SOUTH SOUND SHELLFISH RECOVERY PROJECT
This project is intended to focus water quality improvement efforts in South Sound Shellfish Protection Districts. The goal of our work is to upgrade the shellfish growing area classifications in the targeted bays.

What We’re Doing
The project will center on Henderson Inlet and Nisqually Reach in Thurston County; Filucy and Vaughn bays in Pierce County; and McLane Cove and Oakland Bay in Mason County. Pollution control efforts will concentrate on failing septic systems, livestock, and stormwater.

Why Is This Issue Important
Shellfish play an important part in the culture and economy of the South Sound. They also require very clean water. Water clean enough for shellfish harvest also supports other activities like swimming and fishing.

What You Can Do
Take a look at your own property and check for possible sources of bacteria. Have your septic system inspected regularly and if you have livestock, make sure their waste is collected and covered. Pet waste should be picked up and put in the garbage. Don’t hesitate to call us, we have a lot of people and programs ready to help.

About The Clean Water Partners
The South Sound Clean Water Partners include Pierce County Surface Water Management, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Pierce Conservation District, Thurston County Public Health & Social Services, and the Mason Conservation District.

How We’re Doing It
Our program will prevent, identify, and correct sources of bacterial pollution. Efforts will include water quality monitoring, watershed field screening, finding septic system failures, providing agricultural technical assistance site visits, and educating the community about clean water measures.