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**Island County**

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## Community Litter Cleanup Program



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We have been to Keystone Spit Beach  
Double Bluff, Maxwellton in July.  
Schedule updates in August brings:

## TUESDAY CLEANUP



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Often, we hear the question "Can CLCP dispose of this item?"

On page three, we will discuss some of the items which we dispose of, and we list some that require additional resources.

*"I am visiting family here, viewed the Facebook announcement and decided that's a great way to spend the morning!" -Colin*

### COMMUNITY LITTER CLEANUP PROGRAM CLCP WEEKLY BEACH CLEANUP

Weekly beach cleanups are a fun, free, and easy way to give back to your community by keeping pollution from damaging marine organisms in and around Island County. It is easy to participate!

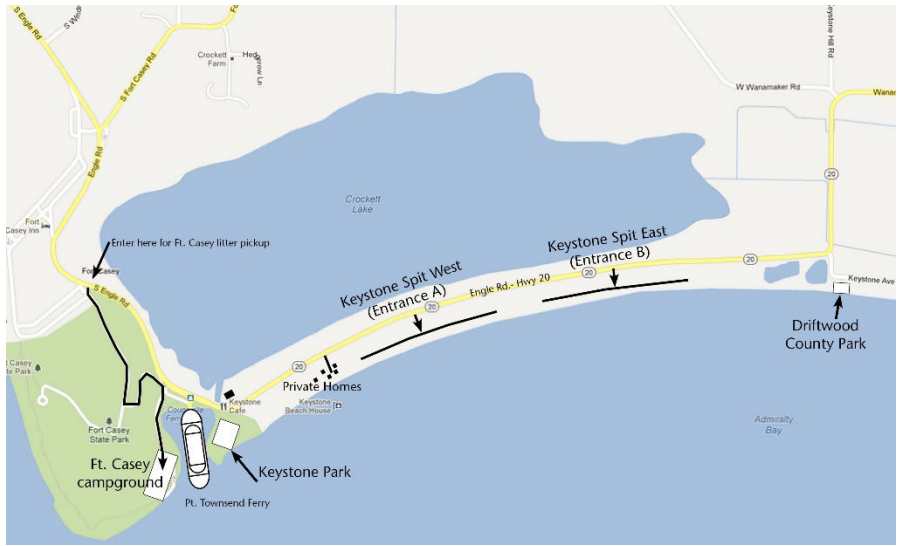
Tuesday, August 16	Windjammer Beach	1-3
Tuesday, August 23	Keystone Spit East	1-3
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Tuesday, Sept 6	Joseph Whidbey	1-3
Tuesday, Sept 13	Keystone Spit West	1-3
<b>Tuesday, Sept 20</b>	<b>Double Bluff</b>	<b>12-2</b>
Tuesday, Sept 27	Fort Casey	1-3

- Open to all adults, eighteen or older.
- WSU provides bags, gloves, and other equipment.
- Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and footwear for walking over sand, cobble, and driftwood.
- A one-day volunteer pass is available for those who do not have a Washington State Discovery Pass.

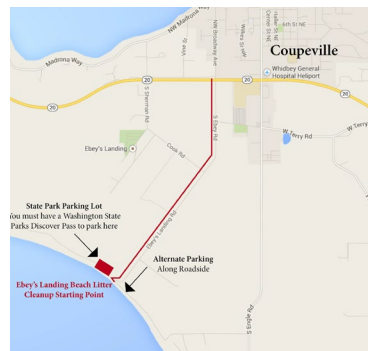
-Note time difference at Double Bluff



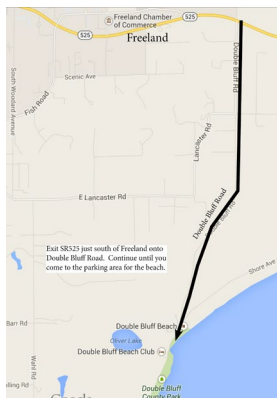
*Ft. Casey, Keystone Spit West and East*



*Ebeyes Landing*



## Double Bluff



## What are ADVs and can CLCP help?

Abandoned derelict vessels (ADV) are “aground...show no sign of maintenance, use, or are otherwise dilapidated” and can have a great impact on our river ways and estuaries” (Wessel et.al, 2022). Those containing chemical compounds, oil, hazardous materials, and the like pose a major threat to “the biodiversity and alter ecosystem function” (262). That is to say that the variety of plants and animals in the surrounding areas are affected when ADVs are left unattended. Chemicals can seep into the water when left aboard, and old Styrofoam and plastics get swept into our rivers and streams. Not only do they affect flora and fauna, but the “aesthetic ramifications” can significantly impact tourism and economic growth in the area (263).

A great evaluation tool exists to help us ascertain the level of impact a particular ADV is having on the surrounding environment. It is based on a point system of 1-100 with highest number having greatest impact. When calling about ADVs, it is helpful to have an evaluation of the impact to offer. Oftentimes, the response time can be impacted if a score reflects high potential for environmental or ecological harm. This tool keeps you informed about ADVs in your area and up to date on impact to the surrounding area and/or wildlife. Call 360-902-BOAT to report local ADVs.

### DVET (Derelict Vessel Evaluation Tool)

1. Vessel ID (registration, type, commercial/recreational)
2. Location (water depth, State or private lands)
3. Area of Vessel (length/width, estimated tonnage, % submerged)

Materials present (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

- Wood/metal/linen
- Rubber/paint/fiberglass
- Engine/gas or oil/battery

Fauna present (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

- Shellfish
- Fish (#of species)
- Endangered or threatened species

Fisheries Habitat (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

- Reef, SAV, Marsh, bare sediment

Water Quality (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

- Turbidity, Salinity, temp, drainage pattern

Eyesore (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Stability (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

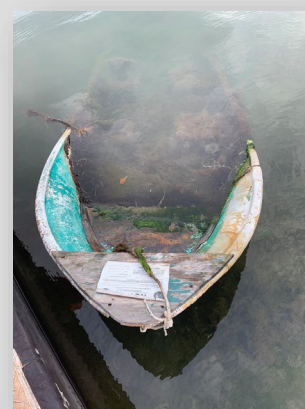
Ease of removal (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Navigation Hazard (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

State of Decay (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Damage to Existing Habitat (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_



Wessel, Caitlin C., Ashley McDonald, and Just Cebrian.  
An evaluative tool for rapid assessment of derelict vessel effects on coastal  
resources. *Journal of Environmental Management*, Volume 207, 2018, Pages  
262-268, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2017.11.046>.

Purple Card - Let's keep this going!!

CLCP offers a program to Island County individuals and organizations concerned with the environment and looking for volunteer opportunities. Individuals and groups can choose public or private beaches in the county that need attention. CLCP will provide gloves, litter bags, long-handled grabbers for easy pickup, and safety instruction for the participants if requested.

Each participating person or organization can decide when and how often to organize litter cleanup events. You may choose to do a one-time cleanup or adopt a section of beach for regular attention. Your participation is scalable, and you are not under any obligation to continue.



What you get:

- WSU provides all gloves, bags, and equipment necessary for your litter collection outing at no cost to you.
- The cost of disposing of your beach litter at any of the four Island County Solid Waste Transfer Stations is covered.
- Instruction on beach safety and safe handling of items found on the beach, if requested.

A complete volunteer package.



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out:

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