## Razor Clam Dig Approved for December Local News

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OLYMPIA – Clam diggers have a green light to proceed with an evening razor-clam dig that starts Friday, Dec. 3 at Twin Harbors and expands to four other ocean beaches the next day. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) approved the dig after marine toxin tests confirmed the clams on those beaches are safe to eat. Twin Harbors, which has the highest number of clams available for harvest, will be open for digging Dec. 3-6. The four other beaches – Copalis, Mocrocks, Long Beach and Kalaloch – will be open for two days of digging, Dec. 4-5. No digging will be allowed before noon on any of the five razor-clam beaches. The National Park Service scheduled the dig at Kalaloch Beach, which is located within the Olympic National Park, to coincide with those at the other beaches.

All diggers age 15 or older must have an applicable 2010-11 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 on WDFW's website at <a href="https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov">https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov</a> and from license vendors around the state. Dan Ayres, WDFW coastal shellfish manager, said diggers heading to Copalis and Mocrocks should be aware of a traffic revision on eastbound U.S. Highway 101 in Hoquiam due to emergency work on the Simpson Avenue Bridge. &Idquo;This is the only route to those beaches, so people should allow extra travel time to make sure they arrive on time,&rdquo; Ayres said. He advises diggers to check the Washington Department of Transportation website for updated information at

http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/us101/simpsonbridgepierrepair/. Olympic National Park Superintendent Karen Gustin recommends that diggers also take safety precautions during night digs, especially at Kalaloch. & Idguo; Kalaloch is considerably more remote than the other clamming beaches, and visitors should be prepared for primitive conditions, " she said. " With no streetlights or lighted buildings in the area, flashlights or lanterns are a necessity.&rdguo; Opening dates and evening low tides for the upcoming dig are: Dec. 3, Fri. – 4:43 p.m., (-0.8 ft.), Twin Harbors Dec. 4, Sat. – 5:29 p.m., (-1.2 ft.), Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis, Mocrocks, Kalaloch Dec. 5, Sun. – 6:14 p.m., (-1.3 ft.), Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis, Mocrocks, Kalaloch Dec. 6, Mon. – 6:56 p.m., (-1.2 ft.), Twin Harbors Areas opening for digging those days include: Long Beach, which extends from the Columbia River to Leadbetter Point.Twin Harbors Beach, which extends from the mouth of Willapa Bay north to the south jetty at the mouth of Grays Harbor, Copalis Beach, which extends from the Grays Harbor north jetty to the Copalis River, and includes the Copalis, Ocean Shores, Oyhut, Ocean City and Copalis areas. Mocrocks Beach, which extends from the Copalis River to the southern boundary of the Quinault Reservation near the Moclips River, including Iron Springs, Roosevelt Beach, Pacific Beach and Moclips. Kalaloch Beach, which extends from the South Beach Campground to Brown's Point (just south of Beach Trail 3) in the Olympic National Park.

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