

Two-day razor clam dig cleared to get underway Saturday

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Clam diggers have a green light to proceed with a two-day razor clam dig starting Saturday at three ocean beaches. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife approved the digs after marine toxin tests showed the clams on those beaches are safe to eat. All of the digs are scheduled on morning tides.

No digging will be allowed on any beach after noon.

The upcoming dig is scheduled on the following dates, beaches, and low tides:

- Saturday; 6:23 a.m., 0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Sunday; 6:59 a.m., -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

WDFW has also pro-

posed additional digs in May, pending the results of future marine toxin tests. Tentative dates for those digs are posted on the department’s website at <http://1.usa.gov/IJ6o6hE>

All diggers age 15 or older must have an applicable 2015-16 fishing license to harvest razor clams on any beach. Licenses, ranging from a three-day razor clam license to an annual

combination fishing license, are available at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov> and from license vendors around the state.

During all upcoming digs, state wildlife managers urge clam diggers to avoid disturbing snowy plovers and streaked horned larks. Both species nest in the soft, dry sand at Leadbetter Point on the Long Beach Peninsula,

and on a section of Twin Harbors beach.

The snowy plover is a small bird with gray wings and a white breast. The lark is a small bird with a pale yellow breast and brown back. Male larks have a black mask, breast band and “horns.”

To protect these birds, the department asks that clam diggers avoid the dunes and

areas of the beach with soft, dry sand. When driving to a clam-digging area, diggers should enter the beach only at designated access points and stay on the hard-packed sand near or below the high tide line.

Details on how to avoid disturbing nesting birds can be found at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfish/razorclams>

Oyster growers win permit for new anti-shrimp spray in bay

Pesticide use revives longstanding objections by environmental advocates

By KATIE WILSON
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WILLAPA BAY, Wash. — A new permit issued by the Washington Department of Ecology will allow shellfish growers to use a nicotine-like pesticide to combat a growing native population of burrowing shrimp that threaten valuable shellfish beds in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor. However, some locals and environmentalists say the pesticide, Imidacloprid, will do more harm than good.

The shellfish industry is huge in the Pacific Northwest, injecting an estimated \$270 million or more into the region’s economy, according to NOAA. It supplies thousands of people with jobs. Washington’s tidelands — especially those in Willapa Bay — have been particularly productive for more than 100 years.

Burrowing shrimp undermine this industry, shellfish growers say. The creatures do exactly what their name suggests: they burrow into shellfish beds, making the beds too soft for shellfish cultivation. Their burrowing churns the tidelands

into a sticky muck, smothering the oysters.

“The shellfish industry is a key economic contributor in Washington’s coastal areas and, by issuing this permit, we can help protect the economic vitality of these family businesses for years to come,” said Sally Toteff, director for Ecology’s Southwest Region, in a statement April 16.

Studies go back and forth on the issue, but Imidacloprid, an easy-to-find household pesticide, has been identified as one of the many likely culprits in bee colony collapses documented across the country in recent years. Scientists studying the permit throughout its development have said there is little chance bees could come into contact with the pesticide in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor.

After several years of deliberations and studies, Ecology has now selected the pesticide as a “preferred, less-toxic alternative” to other control methods that have been permitted since the 1960s.

The pesticide replaces what growers were allowed to use



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Burrowing shrimp are one of the most plentiful species in Willapa Bay. They churn up the surface of the bay’s mudflats, making them too soft to support oyster cultivation. A newly authorized pesticide used to control them is reviving longstanding objections to the use of chemicals in the bay.

before: Carbaryl. And it came at the request of the Willapa/Grays Harbor Oyster Growers Association which submitted an application to Ecology seeking a water quality permit allowing growers to use Imidacloprid. The use of carbaryl was phased out as the result of a consent decree that ended a lengthy legal fight between oyster growers and environmental advocates, including the Washington Toxics Coalition and Willapa-based Ad Hoc Coalition.

The industry is pushing aside concern for the people who live there.

“There are many, many problems with this permit,” said Fritz Cohen in a phone interview April 21. Cohen owns and operates the Moby Dick Hotel on Willapa Bay and was a leader of the Ad Hoc Coalition. She contends that Willapa’s oysters are too contaminated by chemicals for human consumption.

She and others worry about how growers are allowed to spread Imidacloprid and fear it will contaminate not just the oyster beds but surrounding areas, too. The permit will allow for aerial spraying so long as

wind speeds don’t exceed 10 miles per hour, for example.

“How you can aerial spray and respect the 100-foot buffer that they mention in the permit is beyond my imagination,” she said, adding, “These pesticides ... they kill.”

She is also seeing fatigue set in among people who have long opposed the various pesticide applications allowed on the bay to control everything from burrowing shrimp to aquatic plants.

One man, at a public comment period earlier in the process to approve the use of Imidacloprid, said he felt that nobody pays attention to the comments they submit.

“So I think people weigh whether it’s worth it to publicly oppose these things,” Cohen said. She added, “the repercussions can be, you know, unfriendly.”

oyster beds in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor,” that review concluded. The EPA cited lack of studies to show long-term effects on some organisms as well as uncertainty on modeling approaches and other concerns due to an initial lack of data.

Under the new permit, the Willapa-Grays Harbor Oyster Growers Association must submit an annual operations plan for Ecology to approve before any use of the pesticide. Growers will be able to use pesticide on up to 1,500 acres of commercial tidelands in Willapa Bay and on up to 500 acres in Grays Harbor. It can be applied no more than once a year and only in low-wind conditions — safety measures that Ecology says are designed to minimize the impact to other species.

Throughout the five-year term of the permit, Ecology will require growers to conduct water and sediment monitoring through a partnership with the Washington State University Long Beach extension research facility.

Ecology expects shellfish growers will finalize their operations and monitoring plans next month and, once approved by Ecology, begin treating the shellfish beds.

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