

Welcome to the Kye Bay Recreational Shellfish Reserve

This is one of several recreational shellfish reserves set aside by the British Columbia Government 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 (Areas 14-13)

- You must check for shellfish closures by calling 1-866-431-3474; the local DFO office at (250) 339-2031; 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.
- Note the existing sanitation closure in the bay on the map provided. No shellfish harvesting is permitted within the described boundary. For more information contact the local DFO office as indicated above.
- A Tidal Water Sport Fishing Licence 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	LITTLENECK CLAM	BUTTER CLAM	VARNISH CLAM	COCKLE	PACIFIC OYSTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pit near the umbo Concentric rings Radiating ridges Shell is purple on the inside Shell elongated and up to 8 cm in length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pit near the umbo Concentric rings Radiating ridges Shell is white on the inside Shell rounded and up to 8 cm in length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large and thick shell Concentric rings only Smooth shell, oval to shell shape and up to 12 cm in length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shiny varnish like shell Large external lip Shell is purple on the inside Shell is round to oval in shape and up to 7.5 cm in length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard shell Strong radiating ridges Shell is light brown in colour Shell is circular or heart-shaped if viewed on edge and up to 12 cm in length On the surface to a few centimetres deep. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 On the surface and attached to rocks.
Maximum Harvest Depth: 10 cms.	Maximum Harvest Depth: 10 cms.	Maximum Harvest Depth: 25 cms.	Maximum Harvest Depth: 10 cms.	Maximum Harvest Depth: 15 in the shell or .5 litre shucked but not both.	Maximum Harvest Depth: 15 in the shell or .5 litre shucked but not both.
Daily Quota: 150. The aggregate possession limit for mixed clam species is 150.	Daily Quota: 150. The aggregate possession limit for mixed clam species is 150.	Daily Quota: 50. The aggregate possession limit for mixed clam species is 150.	Daily Quota: 150. The aggregate possession limit for mixed clam species is 150.	Daily Quota: 50. The aggregate possession limit for mixed clam species is 150.	Daily Quota: 30 in the shell or 1.0 litre shucked but not both.
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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 at the following web address

www.env.gov.bc.ca/omfd/rec-harvest

