## Welcome to the Nanoose Bay Recreational Shellfish Reserve

This is one of several recreational shellfish reserves set aside by the Ministry of Environment for the exclusive use and enjoyment of the public and for First Nations for the harvest of shellfish for food, social and ceremonial purposes. Commercial harvesting for shellfish on this reserve is prohibited.

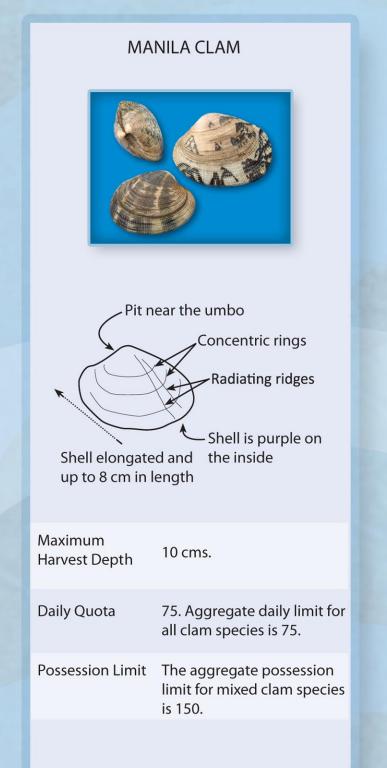
## Before You Harvest Here (Area 17-20)

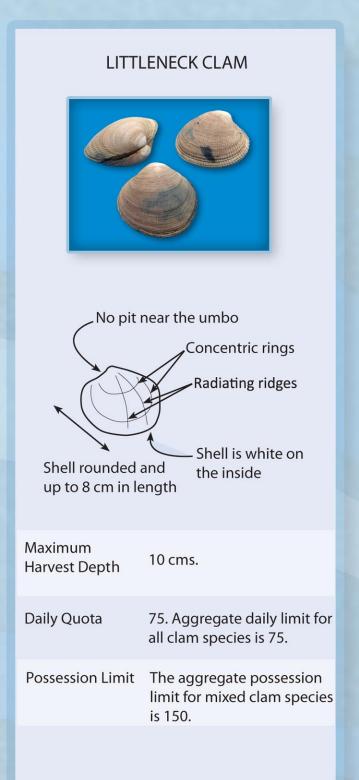
- You must check for shellfish closures by calling 1-866-431-3474; the local DFO office at (250) 754-0230; or online at http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca. The closures could be for Paralytic Shellfish Toxins (PSP) sanitary or conservation reasons. Harvesting is prohibited during these times.
- A tidal water recreational harvest license is required.

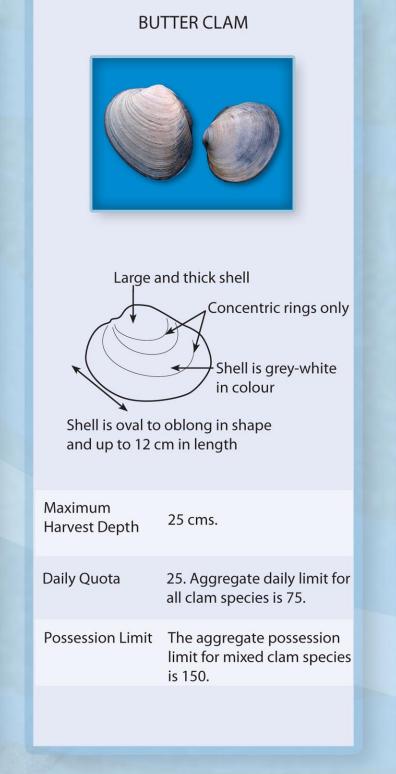
## **Recreational Harvesting Guidelines**

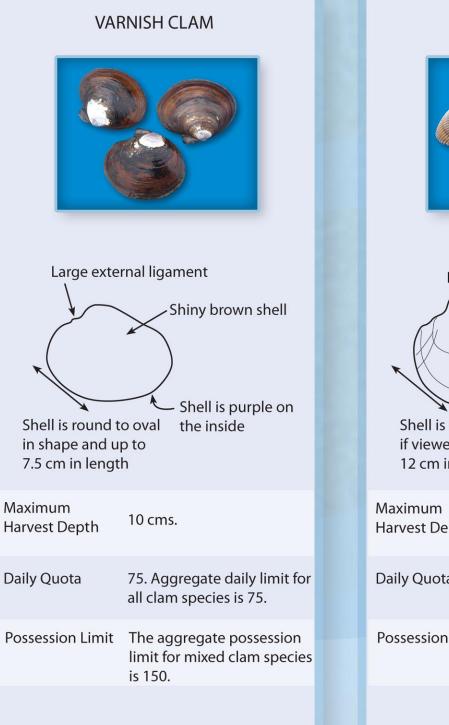
- Most clams are located just beneath the surface and a garden rake or hand trowel is the best tool for harvesting. Butter clams are deeper.
- Dig carefully so as to avoid unnecessary breakage.
- Eel grass is a sensitive marine environment. Avoid these areas.
- Cover any holes you dig to reduce mortality of the smaller clams left on the beach.
- Check with DFO for up-to-date information on quotas and make sure of your species.

## KNOW YOUR SPECIES: Some common shellfish found on this beach











Reserve boundaries are shown on the map. Commercial aquaculture tenures are marked by red concrete markers and shellfish on these tenures is private property.



Help maintain and protect these reserves. If you think a violation has occurred please call the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Observe, Record and Report Line at 1-800-465-4336.

Information on the Shellfish Recreational Reserve Program and the location of other reserves and harvesting areas can be found on the BC Ministry of Environment's web site at www.env.gov.bc.ca/omfd/rec-harvest



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