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National Estuary Program

LIBERTY AND MILLER BAY WORKING FARMS PIC

At low tide, the waters of Puget Sound reveal an amazing abundance of oysters, clams, mussels, and more—a bounty unparalleled elsewhere. Gathering shellfish is a time-honored tradition for the public, and today it is an industry that supports thousands of jobs and brings millions of dollars into the region.

Around Puget Sound, there are approximately 225,000 acres of classified commercial and recreational shellfish beds. However, about 37,000 acres of shellfish beds—or 16 percent—are closed due to pollution, most of which comes from fecal bacteria from humans, livestock, and pets. When fecal bacteria and other contaminants get into the water, they threaten the areas where these prized oysters, clams, and other bivalve shellfish grow.

What we're doing

We will be working with farmers and livestock owners in the greater Liberty Bay and Miller Bay watersheds to help them implement best management practices for managing mud, manure and pastures while reaching their personal farm goals. What's good for the farm is also good for keeping our beautiful waters clean.

- Free technical assistance
- Cost share assistance (as funds available)





WHAT YOU CAN DO

Give Kitsap Conservation District a call! We provide technical assistance and designs at no charge. In some cases, we can even provide funding to pay for construction of waste storage structures, fencing, mud-free paddock footing and more.

ABOUT KITSAP CONSERVATION DISTRICT

KCD works cooperatively with farmers, residents and businesses to help them meet their land use goals while addressing water and soil concerns and protecting waterways and shellfish beds.

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