

# PACIFIC COUNTY

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### **Recreational Clam Digging to Remain Closed**

South Bend, WA. – On May 18, Pacific County Deputy Health Officer, Dr. Steven Krager and Grays Harbor County Health Officer, Dr. John Bausher issued a joint letter to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) indicating their support for a resumption of the recreational razor clam season on May 21, 26, and 28. Dr. Krager also issued, as part of his phased order, a specific order that allowed the season to resume with agreement from WDFW.

On May 19, a decision was made at the state level that “razor clam digs bring thousands of people to travel to the coastal counties from all over the state and constitute a gathering under the Stay Home—Stay Healthy order. This order has been extended to May 31<sup>st</sup>, so razor clam digs and similar large gatherings are not allowed at this time.” According to the WDFW website, all “planned razor clam digs are postponed until further notice”.

For additional information regarding the recreational razor clam season visit the WDFW website at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/node/115153>.