








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.

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



KNOW YOUR SPECIES: Some common shellfish found on this beach

MANILA CLAM   Pit near the umbo Concentric rings Radiating ridges Shell is purple on the inside Shell elongated and up to 8 cm in length Maximum Harvest Depth 10 cms. Daily Quota 75. Aggregate daily limit for all clam species is 75. Possession Limit The aggregate possession limit for mixed clam species is 150.	LITTLENECK CLAM   No pit near the umbo Concentric rings Radiating ridges Shell is white on the inside Shell rounded and up to 8 cm in length Maximum Harvest Depth 10 cms. Daily Quota 75. Aggregate daily limit for all clam species is 75. Possession Limit The aggregate possession limit for mixed clam species is 150.	BUTTER CLAM   Large and thick shell Concentric rings only Shell is grey-white in colour Shell is oval to oblong in shape and up to 12 cm in length Maximum Harvest Depth 25 cms. Daily Quota 25. Aggregate daily limit for all clam species is 75. Possession Limit The aggregate possession limit for mixed clam species is 150.	VARNISH CLAM   Large external ligament Shiny brown shell Shell is purple on the inside Shell is round to oval in shape and up to 7.5 cm in length Maximum Harvest Depth 10 cms. Daily Quota 75. Aggregate daily limit for all clam species is 75. Possession Limit The aggregate possession limit for mixed clam species is 150.	COCKLE   Hard shell Concentric rings only Shell is light brown in colour Shell is circular or heart-shaped if viewed on edge and up to 12 cm in length Maximum Harvest Depth From water surface to a few centimeters deep. Daily Quota 25. Aggregate daily limit for all clam species is 75. Possession Limit The aggregate possession limit for mixed clam species is 150.	PACIFIC OYSTER   Large and thick shell with a rough sculpted appearance Shape variable depending on the substrate. Thick, sharp-fluted edges Shell up to 20 cm in length. Maximum Harvest Depth Intertidal surface. Daily Quota 15 in the shell or shucked but not both. Possession Limit The aggregate possession limit for Pacific oysters is 30.
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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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