

Management of Washington State Aquatic Lands



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Washington State Aquatic Lands

Aquatic Resources Mission

State-owned Aquatic Lands are managed for current and future citizens of the state:

- to sustain long-term ecosystem and economic viability; and
- to ensure long-term access to the aquatic lands and the benefits derived from them.



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Goals for Management

- Strive to provide a balance of public benefits for all citizens of the state through:
 - **Fostering water dependent uses such as navigation and commerce**
 - **Encouraging direct public access**
 - **Ensuring environmental protection**
 - **Utilizing renewable resources**
- Generate revenue when consistent with these public benefits

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Statewide Objectives

- Improve the stewardship of State-owned Aquatic Lands
- Ensure the citizens are fairly compensated for the use of State-owned Aquatic Lands
- Operate as an efficient business
- Seek partnerships with local communities

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Public Use and Access

- Provide opportunities to get to the water...
 - Access to public shell-fishing sites
 - Grant funding
 - Rent incentives



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Water Dependent Uses

Supporting local economies by providing opportunities for water dependent businesses.



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Geoduck Resource

- Carefully regulated, sustainable harvest
 - Cooperative effort with state Department of Fish & Wildlife, shared harvest with Tribes
 - Open bidding process at 3 or 4 auctions per year
 - Generated more than \$79 million for the state in the last 10 years
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- Geoduck aquaculture leasing program in implementation



Washington State Aquatic Lands Leasing Activity

Lease Type	Number of Leases for Each District		
	Orca/Straits	Shoreline	Rivers
Water dependent	541	507	195
Aquaculture	44	34	85
Non-water dependent	65	105	52
Right of way (ROW)	106	122	117
Perpetual ROW	412	432	726
Mineral	4	3	18
Total Leases	1172	1203	1193

Data current as of 1/4/07

Source: Agency NaturE and RTA databases

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Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

ALEA Appropriation Received By:	Biennium	
	05-07	07-09
Harbor Transfers	\$147,000	\$166,000
State Parks	\$345,000	\$182,500
Department of Fish & Wildlife	\$6,265,000	\$7,420,000
Department of Agriculture	\$1,986,000	\$2,062,000
Department of Health	\$600,000	\$600,000
Recreation & Conservation Office (grant program)	\$9,983,200	\$8,706,800
Puget Sound Partnership	-	\$500,000
Totals	\$19,326,200	\$19,637,300

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