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“Shellfish in Your Front Yard” Workshops, May 24, June 21, July 19

Washington Sea Grant announces three workshops for waterfront residents to learn about cultivating and harvesting shellfish on their beaches, for fun or profit.

These free one-day workshops will take place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at locations around Hood Canal. Participants will learn about the biology of bivalve shellfish, which shellfish grow best on their beach type, and various methods for enhancing their tidelands with clams, oysters and mussels. Each workshop will also focus on ways to protect the quality of regional waters so that any shellfish harvested will be safe to eat.

Workshop dates and locations:

Saturday, May 24 - Port of Allyn meeting room, 18560 E. State Route 3, Allyn

Saturday, June 21 - Brinnon Community Center, 306144 N Highway 101,
Brinnon

Saturday, July 19 - Skookum Hall, 3480 SE Lynch Road, Shelton

Workshop instructors include local shellfish farmers and Washington Sea Grant staff. The first half of each workshop is lecture-style, with the afternoon spent on the beach, reviewing different culture methods. Bring a sack lunch and your boots.

One-on-one technical assistance will also be offered to participants of the class, as part of the Bivalves for Clean Water program, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and administered by the Washington Department of Ecology.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Teri King, Washington Sea Grant, at guatemal@u.washington.edu or 360.432.3054 to register or for more information.

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