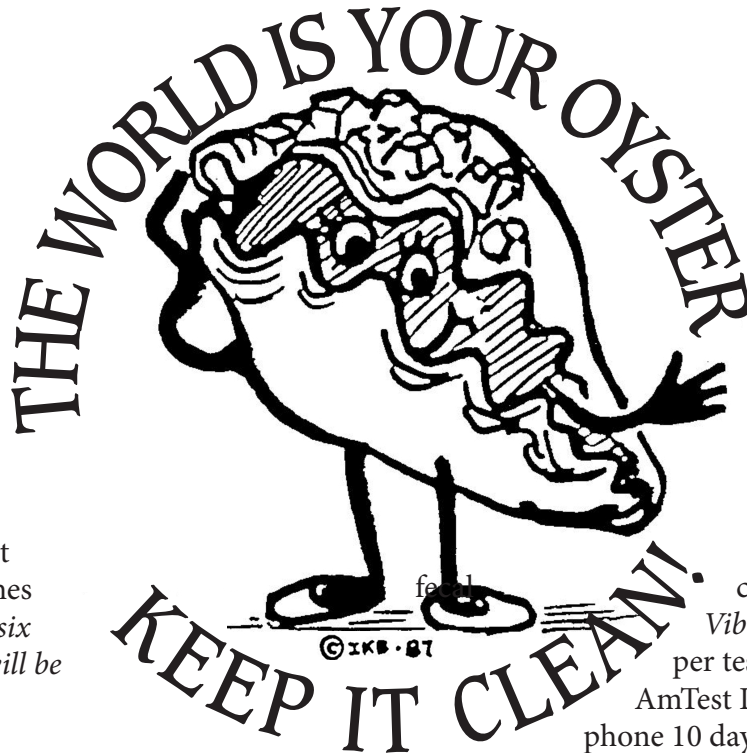


What is the State of Your Oyster?

State of the Oyster Study volunteers invite you to join them to look at bacterial contamination on privately owned beaches in Hood Canal and throughout Puget Sound. Collection dates for the 2015 season are:

Sunday, May 17	Low tide is	-1.9 at 11:01 a.m.
Sunday, June 14	Low tide is	-1.7 at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 5	Low tide is	-1.6 at 1:58 p.m.
Sunday, August 2	Low tide is	-1.6 at 12:55 p.m.



On these dates only, collect six large oysters, five+ inches shell length, or 24 clams (*six large oysters or 24 clams will be sufficient for both tests*).

Package samples **in the shell**, in heavy, leak-proof bag. Keep samples on ice until delivered to drop-off site. Each bag must be clearly marked with your name, collection site address, mailing address, phone number/email. Attach payment and collection form, **in a separate waterproof bag**, to the sample bag.

Samples will be tested for coliform (\$25 per test) and/or *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (\$30 per test). Checks payable to AmTest Laboratories. Results by phone 10 days after test dates.

Samples with payment and collection form may be dropped off at the following locations **only** on the dates listed above, from noon – 2:30 p.m.

- **Hunter Farms** • 1921 E. State Route 106, Union
- **Happy Hollow Store** • 15280 E. SR 106, Belfair
- **QFC parking lot** • 1403 Old Belfair Highway, Belfair
- **The Purdy Park & Ride** • 6519 144th St NW, Gig Harbor

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