

Sequim Bay

Annual Shellfish Growing Area Review



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Area: Sequim Bay

Year Ending: December 31, 2023

Classification: Approved, Prohibited

Activities in the Growing Area in 2023

The growing area was sampled six times in accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Systematic Random Sampling criteria.

A routine three-year shoreline evaluation was completed. Clallam County Streamkeepers and Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe sampled seven creeks/drainages. Bacteria levels were low and no new or changes in pollution sources were identified.

Clallam Conservation District received EPA National Estuary Program (NEP) funds through the Washington State Conservation Commission to provide technical assistance and education and outreach to landowners to promote the implementation of livestock best management practices. Clallam County Environmental Health also received NEP funds for pollution identification and correction activities and enhancing their septic system operations and maintenance program around the growing area. The Clean Water Work Group continued to meet quarterly.

Analytical Results of Water Samples

Table 1 summarizes the results of the last 30 samples collected from the area. This summary shows that all stations pass the NSSP water quality standard.

Change in Actual Pollution Sources that Impact the Growing Area

We currently have no information indicating that the area has new sources of pollution.

Classification Status

- Well within the classification standards
- Meets standards, but threatened with downgrade in classification
- Fails to meet current classification standards

Remarks and Recommendations

Table 1 shows that all stations meet the NSSP water quality standard for an Approved classification and the area is correctly classified.

TABLE 1. Summary of Marine Water Data (SRS) for the Sequim Bay Growing Area

Sampling Event Type: Regulatory

Maximum Number of Samples: 30

Tides Included: All

Station Number	Classification	Date Range	Range (FC/100mL)	Geomean (FC/100mL)	Est. 90 th Percentile (FC/100mL)	Meets Standard
72	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 2.0	1.7	1.8	Y
74	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 4.0	1.8	2.2	Y
75	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 23.0	1.9	3.7	Y
77	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 4.5	1.8	2.2	Y
79	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 7.8	1.9	2.9	Y
81	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 23.0	2.1	4.5	Y
82	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 4.5	1.8	2.5	Y
83	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 31.0	2.0	4.0	Y
84	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 11.0	1.9	3.1	Y
86	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 2.0	1.7	1.9	Y
87	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 6.8	1.9	2.8	Y
88	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 7.8	1.9	3.1	Y
89	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 6.8	1.8	2.5	Y
90	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 12.0	1.9	3.1	Y
91	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 2.0	1.7	1.9	Y
93	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 11.0	2.0	3.4	Y
98	Approved	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 7.8	1.9	2.8	Y
76	Prohibited	1/9/2019 - 11/28/2023	1.7 - 13.0	2.1	4.6	Y

The standard for approved shellfish growing waters is fecal coliform geometric mean not greater than 14 organisms/ 100 mL with an estimated 90th percentile not greater than 43 organisms/ 100 mL. The above table shows bacteriological results in relation to program standards.

