

Mussel and razor clam harvesting opens on the Central Coast

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The Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announce a new shellfish opening. Marine biotoxin levels have fallen below alert levels in both mussels and razor clams on the central coast.

Sport harvest of mussels has opened from Cape Lookout to the North Jetty of Coos Bay. Sport mussel harvesting is now open between the Washington border and Cape Blanco. Mussel harvest remains closed from Cape Blanco to the California border.

Sport razor clam harvesting has opened from the Yachats River to the North Jetty of Coos Bay. Sport razor clam harvesting is now open from Tillamook Head to Cape Blanco. Sport razor clam harvesting remains closed from Cape Blanco to the California border.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife annual razor clams conservation closure is in effect from July 15 through September 30, 2024 for Clatsop beaches between the Washington border and Tillamook Head.

Sport bay clamming and crabbing is open along the entire Oregon coast.

Oregon Department of Agriculture will continue to test for shellfish toxins weekly, as tides and weather permit. Reopening an area closed for biotoxins requires two consecutive tests with results below the closure limit. Contact Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for recreational license requirements, permits, rules and limits.

For more information call Oregon Department of Agriculture's (ODA) shellfish biotoxin safety hotline at (800) 448-2474, the Food Safety Shellfish Desk at (503) 986-4726, or visit the [ODA recreational shellfish biotoxin closures webpage](#).