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## **HARVEST SITE CERTIFICATION**

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## **MISSION STATEMENTS**

### **Environmental Health**

- “Our mission is to improve people’s health by reducing exposures to environmental hazards”

### **Office of Shellfish & Water Protection**

- “To improve the health of people in Washington State by ensuring shellfish are safe to eat, beaches are safe for swimming and on-site sewage and reclaimed water systems are properly managed”

## Public Health Significance

- To prevent human shellfish borne illness
- To respond quickly if illnesses occur
- To identify the source of the contaminated product
- To identify and remove affected product from the market to prevent additional illnesses

# Harvest Site Certification

- All licensed shellfish companies must have a Harvest Site Certificate (HSC)
  - except wholesale only dealers.
- All licensed shellfish companies must have Shellfish Operator's License.
- The Shellfish License & HSC will list the harvest sites that a company can harvest on.

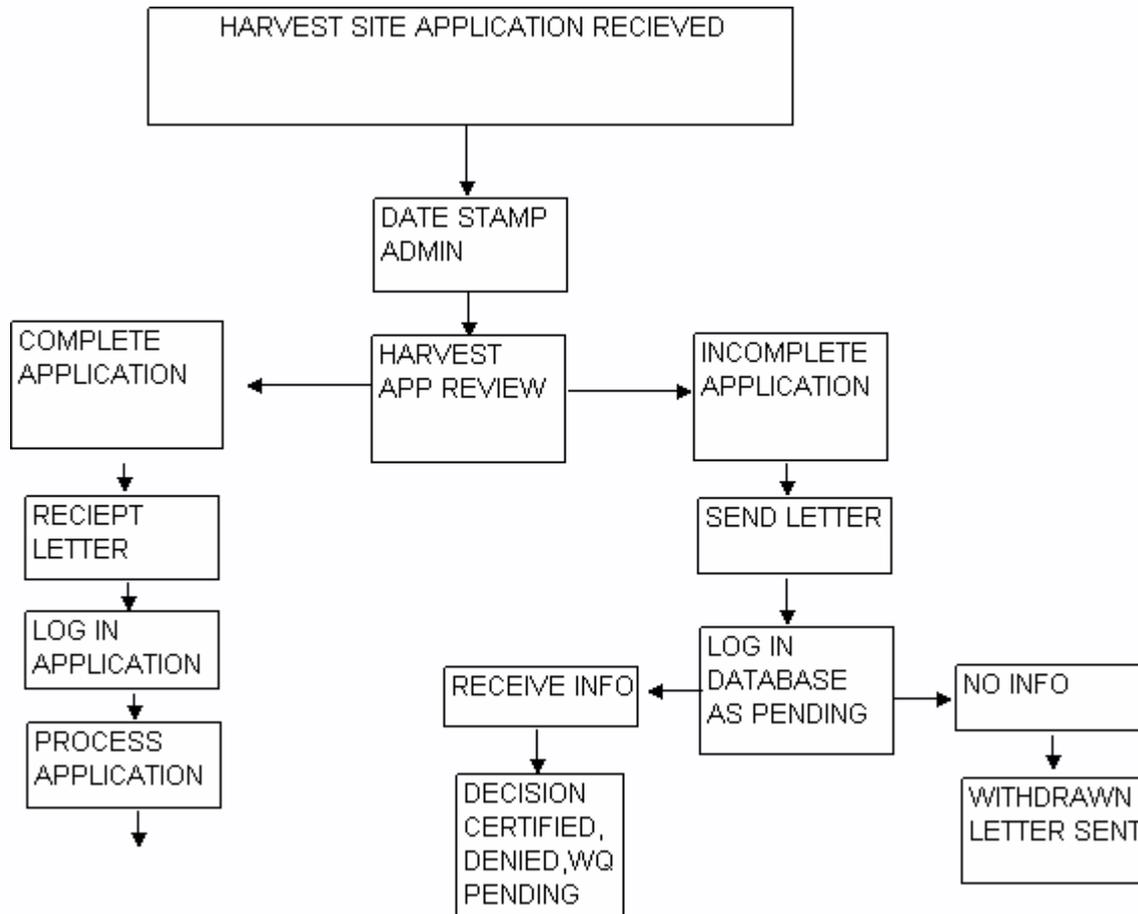
# What is a harvest site?

## WAC 246-282-010(12)-Definition

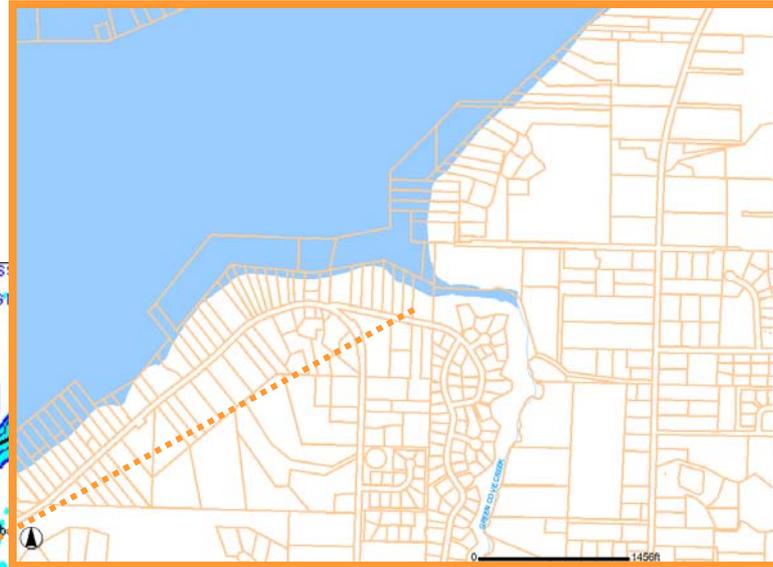
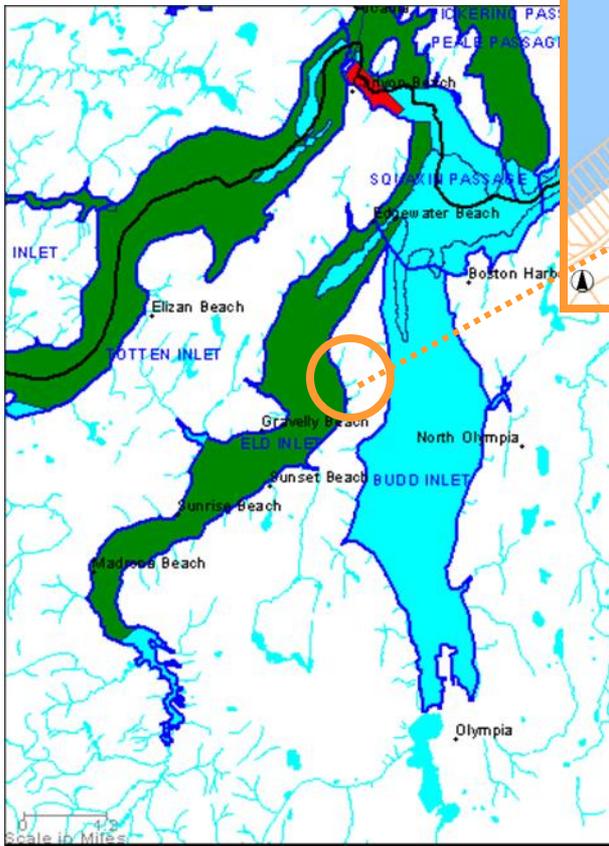
“Harvest site means an area of intertidal or subtidal property within a commercial shellfish growing area, that is described by a unique county parcel number, department of fish and wildlife tract number, department of fish and wildlife catch area number, tribal identification number, or other government identification.”



# Harvest Site Flow Diagram



# Harvest Site Application Process



... in Washington State

- ✓ Growing areas are classified.
- ✓ Harvest sites are approved.





# Harvest Site Certificate



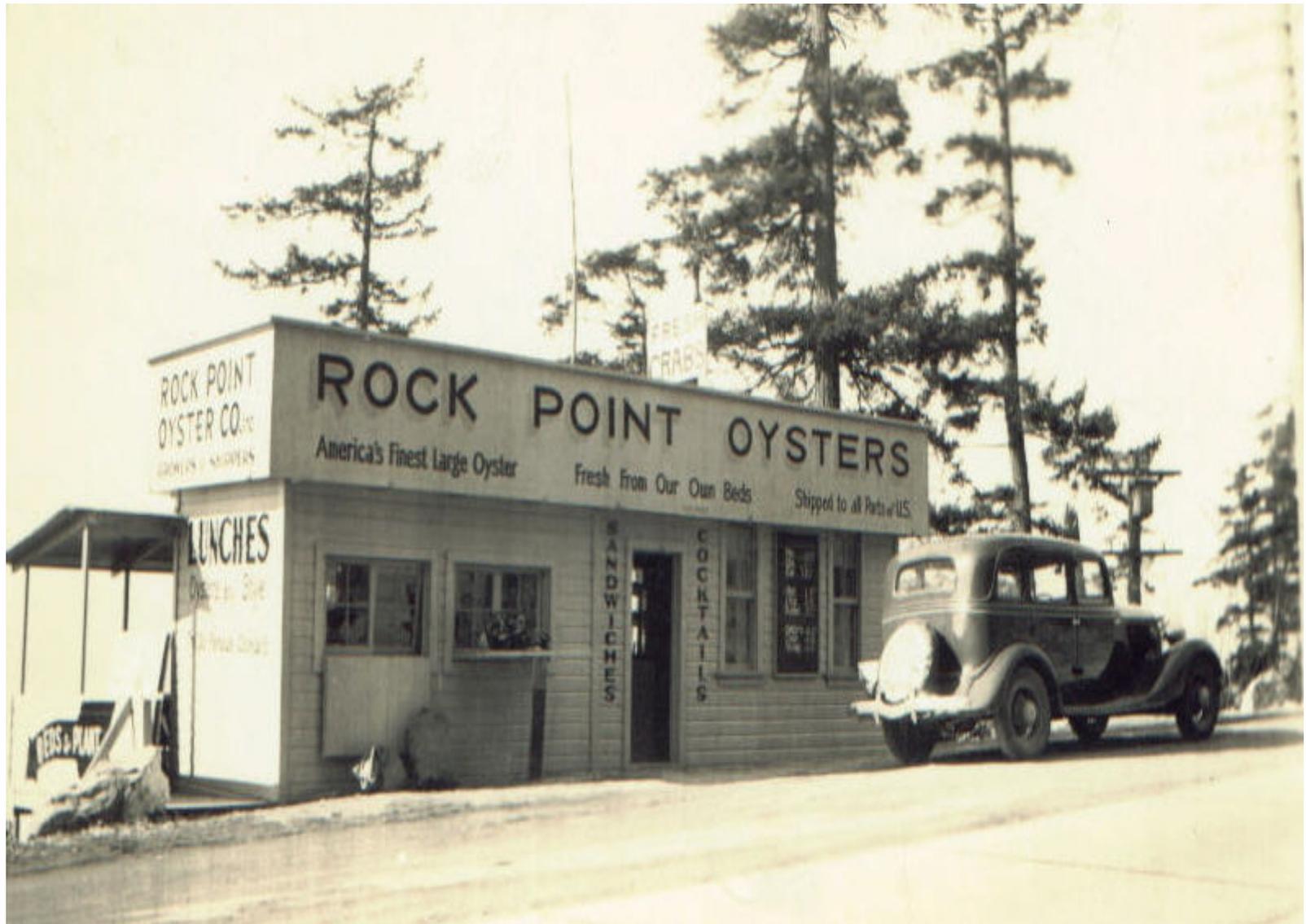
## Harvest Site Certificate

Company Name: AMERICAN SHELLFISH  
 License End Date: 9/30/2008  
 License Number: WA-1061-SS

Relay	NSSP Growing Area	Station #	Harvest Site Owner/Address	Site Number	Acres	Cert. Date	Lease Expires	Relay Permit on File	Signed CAAMP on File
	Hood Canal #5	188	Boiling, Michael, C/O Sam 2700 US Highway 101	Parcel: 323313200000	4.2	11-07-2006		N/A	N/A
Species: Manila Clams, Horse Clams, Oysters									
	Hood Canal #5	170	Washburn, Sharon Tax 644-1-A Tax 644 A-1	Tax: Tax 644-1-A Tax 644 A-1	0.1	02-29-2008	02-21-2009	N/A	N/A
Species: Horse Clams, Oysters									
Total Acreage:					4.3				

# Harvest Documents Required during harvesting WAC 246-282-014

- A copy of the companies HSC must be available during harvesting activities
- A copy of the Shellfish Operators License must be available during harvesting activities



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