

Community Litter Cleanup Program: The CLCP program

Anyone, anyone, anyone?

The CLCP program is where volunteers clean up trash and debris from our island beaches. Anyone can volunteer (age 18 and up). You can volunteer as often or a seldom as you wish. Currently we are cleaning different beaches EVERY TUESDAY from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. (See the back for more info on the schedule.) Also note that occasionally we adjust the time and schedule in consideration of tides. Your interest in clean beaches, your passion for volunteerism and learning, and your efforts are what keep things alive. For more information contact WSU Extension office at 360-639-6060 or send an email to jana.mcgehee@wsu.edu.

Of course you can cleanup beaches if you are 18 or younger; just cleanup individually, or contact WSU Extension Island County for information on our Purple Card Program.



Fun and Focused Cleanups



What Volunteers Do!

We collect many different types of plastics, including Styrofoam, pen caps, container lids and coolers, and numerous spent plastic shotgun wads, and mores. We collect aluminum cans, glass bottles, shellfish netting, fishing filament, tires, pressure treated and creosote treated wood... and the many odd items which get washed on our shores, or left after a day in the sand, or picnic at the park.

Just in these last few weeks alone, volunteers collected 3 tires, several pounds of plastic parts and other trash, along with over 30 aluminum cans, 13 glass bottles, and about 30 plastic water bottle-type items. These later items can be put in the recycle bin, but the pounds of trash and plastic debris, along with the tires and old tote lids will have to be added to the rubbish bins. Last year the CLCP folks collected over 5,000 pounds of trash from our local island beaches. Wow! Too bad it ends up on our beaches, but very thankful that the volunteers get it picked up off our shores. I'm sure the fish, birds, and marine life are happy too!

Contact Information

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Wads and Schedule

WAD SQUAD UPDATE

As many of you know, CLCP volunteer and author of Wad Watchers, Dar Christopherson, along with the WSU Extension Island County team, have been hard at work on grant application through Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) to fund a shotgun wad program to reduce the use of plastic shotgun wads. Many of our dedicated CLCP volunteers, in favor of bio-wads, have been diligently counting and tracking all the plastic wads found on beach cleanups. Kurt Licence, scientist from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), has been a tremendous support along this journey. Sadly, the state budget has been cut for the ALEA grants. Dar does not give up easily. He continues to search for other sources of funding for bio-wad incentives for the shooting sport community. What can you do? Please keep counting those plastic shotgun wads you find on the beaches, and let us know your counts; the number data helps support the effort.



Look for the blue WSU truck at the beach cleanups.



July, August, September Schedule 2025

1-3 PM Tuesdays (Subject to change)

July

- 1 Keystone East/West
- 8 Cornett Bay
- 15 Grasser's Lagoon/Cove
- 22 Driftwood Beach Park
- 29 Ala Spit

August

- 5 Windjammer City Park
- 12 Ft. Casey Campground
- 19 Picnic
- 26 Keystone East/West

September

- 2 Freeland Park
- 9 Grasser's Lagoon/Cove
- 16 Meeting at WSU Extension office
- 23 Oak Harbor Marina



Community Connections

Coupeville LEOS Students Clean Keystone Beach

THANK YOU!!
COUPEVILLE
MS & HS
LEOs Club!!

On Wednesday, April 23rd, a terrific group of dedicated youth from the LEOs Club at Coupeville Middle and High School met with our CLCP volunteers, Ned Smith and Will Seaton, to clean up Keystone Beach. This outing was coordinated by Margie Parker from Friends of Whidbey State Parks (FWSP) and Megan Austin, the LEOs supervisor and HS/MS history teacher. Ned Smith spent time teaching the LEOs students about the types of debris found on our beaches, what our CLCP program does, and the importance of this kind of stewardship. The students were guided by Ned in cleaning debris from Keystone Beach, along with Margie and Megan from the school. We so encouraged by the dedication of these young leaders and their mentors for their efforts, concern, and connections. And thanks to Ned and Will for their time and energy to connect to the great community! It was also great to learn about the LEOs program. LEOs is supported by the LIONS Club and gives youth the opportunity to develop leadership skills, community service, and connections. And our beaches, and wildlife are beneficiaries of their energy. Thanks so much!



INTERESTING INFO!

Questions? Contact WSU Extension Island County, CLCP Coordinator
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The Nursery Crib Netting

Netting is used by commercial shellfish companies to protect the young Geoy for the first few years of growth. Then the netting is removed and used for the next planting group. The netting can protect the young geoy from predation by shrimp, crabs, flatfish, and starfish.

Ref: WDFW



Fun Facts

- The world's largest burrowing clam
- They can reach up over 8 pounds. (average 2.5 lbs.)
- They can live to be 140 years old or more! (average age is 46 years)
- The neck (syphon) is used to gather food and water, and to remove waste.
- Mostly subtidal- underwater
- Only found in Puget Sound (Hood Canal), British Columbia, and Alaska
- Can be as deep as 360 ft in Puget Sound



Commercial Production

- Commercial netting is used as a protective nursery crib for the first 2 years of growth.
- Harvestable in about 5-7 years.
- Sold primarily to Asian markets.
- Currently, commercial farming uses about 100 privately-owned tidelands in the sound
- Commercial harvest is Managed by DNR, WDFW, and Puget Sound Treaty Indian Tribes (wildstock is managed by DNR, WDFW, and Washington Treaty Tribes)



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife



WHAT ON EARTH? IT'S A GEODUCK CRIB!

Other Names

- Geoduck or Gweduck, (Lushootseed word meaning "dig deep")
- King Clam, Elephant Clam, Mud Duck
- And an infinite number of spellings : gweduck, goeeyduck, to name a few.

If you find these nets...
Please Don't Discard!...
 They can be put in our Geoduck Basket
 at WSU Extension, Island County: 406
 N. Main Street, Coupeville WA 98239



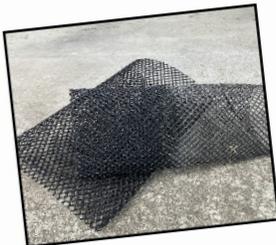
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SHELLFISH GEAR

GEODUCK
CRIB



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Bring any found gear
to the
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County Office in
Coupeville**
**406 N. Main Street,
Coupeville**

All shellfish gear is returned to the industry
and put back into use.

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