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President's Message

I sincerely hope everyone is doing well and enjoying these last few days of summer. I'm pleased to report our August 7th picnic was a great success. Many members and their guests attended. I had great pleasure seeing and visiting with everyone. There was plenty of good food, deserts and great interaction amongst the group. The club membership raffle was also a great hit as well. I want to thank all of you for coming out which most importantly brought us back together. A special thank you is in order to those volunteers who helped with food preps and providing all the necessities for the picnic. For those who had out of pocket expenses please submit your receipts to our treasurer for reimbursement.

During the picnic I presented our upcoming meeting schedule which was for us to start meeting on September 28th. Base on the current pandemic up tick and mandates put in place we are canceling the meeting for September. Also, November and December general meetings are in a TBD status because of pandemic unknowns.

Our website is up and running and can be viewed at www.bremertonsportsmensclub.org. I hope each of you will visit the site and promote the site asking your friends to check it out. Reach out to the younger hunters and fishermen who might potentially be interested in joining our club. We really need to start an aggressive recruitment campaign. I've monitored our website periodically, there's been very few hits on the site, which really surprises me. New members will be the key to BSC's continuance and our legacy. Facing reality, if we are unable to recruit the next generation, we will all be faced with difficult decisions in the very near future.

For the past three years my energy was focused on WDFW issues such as public access closure, Columbia River reform, Point No Point boat ramp, etc. My priorities have now changed, recruitment of new members is my total focus moving forward and I need everyone's fresh ideas and help.

Until we have the opportunity to meet again, stay safe, get outdoors and play.

Ron Flerx

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Razor clam seasons and beaches

Original Article: wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfishing-regulations/razor-clams

The Pacific razor clam is one of the most sought after shellfish in the state of Washington. Better roads and more leisure time have brought increasing numbers of diggers to the ocean beaches. It is not unusual to have as many as a thousand people per mile during a nice spring weekend day.

Recreational digging for razor clams can be enjoyed by children and senior citizens alike. All you need is a clam shovel or specialized tube, a container to put your clams in and, most importantly, your clam license. Be sure to check the regulations and current razor clam season information for the latest clam-digging requirements and other sport fishing regulation updates. During the fall and winter when low tides occur at night, thousands of clam diggers brave the elements to dig by lantern or flash light. Because there is a great deal of interest in digging at all times of the year, seasons are set to allow digging during daylight spring tides when there is better weather and during the fall/winter when diggers have to deal with the elements, but not as many clam diggers.

During certain times of the year, marine toxins, produced by some species of diatoms (algae) are taken in by razor clams and concentrated. When ingested, these toxins can cause illness and in very high concentrations can be fatal to humans. WDFW, in cooperation with the Washington Department of Health (DOH), samples clams on a routine basis to determine up-to-date toxin levels. If high toxin levels are detected, clam seasons are delayed or closed. WDFW and DOH work very hard to provide a safe and fun resource to enjoy.

First razor clam digs of the 2021-22 season get green light

OLYMPIA – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has approved the first nine razor clam digs of the 2021-22 season, with early-morning digs kicking off beginning this Friday, Sept. 17.

Shellfish managers with WDFW approved the digs after results of marine toxin tests showed clams at all open beaches were safe for human consumption.

The Washington Department of Health (DOH) finalized the results early Monday. "Getting the all-clear from DOH was great news, and we're excited for everyone to get back out to the beaches," said Dan Ayres, coastal shellfish manager with WDFW. "We'll keep monitoring domoic acid levels in cooperation with DOH, but so far we're optimistic that it will be a great digging season."

With COVID still prevalent across Washington, diggers are asked to follow state and local health guidelines, and to be respectful of the communities and local residents they may visit while clamming.

The following digs were approved, along with the low tides and beaches. Most successful digging occurs between one and two hours before the listed time of low tide.

A.M. TIDES ONLY:

- Sept. 17, Friday, 4:30 A.M.; -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Sept. 18, Saturday, 5:22 A.M.; -0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Sept. 19, Sunday, 6:06 A.M.; -0.6 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Sept. 20, Monday, 6:45 A.M.; -0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Sept. 21, Tuesday, 7:21 A.M.; -0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Sept. 22, Wednesday, 7:54 A.M.; +0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

P.M. TIDES ONLY:

- Sept. 23, Thursday, 8:58 P.M.; +0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Sept. 24, Friday, 9:36 P.M.; +0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Sept. 25, Saturday, 10:15 P.M.; 0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

Additional information

With strong razor clam populations estimated along much of the coast, all open beaches (Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks, and Copalis) have increased limits through the end of 2021, with diggers allowed to keep 20 clams instead of the usual 15. Each digger's clams must be kept in a separate container, and all diggers must keep the first 20 clams they dig.

To learn more about razor clam abundance, population densities at various beaches, and how seasons are set, visit <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfishing-regulations/razor-clams#management>. WDFW has also tentatively scheduled dozens of additional digging dates in 2021 – details of those dates can be found at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/news/wdfw-announces-62-days-tentative-razor-clam-digs-2021>.

All tentative dates are dependent on final marine toxin testing, which usually occurs about a week or less prior to each set of openings

No digging is allowed before noon during digs when low tide occurs in the afternoon or evening. All diggers age 15 or older must have an applicable fishing license to harvest razor clams on any beach.

Licenses, ranging from a three-day razor clam license to an annual combination fishing license, are available from WDFW's licensing website at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/login>, and from hundreds of license vendors around the state. WDFW recommends buying your license before visiting coastal beach communities for this razor clam season.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife works to preserve, protect, and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish, wildlife, and recreational and commercial opportunities.

TENTATIVE DATES

A.M. TIDES ONLY:

- Oct. 3, Sunday, 4:52 A.M.; 0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Oct. 4, Monday, 5:33 A.M.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Oct. 5, Tuesday, 6:12 A.M.; -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

P.M. TIDES ONLY:

- Oct. 6, Wednesday, 7:20 P.M.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Oct. 7, Thursday, 8:04 P.M.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Oct. 8, Friday, 8:50 P.M.; -1.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Oct. 9, Saturday, 9:38 P.M.; -1.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Oct. 10, Sunday, 10:32 P.M.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Oct. 11, Monday, 11:32 P.M.; -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Oct. 19, Tuesday, 6:47 P.M.; 0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Oct. 20, Wednesday, 7:23 P.M.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Oct. 21, Thursday, 7:58 P.M.; -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Oct. 22, Friday, 8:32 P.M.; -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Oct. 23, Saturday, 9:07 P.M.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Oct. 24, Sunday, 9:43 P.M.; +0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Oct. 25, Monday, 10:25 P.M.; +0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Nov. 3, Wednesday, 6:16 P.M.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Nov. 4, Thursday, 7:01 P.M.; -1.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Nov. 5, Friday, 7:46 P.M.; -1.6 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Nov. 6, Saturday, 8:33 P.M.; -1.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Nov. 7, Sunday, 8:23 P.M.; -1.6 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Nov. 8, Monday, 9:16 P.M.; -1.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Nov. 9, Tuesday, 10:13 P.M.; -0.6 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Nov. 10, Wednesday, 11:16 P.M.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Nov. 16, Tuesday, 4:50 P.M.; 0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Nov. 17, Wednesday, 5:28 P.M.; 0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Nov. 18, Thursday, 6:03 P.M.; -0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Nov. 19, Friday, 6:37 P.M.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Nov. 20, Saturday, 7:10 P.M.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Nov. 21, Sunday, 7:44 P.M.; -0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Nov. 22, Monday, 8:21 P.M.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Nov. 23, Tuesday, 9:00 PM +0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Nov. 24, Wednesday, 9:43 P.M.; +0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

TENTATIVE DATES

P.M. TIDES ONLY (CONTINUED):

- Dec. 1, Wednesday, 4:09 P.M.; +0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 2, Thursday, 4:58 P.M.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 3, Friday, 5:45 P.M.; -1.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 4, Saturday, 6:32 P.M.; -1.9 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 5, Sunday, 7:20 P.M.; -2.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 6, Monday, 8:09 P.M.; -1.7 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 7, Tuesday, 8:59 P.M.; -1.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 8, Wednesday, 9:51 P.M.; -0.6 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 9, Thursday, 10:45 P.M.; +0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 15, Wednesday, 4:28 P.M.; +0.6 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 16, Thursday, 5:07 P.M.; +0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 17, Friday, 5:43 P.M.; -0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 18, Saturday, 6:18 P.M.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 19, Sunday, 6:52 P.M.; -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 20, Monday, 7:27 P.M.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 21, Tuesday, 8:02 P.M.; -0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 22, Wednesday, 8:38 P.M.; -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 23, Thursday, 9:16 P.M.; +0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 30, Thursday, 3:49 P.M.; -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 31, Friday, 4:42 P.M.; -0.9 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

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Razor clamming at Twin Harbors.

ARMY REJECTS POINT-NO-POINT BOAT RAMP

Honoring treaty obligations while protecting the public's right to access Puget Sound waters

After an eight-year permit review process, the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) recently concluded that a small, single lane replacement boat ramp at Point No Point (PNP) near Hansville, WA, would violate treaty rights and therefore denied the necessary construction permit. This action sets a dangerous precedent which jeopardizes the future viability of both existing and proposed publicly and privately owned boat launches. This decision also jeopardizes repairs and upgrades for existing boat ramps that require a Corps permit.

The PNP park is owned by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The boat ramp, as designed, would be a single lane concrete beach launch, without any exposed piers or floating docks, intended for public use. All shoreline and county permits have been approved. The facility currently includes new ADA access points, paved sidewalks, bathrooms, streetlights plus parking for cars and trailers. Everything except the concrete boat ramp has been completed at this waterfront park.

WDFW acquired the property in 1996 and has worked in good faith with the tribes over this 25-year period to address their concerns, including various revisions to the original design. The goal of this project has always been to include a boat ramp and WDFW has made multiple concessions to ensure this small, single lane replacement boat ramp will not impact treaty rights. Millions of taxpayer dollars have been invested into the park.

The Corps received numerous tribal objections regarding the concrete ramp. The most noteworthy objections claimed that recreational watercraft using the ramp (there are only 35 trailer parking spaces)

would be hazardous to tribal fisherman and that the ramp itself would pose a navigational hazard and therefore impede fishing efforts.

In their denial of the permit, the Corps has failed to properly acknowledge that the replacement ramp is much smaller than the previous ramp which has already been removed. The original dock and launch extended 200 feet from shore, where the new ramp extends only 75 feet. Nor did the Corps properly recognize that a separate process already exists to ensure the tribes have full access to their treaty-reserved share of Puget Sound fish and shellfish.

Regardless of treaty rights, it is hard to imagine how this ramp could pose an eminent threat to skilled boaters, crabbers and fishers. There is nothing about this ramp that makes it uniquely different from many other boat ramps in Puget Sound. After all, the ramp is meant to enhance marine access, not impede it.

WDFW has a responsibility to provide recreational opportunities for the state's citizens, but in this case the Corps is allowing this opportunity to be taken away. For WDFW to fulfill its self-stated directive of providing recreational opportunity, they, along with our elected officials, should pursue reversal of the Corps decision, and protect current and future public access to our State's public surface waters.

If you would like to help protect and defend access to our State's public waters, please send an email to WDFW Director Susewind at Director@dfw.wa.gov and voice your support for completion of the PNP boat launch.

Developed by CCA Washington, Puget Sound Anglers, Bremerton Sportsmen's Club, Northwest Marine Trade Association and Kitsap Parks Advocates.





REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SEATTLE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 3755
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98124-3755

Regulatory Branch

JUL 28 2021

Mr. Kelly Susewind
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, Washington 98501

Reference: NWS-2009-1506

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
(Point No Point Boat Launch)

Dear Mr. Susewind:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) applied for a permit under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972 to install a 30 x 120-foot, elevated, pile-supported boat launch at Point No Point in Admiralty Inlet near Hansville, Kitsap County, Washington. Your application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit is denied without prejudice. I reached this decision because the Suquamish Tribe (Tribe) has raised and substantiated an objection to permit issuance on the basis that the Tribe's access to its usual and accustomed fishing places would be impeded in contravention of its reserved rights under the Treaty of Point Elliott, ratified in 1859. After careful consideration of the submissions provided by both the Tribe and the WDFW, I have determined that DA authorization of proposed project would result in an impermissible abrogation of the Suquamish Tribe's reserved treaty rights because of the extent it would impair or obstruct the Tribe's access to its usual and accustomed fishing areas. While this decision is not subject to administrative appeal, a denial without prejudice means that you can reinstate processing of the Department of the Army permit application should you conclude an arrangement by which tribal objections are resolved and withdrawn.

I understand and acknowledge the effort that your organization and your representatives have put forth on this application and appreciate your cooperation and patience throughout this process. Because a DA permit is necessary for this work, do not commence construction before obtaining a valid permit.

If you have any questions, please contact the Regulatory Branch Chief, Ms. Muffy Walker at (206) 764-6915 or michelle.walker@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely

Alexander "Xander" L. Bullock
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer



REMINDER:

Turn in summer crab catch record cards to WDFW by October 1st.

Users protest the prospect of parking fast ferry at Harper Pier



"In light of the recent developments of the Kitsap Transit examining the feasibility of mooring its Southworth-to-downtown Seattle fast ferry at Port Orchard's Harper Pier the Bremerton Sportsmen Club is encouraging its members to speak up and get involved on this important matter. For more information on this event, please visit the article in the Port Orchard Independent or visit this link:

www.kitsapdailynews.com/news/users-protest-the-prospect-of-parking-fast-ferry-at-harper-pier/

Friends of Harper Pier Facebook Group



For updates and contact information please visit the Friends of Harper Facebook Group here:

www.facebook.com/groups/329588187088544/

Chocolate Treasures

By Alice Schueller

1/2 stick of butter (1/4 cup)
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 (12 oz bag of milk chocolate chips
1 teas. vanilla
1 cup flour
2 cups coarsely chopped pecans

- In a large saucepan, heat butter, milk and chips till they melt (don't let it boil)
- Take off stove, put in vanilla flour and nuts, stir until combined
- Drop spoonfuls onto a parchment lined cookie sheet and bake for 10 minutes .
- Let cool on cookie sheet for a few minutes then transfer to cooling rack

By popular demand, Alice has shared her recipe with us!



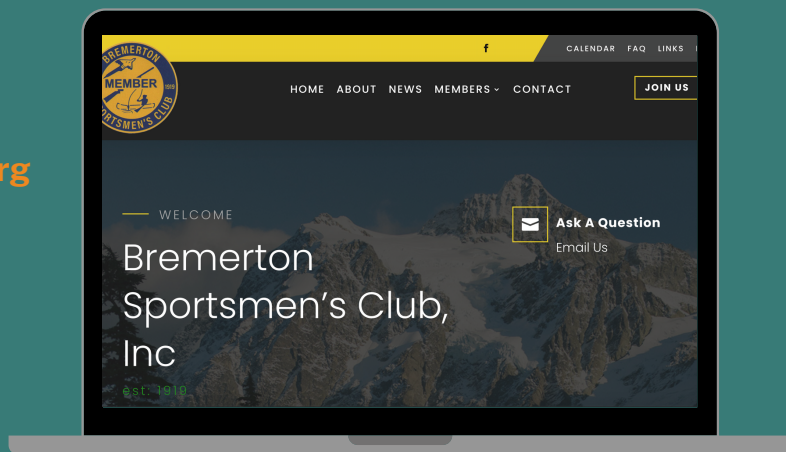
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I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country – it's air, soil and minerals; it's forests, waters and wildlife."



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2021 BSC Membership Form

Individual \$15.00 / Couples \$20.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____