



# Exhibit E: Coquille Tribal Clamming

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# Exhibit Overview

- Proposed rules are to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on tribal clam harvest
- Provides harvest opportunity for Coquille Tribal members
  - Certain clam species in Coos and Curry Counties
- Terms are outlined in MOU, to be signed by:
  - Chair, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
  - Chair, Coquille Tribe



# Terms of MOU: Seven (7) Species of Clams

## Razor Clams



## Bay Clams

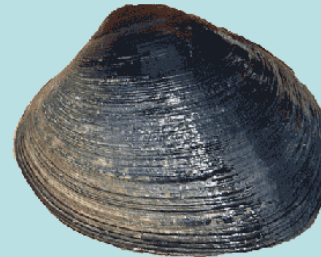


Native Littleneck



Cockle

Butter



Gaper



## Other Clams



Softshell

Purple Varnish





# Terms of MOU: Management Provisions

- Applicable to Tribal Members
  - Constitution of the Coquille Tribe
- Applicable in areas open to recreational harvest
  - Not applicable within closed/protected areas
- No wastage and only non-commercial purposes
  - In lieu of bag limit



# Terms of MOU: Management Provisions

- Enforcement and Monitoring
  - Harvesters must possess Tribal and Department documentation in field
  - Harvesters must allow inspection of catch by Tribe, ODFW, or State peace officers
- Collaboration
  - Provides for annual reporting and data sharing by Coquille Tribe and ODFW
  - Invites collaboration on research, as opportunity allows





# Coos and Curry Counties





# Options

1. Adopt OAR 635-041-0550 to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding, thereby providing Special Gathering Permit for Clams to the Coquille Tribe.
2. No action (status quo)



# Staff Recommendation

- Option 1





# Questions?

