

OREGON BAY CLAMS

Daily catch limit: 20 clams, 12 of which may be gapers

1 1/2 - 3"



Cockle

- Prominent, even ridges (ribs)
- Scalloped edge

1 1/2 - 2 1/2"



Littleneck

(Steamer)

- Rings and ridges
- No scalloped edges

2 - 4"



Butter

(Beefsteak, Martha Washington)

- Has smooth rings
- Shell can be dark or light
- Clam body is ruffled

3 - 6"



Gaper

(Empire, Horseneck, Blue)

- Neck often too long to fit in shell
- Must take first 12 dug
- Cannot return broken or small clams



OTHER CLAMS

Daily catch limit: 36 clams, except 72 Purple varnish clams allowed

Bent-nose macoma

- Whole shell bends at tip
- Very common



1 1/2 - 3"

Softshell

2 - 4"

(Mud clam, eastern softshell)



Softshell



Remember...

- Age 12 years or older need a shellfish license
- Dig your own clams: carry your own container
- **Unbroken** clams can be returned in immediate digging area, except Gapers and Softshells
- ODA Shellfish health advisory hotline: 1-800-448-2474
- Regulations subject to change; contact ODFW for information

Purple varnish clam

- Shiny brown coating
- Relatively flat shell



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Small gaper

*Note the difference in shell shape around the neck

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/Shellfish>

