Celebrate Oakland Bay on Saturday, Sept. 4

Wake up with the stars — sea stars — on Saturday, Sept. 4. Explore the wonders of Hammersley Inlet and Oakland Bay that morning, as the retreating tide uncovers its underwater treasures.

WHAT: A FREE family event featuring a guided beach walk, revealing the world of shore crabs, sea anemones, gunnels and other life exposed by the low tide. Information booths will provide fun activities and opportunities for people of all ages to improve water quality.

WHERE: The dynamic tidelands of Walker County Park, 2400 Walker Park Rd., Shelton, Wash.

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHO: Washington Sea Grant Marine Water Quality Specialist Teri King will lead the beach walk, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Shellfish grower Steve Bloomfield will introduce participants to the bountiful bivalves of Oakland Bay at 10:30 a.m. Five-time OysterFest shucking champion Xinh Dwelley will teach oyster shucking, share recipes, and offer tastes of her oyster stew and other seafood delicacies, beginning at 11 a.m.

Bring the family and start Labor Day weekend on the beach. Parking is limited, so walking or carpooling is advised, if possible. Participants should dress for the weather and wear boots or beach shoes.
For more information, please contact Washington Sea Grant at 360.432.3054 or wsgcanal@u.washington.edu.

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