



Industry Notice

Commercial Dive Clam

June 18, 2026

To all Oregon commercial dive clam harvesters, permit holders, and dealers:

The following changes are effective on **July 1, 2026**:

Closure of Yaquina Bay subtidal bay clam fishery by temporary rule OAR 635-005-0290 (13):

This temporary rule closes the Yaquina Bay commercial subtidal (dive) fishery for bay clams on July 1, 2026.

Recent survey data indicates a significant reduction in density and biomass of subtidal gaper clams in the commercial subtidal harvest area of Yaquina Bay compared to the 2019 survey. There were also low abundances of cockle and butter clams. While there has been low subtidal effort and harvest for these species in recent history, closing the commercial dive fishery is necessary to maintain the sustainability of bay clam populations in Yaquina Bay.

ODFW will consider proposing permanent rulemaking by the end of the year, once the Yaquina Bay clam survey has been completed and estimates of clam biomass are finalized.

Temporary Oregon Administrative Rules can be found at:
https://www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/rulemaking_temporary.html

Complete Oregon Administrative Rules can be found at:
<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/ruleSearch.action>

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