



**Manila:** Oblong, up to 3 inches, often with a patterned shell. Has concentric rings and radiating ridges.

**Minimum size for harvest 1.5 inches.**

**Littleneck:** Rounder than the Manila, white/gray to pale brown, up to 3 inches. Strong radiating ridges and concentric rings.

**Minimum size for harvest 1.5 inches.**



**Butter:** Larger, thick-shelled, up to 6 inches. White chalky shell with concentric rings only.

**Minimum size for harvest 1.5 inches.**

**Horse or Gaper:** Oblong, up to 8 inches. Chalky white shell with brown "shellacking" on the edges.

**Limit 7**



**Cockles:** Heart shaped from the side. Up to 5 inches. Radiating ridges.

**Minimum size for harvest 1.5 inches.**

**Mussel:** Blue-black thin shells up to 3 inches. Usually attaches in clumps to rocks, logs or pilings.

**Limit 10 pounds in the shell.**

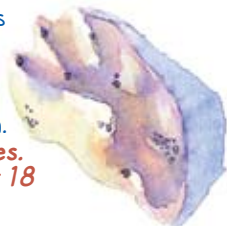


**Varnish Clam:** This non-native newcomer has slim, thin shells up to 2.5 inches with thick brown 'Shellacking' outside, purple color inside.

**No minimum size.**

**Pacific oyster:** Up to 10 inches long. Wavy ridges are sharp. Shape varies with habitat. All oysters must be shucked on the beach.

**Minimum size 2.5 inches. Limit 18**



**Softshell:** Chalky, white, thin shell. Neck cannot retract inside shell.

**No minimum size.**

# *Always know the limits of the species you are digging.*

Limits prevent over harvest and ensure that we'll have shellfish for years to come.



A shellfish license is required for all persons age 15 and over. Call 360-902-2464 for information.

**Backfill the holes you dig.** Hundreds of organisms live in the sand. Many of these animals will die when disrupted or left in a pile on the beach.

**Avoid digging in eel grass beds.** This sensitive area is a nursery for shellfish, salmon fry, herring and hundreds of other species.

For **Manila, Littleneck, Butter, Softshell, Cockel** and **Varnish** clams, the daily limit is 40 clam (all sp. combined), not exceeding 10 lbs in shell.

Each digger must dig and carry their own clams.

**Call the red tide hotline before harvesting any shellfish 800 562-5632.**