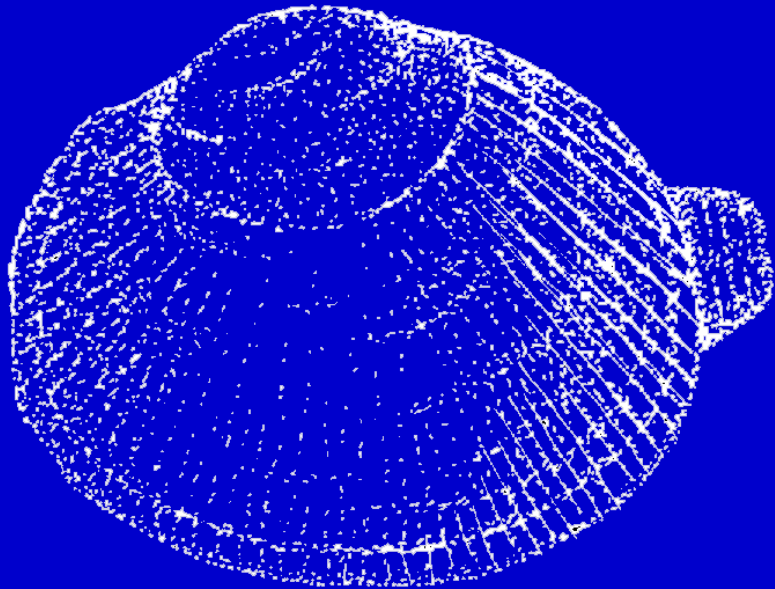


2012 Recreational Clam and Oyster Season Changes for Puget Sound Public Beaches



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Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

March 2, 2012

Regulation Change Process

- December 2011 , CR-102 filed: Proposed rule change language
- February 2012 Commission meeting: Rule change briefing and public testimony
- Written public comments accepted until February 1, 2012
- No written comments or public testimony received
- March 2 ,2012: Commission rule change action

Why Annual Season Changes are Needed

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

Proposed Public Tideland Season Changes (WAC 220-56-350 and WAC 220-56- 380)

Proposed increase to recreational season length

- Dosewallips State Park
- Fort Flagler State Park

Proposed decrease to recreational season length

- Penrose Point State Park
- Point Whitney Tidelands (excluding Lagoon):
- Potlatch State Park & DNR
- South Indian Island CP
- Twanoh State Park

Proposed shift in the recreational season

- Point Whitney Lagoon

Proposed closure of the recreational season

- Kitsap Memorial State Park

Recommendation

Adopt revisions to WAC 220-56-350 and WAC 220-56- 380 as proposed by staff