

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 2019 season are:

Sunday, May 19	Low tide is	-2.3 at 12:11 p.m.
Sunday, June 16	Low tide is	-2.3 at 11:11 a.m.
Sunday, July 14	Low tide is	-1.7 at 10:12 a.m.
Sunday, August 11	Low tide is	-0.6 at 9:05 a.m.

On **THESE SUNDAYS ONLY**, collect six large oysters, five+ inches shell length, or 24 clams (six large oysters or 24 clams will be sufficient for both tests). Shellfish should only be collected on the collection day. Prior day harvests invalidate the sampling results.

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 – 2:30 p.m.

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

Want more info?

Contact Teri King, Washington Sea Grant, University of Washington 360.432.3054, wsgcanal@uw.edu

Name: _____ Check # _____

Collection Date: (circle date): May 19 June 16 July 14 August 11

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

Collection address _____

Mailing address (if different from above) _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

