

# 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.

Monday, May 29, 2017	Low tide is	-2.3 at 2:13 p.m.
Sunday, June 25, 2017	Low tide is	-3.8 at 12:20 p.m.
Sunday, July 23, 2017	Low tide is	-3.4 at 11:18 a.m.
Sunday, August 20, 2017	Low tide is	-2.1 at 10:14 a.m.

Collect on these dates only, six large oysters, four+ inches shell length, or 24 clams (*six large oysters or 24 clams will be sufficient for both tests*). Rinse mud off oysters or clams prior to packaging.

Package samples **in the shell**, in heavy, leak-proof bag(s). 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/e-mail. Attach payment and collection form, in a separate waterproof bag, to the sample bag.

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

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

- **Hunter Farms**  
1921 E. State Route 106, Union
- **QFC parking lot**, under the flag pole  
NE 201 State Route 300, Belfair

## Want more info?

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