

Makah Bay

Annual Shellfish Growing Area Review



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Area: Makah Bay

Year Ending: December 31, 2023

Classification: Approved, Prohibited

Activities in the Growing Area in 2023

The growing area is in Inactive status. The Inactive status will end no later than January 2025. The growing area was sampled six times in accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Systematic Random Sampling (SRS) criteria. No additional activities were documented in the growing area.

Analytical Results of Water Samples

Table 1 summarizes the results of the last 30 samples collected from the area. All stations in the Approved area meet NSSP water quality standards.

Change in Actual Pollution Sources that Impact the Growing Area

We currently have no information indicating that the area has new sources of pollution.

Classification Status

- Well within the classification standards
- Meets standards, but threatened with downgrade in classification
- Fails to meet current classification standards

Remarks and Recommendations

Table 1 shows that all stations meet the NSSP standard for an Approved classification and the area is correctly classified.

TABLE 1. Summary of Marine Water Data (SRS) for the Makah Bay Growing Area

Sampling Event Type: Regulatory

Maximum Number of Samples: 30

Tides Included: All

Station Number	Classification	Date Range	Range (FC/100mL)	Geomean (FC/100mL)	Est. 90 th Percentile (FC/100mL)	Meets Standard
201	Approved	2/27/2017 - 12/11/2023	1.7 - 79.0	2.7	8.7	Y
202	Approved	5/24/2017 - 12/11/2023	1.7 - 33.0	2.9	8.6	Y
203	Approved	5/24/2017 - 12/11/2023	1.7 - 49.0	3.4	12.7	Y
204	Approved	5/24/2017 - 12/11/2023	1.7 - 140.0	4.1	20.8	Y
200	Prohibited	5/24/2017 - 12/11/2023	1.7 - 240.0	7.8	70.1	N

The standard for approved shellfish growing waters is fecal coliform geometric mean not greater than 14 organisms/ 100 mL with an estimated 90th percentile not greater than 43 organisms/ 100 mL. The above table shows bacteriological results in relation to program standards.

MAP 1. Makah Bay Growing Area

