

Alsea Bay Shellfish Areas

* Information provided is a result of past ODFW surveys, recent spot checks, and input from local residents. The purpose of this map is to provide the user with information and locations of recreational shellfish areas where the most likelihood of success may be found by species. Clam species identified within a particular area represent the most abundant found; other species may be present or may exist in areas not identified on the map. This is to be used as a reference as sandbars, clam beds, and species composition can shift over time. Always use caution when boating/crabbing in the lower bay as swift currents during tidal exchanges can occur, and result in loss of gear or cause boat to be pulled out to sea if mechanical problems arise.

1. **Area 1** can be accessed from the end of Bayshore Dr. and Oceania Dr. Be aware of and don't cross private property without permission. Cockles and a few gapers can be found in this area. A rake works best for cockles; a shovel is most effective for gapers.
2. **Area 2** is easily accessed from the Alsea Bay Bridge Interpretative Center parking lot (at the south end of the Alsea Bay Bridge) and from Keady State Wayside (at the south end of business center of Waldport). Cockles are found throughout this area; a rake works best.
3. **Area 3** requires a boat for access. Softshell clams can be found in this area; a shovel or clam gun is most effective.
4. **Area 4** describes areas for boat crabbing. Pots may be set anywhere within this area. Be sure to set gear out of the way of boat traffic to avoid potentially dangerous situations.
5. **Area 5** notes dock crabbing off the Port of Alsea docks.

* The boat launches in Alsea Bay can be found at the following locations:

- The Port of Alsea boat launch - located off Port Street, at the north ends of Broadway and Mill streets, off Highway 34 (fee applies).
- McKinley's Marina – 850 NE Alsea Highway (Highway 34) (fee applies).

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