

# 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 2016 season are:

<b>Sunday, May 22</b>	Low tide is	-1.3	at 12:13 p.m.
<b>Sunday, June 19</b>	Low tide is	-1.4	at 11:14 a.m.
<b>Sunday, July 24</b>	Low tide is	0.5	at 2:53 p.m.
<b>Sunday, August 28</b>	Low tide is	-0.4	at 8:36 a.m.

On these days 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/e-mail. Attach payment and collection form in a separate waterproof bag, and enclose that in 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 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 to 2:30 p.m.

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

### Want more info?

Contact Teri King or Janis McNeal, Washington Sea Grant, University of Washington 360.432.3054, [wsgcanal@uw.edu](mailto:wsgcanal@uw.edu)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Collection Date: (circle date): May 22      June 19      July 24      August 28

Fecal coliform sample \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25.00)      *Vibrio* sample \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30.00)

Collection address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

