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National Estuary Program

CLALLAM COUNTY PIC PROGRAM

The Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program aims to keep people and the environment healthy by keeping bacterial pollution out of Clallam County waters.

What we're doing

Clallam County has partnered with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Clallam Conservation District, Streamkeepers of Clallam County, and Washington State University Extension Program to:

- Monitor the long-term health of streams
- Investigate sources of pollution in streams
- Clean up known pollution sources
- Support the efforts of homeowners, farmers, and visitors to care for our water resources

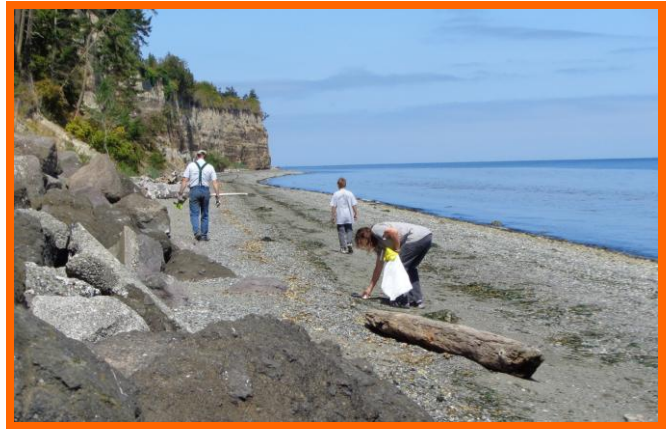


How we're doing it

Through water sampling we've located various sources of pollution near streams that discharge into marine waters of Clallam County. We've helped connect neighbors with resources to correct failing septic systems, manage pet and wildlife waste, and apply agricultural best management practices. Dungeness Bay near Sequim, Washington stands out for improving water quality in recent years.

WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT?

Clean water benefits everybody: bacterial pollution can make surfers, waders, shellfish harvesters, and even pets sick. In the late 1990's and early 2000's poor water quality around Dungeness Bay forced the closure of thousands of acres of shellfish beds. Commercial and recreational shellfish harvest help support Washington State's economy.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Bag and dispose of pet waste properly
- Get septic systems professionally inspected to avoid costly repairs and protect water quality
- Don't feed wildlife such as ducks and raccoons
- Maintain vegetated buffers around waterways

ABOUT CLALLAM ENV. HEALTH SERVICES

Clallam County Environmental Health Services is always working toward a happier, healthier county through its air quality, drinking water, food safety, solid and hazardous waste, water quality, onsite sewage, and shellfish programs. In 2016 we saw 272 acres of shellfish bed classification upgrades in Dungeness Bay.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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