

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE
SUBSISTENCE INTERTIDAL BIVALVE EMERGENCY REGULATION
#2024/25-02

The Nisqually Indian Tribe promulgates the following regulation. This fishery shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Federal District Court Order CV 9213, Sub-proceeding No. 89-3.

DATE ADOPTED: April 4, 2024

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 2024 – November 30, 2024

SUPERCEDES: NONE

CATCH AREA(S) Penrose Point SP, Cutts Island, Tolmie SP, DNR-8, Purdy Spit CP, Kopachuck SP, Wyckoff Shoal (DNR-39)

FISHERY TYPE: Subsistence

SPECIES Native Littleneck Clam (*Protothaca staminea*), Manila Clam (*Venerupis philippinarum*), Butter Clam (*Saxidomus giganteus*), Pacific Oyster (*Crassostrea gigas*), Olympia Oyster (*Ostreola conchaphila*), Soft Shell Clam (*Mya arenaria*), Cockle (*Clinocardium nuttallii*), Mussels (*Mytilus spp.*), Macoma Clam (*Macoma spp.*), Horse Clam (*Tresus spp.*), Geoduck (*Panopea abrupta*)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: On/Off

LEGAL GEAR: Hand-held fork, rake, shovel or other handheld prying tool.

DAYS/HOURS: Monday-Sunday 24 HOURS A DAY OR AS TIDES PERMIT.

HARVEST LIMIT Butter/Littleneck Clams: 25 lbs each/day
Manila Clams :40 pounds/ day
Horse Clams: 50 clams / day
Geoduck: 6 clams/ day
Cockle: 50 clams/ day
Mussels- 10 lbs /day
Oysters: 50 oysters/ day

CATCH REPORTING: All subsistence harvests must be reported to the Nisqually Natural Resources Department on a bi-weekly basis. A subsistence tag will be issued to each harvester by the Natural Resources Department on request.

Subsistence harvest tags must be submitted before another is issued.

OTHER PROVISIONS

All holes made during intertidal clam digging must be backfilled.

All clams with broken or cracked shells must be retained.

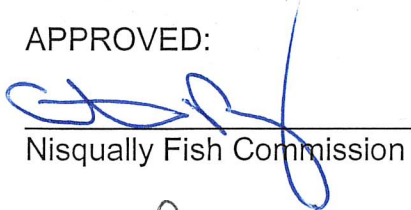
Shellfish from the beaches listed are not guaranteed to be safe to eat. Please check the WDOH Biotxin/Vibrio hotline (1-800-562-5632) before you harvest any shellfish from any beach and heed any closure or warning signs posted at the beaches.

Please take only what you intend to eat.

JUSTIFICATION:

Harvest for subsistence purposes.

APPROVED:


Nisqually Fish Commission





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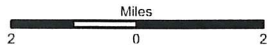

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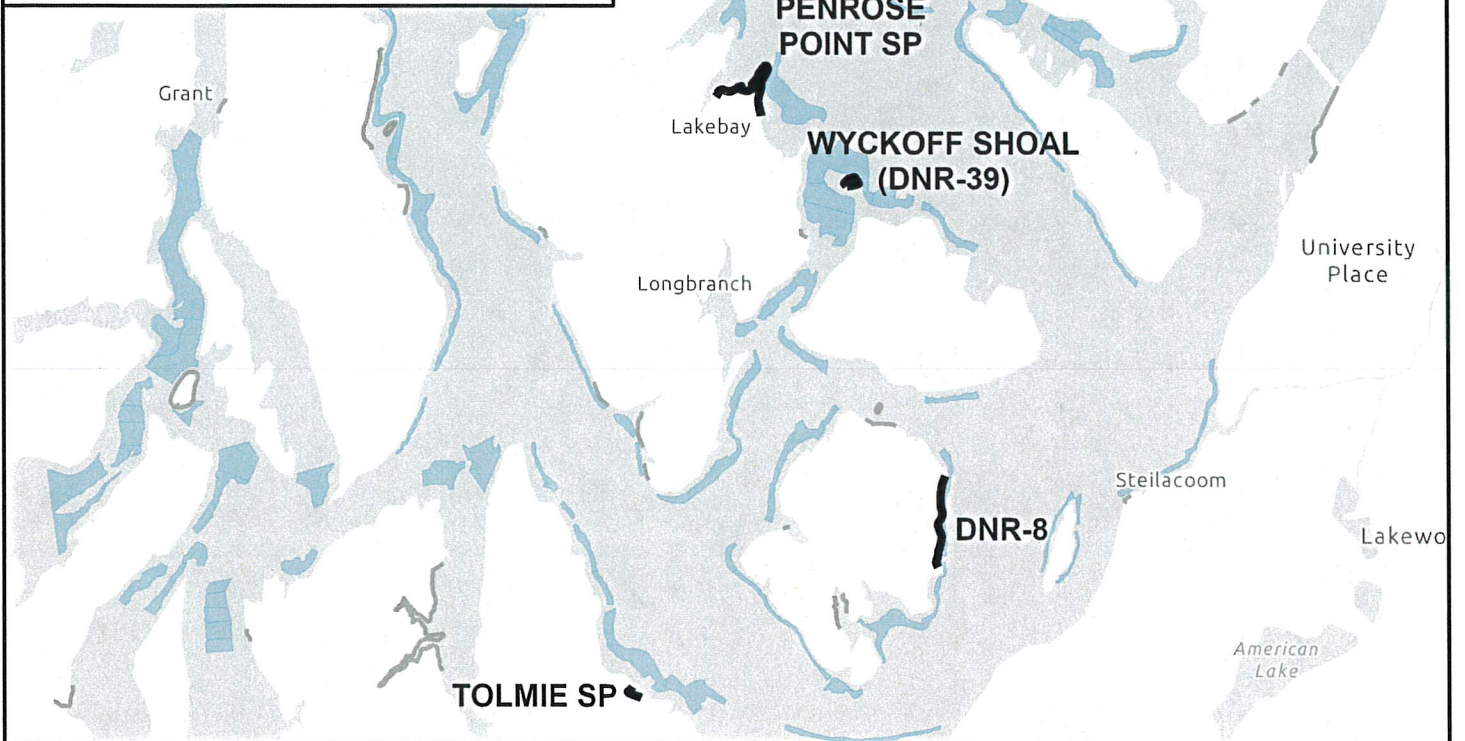

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Nisqually Indian Tribe
 Exclusive and In Common
 Marine Usual and Accustomed Areas
 Recreational Shellfish Beaches

-  WDFW Geoduck Tracts
-  Subsistence Catch Areas
-  Recreational Shellfish Beaches



Nisqually Indian Tribe
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MAIN RULES TO FOLLOW WHEN DIGGING SHELLFISH:

Please check the WADOH Biotxin Hotline (1-800-562-5632) before you harvest!

1. Stay within bag limits. Limits are meant to feed large groups, please take only what you need.

Butter/Littleneck Clams: 50 lbs combined/day	Cockle: 50 clams/ day
Horse Clams: 50 clams / day	Mussels: 40 lbs /day
Geoduck: 6 clams/ day	Oysters: 50 oysters/ day
2. Any holes dug must be refilled.
 Fill before leaving area. If not done, it will create a crater-like appearance on the beach and kill clams.
3. Catch Reporting
 Catches should be reported to DNR on a weekly basis by number of pounds of each species caught.
4. Biotxin Closures
 Make sure you are up-to-date on closures and water quality problems, especially in the winter months.