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

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

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

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

Bent-nose macoma
- Whole shell bends at tip
- Very common

Softshell
(Mud clam, eastern softshell)
2 - 4"

Purple varnish clam
- Shiny brown coating
- Relatively flat shell

1 1/2 - 3"

Softshell
1 1/2 - 3"

Small gaper

*Note the difference in shell shape around the neck

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

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