We honor and acknowledge the sx̌əbabŞ people — known today as part of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians — and their traditional, unceded lands where we gather, work, and recreate. Vashon-Maury Island is within the tribe’s traditional fishing and shellfish area, a vital part of the tribe’s cultural sovereignty.

**Maury Island Aquatic Reserve** protects 5,530 acres of subaquatic bedland from east of the Tahlequah ferry dock to Luana beach (just north of Point Robinson) including all of Quartermaster harbor.

https://www.dnr.wa.gov/managed-lands/aquatic-reserves/maury-island-aquatic-reserve

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**BEFORE YOU GO - BE IN THE KNOW!**

Vashon-Maury Island is in Marine Area 11, water off north end in Marine Area 10

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Everyone age 15 and older MUST obtain a license from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. A catch card is required for all ages for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, halibut and Dungeness crab. Learn more

https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/fishing

Check Emergency rule changes and public health warnings for the most accurate and up to date information

Closures and Advisories - for public health safety concerns

www.doh.wa.gov/shellfishsafety.htm or call the Red Tide Hotline 1-(800)562-5632

Emergency Rule Changes - for conservation and resource population control

www.wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations/rule-change

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**SHELLFISH HARVESTING - WHERE TO GO?**

The matrix of tideland ownership in Washington State is complex.

**Private tidelands** are plentiful on Vashon-Maury island. It is illegal to harvest resources on private tidelands unless permission is granted by the owner or you are the owner.

**Publicly owned beaches** maintain individually designated open and closed seasons. The Department of Health and the Department of Fish and Wildlife work together to ensure healthy harvesting conditions exist and stock populations are maintained. Find up to date information based off location here:

https://wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/shellfish-beaches?name=&county=42&marine_area=#beach-map

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**Shrimp** - 2 pots per person and no more than 4 on a boat at one time

**Crab** - 2 pots per person with no max limit per boat. 13 cubic feet max pot size

All gear must be removed from waters on closed days. It is illegal to remove unattended gear on a buoy without your name on it.

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- **Geoduck** - first 3 dug per person per day.
- **Horse clam** - first 7 dug per person per day.
- **All other Shellfish (except Razor clams)** - up to 40 and no more than 10 lbs per person per day.
- **Seaweed** - 10 lbs of any species per person per day.
- **Squid** - 5 qt or 10 lb per person per day. Each harvester must have their own container.
- **Dungeness crab** - Check for openings.

Where open: Males only; 6 ¼" min measurement inside of the widest point.
Tribal harvesting  https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/tribal
This is the usual and accustomed (UA) fishing area of the Puyallup tribe. The 1974 Boldt Decision retained tribal fishing rights, allocating tribes 50% of the annual catch. Each of the treaty tribes are required to harvest only in their UA. As sovereign nations, the tribes are not obligated to follow WA state fisheries regulations or fishing seasons. The first two letters in the boat number reference its license designation: PU (Puyallup) | MU (Muckleshoot).

Commercial harvesting rules  https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial
- **Geoduck** tracts surround most of the island except inside Quartermaster Harbor. Use of underwater jets for harvesting is permitted. Boats must have their vessel number visible.
- **Salmon** fishing fleets in Puget Sound include purse seiners, gillnetters and reef netters. The link above contains rules.

### Make the call

**For matters of public safety:** 911 (King County Sheriff)
**Report poaching:** 877-933-9847 (WA Dept. Fish and Wildlife)
**Report derelict vessels:** 360-902-1073 (WA Dept of Natural Resources)
**Report derelict fishing gear:** 855-542-3935
**Report hazardous spills:** 800-258-5990 (Dept of Emergency Management)

**Report commercial shipping violations in the Aquatic Reserve:**
360-902-1073 or roberta.davenport@dnr.wa.gov
(Birdie Davenport - Aquatic Reserves Program Manager)

**Report rare or unusual wildlife sightings:** 206-755-5798 or https://vashonnaturecenter.org/contact-us/ (Vashon Nature Center)

**Report marine mammal strandings:** 206-463-9041 (Anne Stateler)

### Download the App

*Track Ships with Ship Finder Lite*
https://shipfinder.co/about/

*Report nearshore hazards with MyCoast Washington*
https://mycoast.org/wa

*Report marine mammal strandings with Dolphin & Whale 911*

*Report invasive species (such as European Green Crab) with WA Invasives*
https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/report-a-sighting/

**Protect our resources! Report over harvesting and potential poachers.** If possible obtain the following:

*Prioritize your safety at all times. It is not advised to confront over harvesters.*

1. **Boat number:** __________________________ or **Licence plate #:** __________________________
   
   (The first two letters in the boat number reference its license designation:
   **WA** (Washington State recreational boaters) | **PU** (Puyallup Nation) | **MU** (Muckleshoot Nation)

2. **Description of vessel or vehicle:** __________________________________________________________

3. **Resource targeted:** __________________________  

4. **Harvest site:** __________________________

5. **Number of people in party:** _______  

6. **Direction of travel from harvest site:** ________________

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