



MASON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

Building, Planning, Environmental Health, Community Health



MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May 29, 2026

11:00 A.M.

Commission Chambers

411 North 5th Street

Shelton, WA 98584

DRAFT AGENDA

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Welcome and Introductions | Chair |
| 2. Public Comments | |
| 3. Approval of Agenda – ACTION | Board Members |
| 4. Approval of Minutes (March 24, 2026) – ACTION | Board Members |
| 5. Health Officer Report | Dr. Steve Krager |
| 6. Administration Report | Dave Windom |
| 7. Environmental Health Report | Ian Tracy |
| a. Code Enforcement Data | |
| b. Draft Revisions to Mason County Code Title 6 Chapter 6.04 | |
| 8. Community Health Report | Melissa Casey |
| 9. Other Business and Board Discussion | Board Members |
| 10. Adjourn | |

Mason County Public Health

415 N 6th Street, Bldg. 8, Shelton WA 98584,

Phone: (360) 427-9670 ext. 869 ❖ Fax: (360) 427-7787

If special accommodations are needed, please contact McKenzie Smith at (360) 427-9670 ext. 589 or at

msmith@masoncountywa.gov.

/MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS
411 North 5th Street, Shelton, WA
March 24, 2026

Attendance: Randy Neatherlin, County Commissioner; Pat Tarzwell, County Commissioner; Sharon Trask, County Commissioner; Dr. Steven Krager, Health Officer; Pamela Schlauderaff, Hospital District No. 1; Peggy VanBuskirk, Hospital District No. 2; Eric Onisko, City of Shelton Councilmember; Sneha Gunda, Squaxin Island Health Officer; Mark Wilhelm, Community Stakeholder; Ian Tracy, Environmental Health Manager; Melissa Casey, Community Health Manager; Cami Olson, Clerk of the Board; and Dedrick Allen, MasonWebTV

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Peggy/Cmmr. Trask moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Cmmr. Trask/Peggy moved and seconded to approve the January 27, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Health Officer Report

Measles cases are increasing nationally, with sporadic cases in Washington. Snohomish County's outbreak remains stable and may end soon, while Grant County reported two travel-related cases, including one hospitalization. Even without local outbreaks, exposures—often in healthcare settings—are creating significant public health workload for contact tracing and monitoring.

A new federal rural health funding opportunity—established under HR1—allocates \$50 billion over five years, with Washington State receiving \$181 million in the first year. Funds are intended to address rural healthcare gaps, including access barriers, workforce shortages, technology use, and chronic disease prevention and treatment. While details are still emerging, funding may be made available to local entities such as clinics, hospitals, and nonprofits. Public health will help share information, coordinate efforts, and encourage partners to explore potential funding opportunities.

5. Administration Report

Dave Windom reported a vape account shortfall leading to ~\$2M in cuts to local health jurisdictions by June 30, with an additional \$20M statewide reduction starting July 1 (estimated \$260K–\$275K local impact). Options under discussion include staffing reductions or use of reserves.

The Board emphasized the need for timely advocacy given infrequent meetings and supported developing a letter on funding priorities.

Cmmr. Neatherlin/Peggy moved and seconded to draft a letter to the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials supporting the Director's funding request and recommendation, with final approval delegated to the Chair and Vice Chair prior to submission. Motion carried.

Dave explained that the previously submitted health officer contract was not approved by the state due to changes in their backup health officer capacity. Staff are working with partners to revise the contract and identify a new backup health officer. The contract is currently being updated internally and will be resubmitted once finalized.

6. Environmental Health Report

Ian Tracy suggested moving the Public Comment section earlier on future agendas to allow input on agenda items before decisions are made.

Ian provided the Environmental Health report, which included water quality issues, On-Site Sewage Advisory Committee (OSAC) membership, on-site septic and code enforcement, and mobile food establishments within the City of Shelton.

Ian discussed forming a Code Enforcement Coalition with multiple representatives and asked whether to move forward with the Board's code enforcement subcommittee. The Board agreed to wait and assess the new group's work, noting overlap, before deciding on the subcommittee.

Action Item. - Ian shared the draft revisions to Group B water system regulations and policy. The most notable changes include the requirement of regular water quality monitoring for Group B systems, allowing the use of a two-party water system to develop non-contiguous lots, requirement of a maintenance agreement for those two-party water systems, establishing permit expiration dates, and removal of the Water System Designer Certification program.

Public Comment:

Ryan Finn thanked the Board for forming the code enforcement subcommittee and summarized a follow-up email. He requested adding "replacement" to Group B Water System Regulations, noting that "maintenance" does not include replacement based on a recent legal case.

Ian responded that the County has not reviewed this request with legal counsel and explained that it is difficult to be specific within the code regarding agreements because the agreements are outside of their control. He noted that while adding the language would not be harmful, it would not be enforceable by the County, and the County lacks authority to require agreements beyond the life of the well.

Cmmr. Trask/Peggy moved and seconded to approve changes the policy and recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the proposed changes to MCC 6.64- Group B Water System Regulations. Motion carried.

Ian shared the draft revision to the Mason County Public Health On-Site Standards. The current policy prohibits drain field reductions.

Cmmr. Trask/Peggy moved and seconded to approve the revision to the Mason County Public Health On-Site Standards as presented. Motion carried.

7. Community Health Report

Melissa Casey shared the January – February 2026 Community Health report and discussed the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and community partnerships and grants, the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count representing the number of individuals experiencing homelessness, overdose prevention, substance use mobile outreach, and communicable disease. Melissa reported that there have been recent outbreaks of Whooping Cough locally and agreed to share this and vaccination information at an upcoming Commissioner Regular Meeting.

8. Other Business and Board Discussion

Dave reported that the state is no longer applying health rankings to counties, so comparisons are no longer required.

Dave reported that the one-year mental health pilot program enrolled 2,400 people, completed over 400 assessments, and connected 67 clients with therapists. The AI-based program provided insights on engaging the local community, and its online marketing was well received.

Eric reported that none of the kratom bills advanced, though they had strong support, and suggested considering a ban or moratorium in Mason County, noting that multiple cities and counties are taking similar action. He also noted that the HB for nitrous oxide (HB 22532) passed, which will remove it from gas stations within 90 days. Cmmr. Tarzwell confirmed with the attorney that the county cannot ban nitrous oxide.

9. Public Comments

Catherine Johnson from Mason County Humane Society reported that the 2025 Impact Report is now available, highlighting one of their most impactful years. She shared a story about a canine named Dorothy and invited the Board to their annual event, *Tails at Little Creek*, on May 30, 2026. She thanked the Board for their support.

Constance Ibsen asked the Board to clarify today's process, noting that this is an advisory board under the OPMA and the discussion on the two-party well felt like a public hearing. She questioned whether it should be a formal public hearing with newspaper notice and briefing to the Board of County Commissioners. Dave explained that the Board of Health (BOH) is governed under RCW 70.50. Constance noted that the BOH website is not up to date and asked if there is a handbook regarding the BOH and expressed concern about accountability. Dave stated that he will provide a BOH education session at the next meeting.

10. Adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

ATTEST

MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

McKenzie Smith, Clerk of the Board

Prepared by Cami Olson

Pamela Schlauderaff, Hospital District #1

Peggy Van Buskirk, Hospital District #2

Randy Neatherlin, Commissioner

Pat Tarzwell, Commissioner

Sharon Trask, Commissioner

Eric Onisko, City Council

Sneha Gunda, Squaxin Island Health Director

From the Director's Desk



May 2026

Good morning,

As you are all aware, we've seen some funding issues with FPHS funding. Last year, we lost the unspent funds, which, for us, was unfilled position funding. This year had an entirely different issue. Some of the FPHS funding has been tied to the vaping tax account. This year, the legislature reclassified a number of products as tobacco, which then reduced the amount in the vaping account by \$21 million.

The local health jurisdiction reduction was forwarded to the Executive Leadership Committee at WSALPHO for allocation across the LHJs. This has been extremely difficult and has taken three months and many iterations to get a final number.

Last Tuesday, we received our final reduction numbers. All LHJs in our sector were reduced by \$30,000 in Life Course work. We then had to reduce our budget by another \$230,000, or 15% of the current budget (down 39% from this time last year).

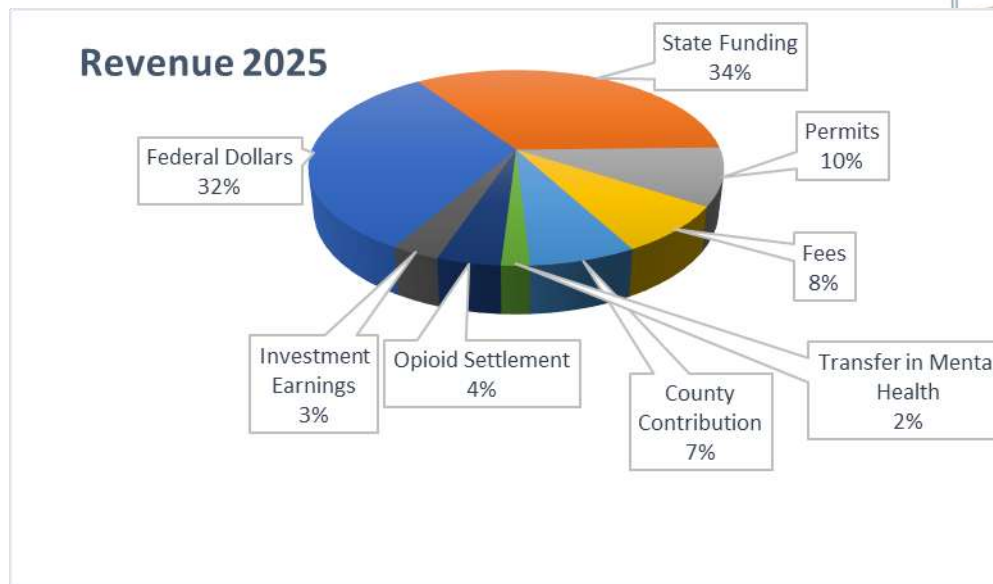
We achieved most of the reduction by not filling open positions. There are cuts to programming, and we've sent these off to DOH for approval and inclusion in the CONCON (Consolidated Contract). Any delay on our part could result in our not receiving funds until September. We should have a solid CONCON by July 1st for signature. Programs will receive their statements of work for FPHS-funded programs at that time.

In summary, we won't have layoffs for the rest of this fiscal year. We still have the county budgeting process to complete, which we'll start putting together in July for a late Autumn budget hearing.

Some tasks may change when the new CONCON arrives, but for now, we should have all current programs covered. We should receive the new CONCON in mid-June.

David Windom, MSHS

From the Director's Desk



Local Public Health



Washington State law gives primary responsibility for the health and safety of Washington residents to 39 county governments. It charges the counties' legislative authorities with establishing either a county department or a health district to assure the public's health. ([RCW 70.05](#), [70.08](#), [70.46](#)) In Washington State the governmental public health system consists of [35 local public health agencies or local health jurisdictions \(LHJs\)](#) that work with the state Department of Health. In three cases, county legislative authorities have formed multi-county health districts.

Each county legislative authority must also establish a local board of health, which 'shall have supervision over all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people within its jurisdiction.' ([RCW 70.05.060](#)) Local boards of health approve the budgets, programs, and policies of local public health agencies and may also appoint the agency administrator. Board members include county commissioners or members of the county council and may include elected or non-elected officials. Elected officials must always make up the majority.

Local Public Health Funding

Historically, a combination of local, state, and federal resources has financed services provided by local health jurisdictions. These include:

- Local funds: county general funds, licenses, permits, and fees for services
- State funds: contracts for specific programs, flexible funds to meet local needs, and reimbursement for performing specific services (i.e., Medicaid reimbursement)
- Federal funds: contracts for specific programs and reimbursement for performing specific services (most of this funding is passed through the state Department of Health)
- Other funding—such as federal or private grants

The mix of these funds and the conditions attached to their use have changed over time.

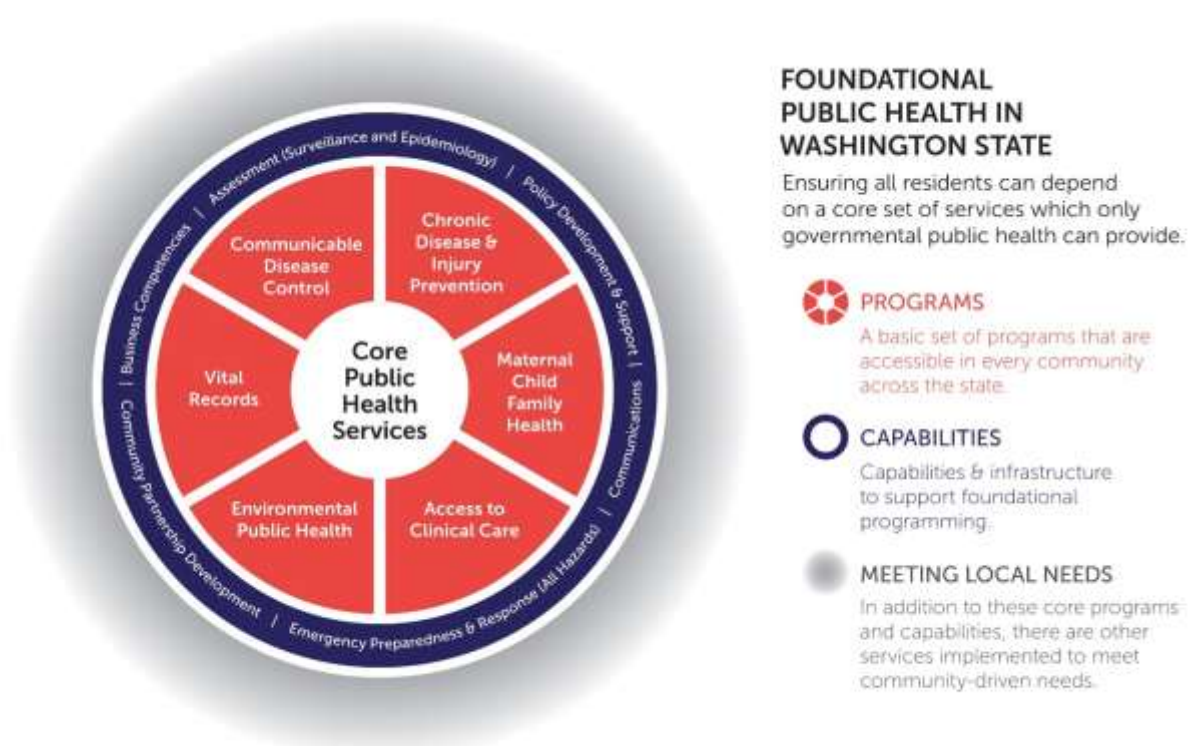
Services Provided by Local Health Jurisdictions

With oversight from the Local Board of Health (LBOH), each local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) determines which services to provide. Many factors are considered, including for example:

State Law, primarily [RCW 70.05](#) and [RCW 70.46](#)

Agency Rules, primarily [WAC 246](#)

[Standards for Public Health in Washington State](#)



Environmental Health (EH) Report – Mason County Board of Health

May 29, 2026

From Ian Tracy, Environmental Health Manager

Water Quality

The WA State Dept. of Health (DoH) is declassifying a portion of Skookum Inlet where Skookum Creek enters the marine water. They are doing this for the following reasons:

- Very shallow.
- Difficult to monitor and sample.
- Unsuitable for shellfish production.
- No commercial growers utilize that area.

DoH currently allocates significant resources to monitor and classify this area, with little to no public benefit. This is not considered a water quality downgrade.

On-site Septic

Our staff are now conducting more final inspections for full septic system installations. Historically, we conducted 20-30% of septic system finals, which complies with the minimum requirements of WAC 246-272A. Our goal is to complete 50% of final inspections by July 1st and 100% of final inspections by October 1st. We now include photos of the system taken during the final inspection with the As-built. We began implementation about 6 weeks ago and are currently achieving a nearly 100% inspection rate. We are monitoring permit review times to assess the impact of this new process

Food

Due to state Foundational Public Health Services funding reductions, we have made the tough decision not to refill our vacant Food Inspector position. This reduces our food staffing from two FTE down to one FTE. We will be unable to meet our inspection frequency goals until additional funding is secured.

Attachments: Skookum Inlet Declassification, EH Quarter 1 Report



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE of ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH and SAFETY
PO Box 47824, Olympia, WA 98504
(360) 236-3330 O 711 Washington Relay Service

May 4, 2026

Ian Tracy,
Mason County Environmental Health Department
415 North 6th Street
Shelton, WA 98584

Dear Ian Tracy:

Our office is reclassifying a portion of the Skookum Inlet Commercial Shellfish Growing Area in Mason County from Approved to unclassified. This change in classification is prompted by the results of a comprehensive review of pollution conditions and marine water quality data, difficulty in monitoring the area, and lack of commercial interest. We anticipate that the reclassification will be finalized by June 8, 2026.

The area being reclassified is identified by boundary lines on Map 4 of the enclosed Sanitary Survey report.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Chernoff at (564) 999-1617.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "TW AS", is written above the typed name.

Todd Phillips, R.S.
Office Director

Enclosure

SANITARY SURVEY OF SKOOKUM INLET

MARCH 2026



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
SHELLFISH PROGRAMS

Prepared by:

Scott Chernoff

Reviewed and Approved	
/s/Scott Berbells	3/2/2026
Sanitary Survey Officer	Date

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>SECTION</u>	Page
I. Executive Summary	2
II. Description of Growing Area.....	2
III. Pollution Source Survey	5
IV. Hydrographic and Meteorological Characteristics.....	7
V. Water Quality Studies.....	10
VI. Interpretation of Data.....	11
VII. Conclusions and Recommendations	12

TABLES

1. Marine water data summary	11
2. Emergency closure sampling results	11
3. Marine water data: from 11/2/2020 to 10/15/2025	14

MAPS

1. General location of growing area.....	3
2. Detailed growing area map.....	4
3. Shoreline drainages map	6
4. Updated growing area map	13

FIGURES

1. Flood tide directions	7
2. Ebb tide directions.....	8
3. Average annual precipitation	8
4. Probability of rain (inches) in 24 hours.....	9

I. Executive Summary

Skookum Inlet is a narrow inlet that branches off of the west side of Totten Inlet in southern Puget Sound. The area is currently used for commercial intertidal harvest of oysters and clams. There are no geoduck tracts or leases in the growing area. No public recreational beaches are located in the bay.

Currently, the whole growing area is classified as Approved. A shoreline survey of Skookum Inlet, completed in August 2025, did not find any Direct or Indirect impacts. This sanitary survey finds that the growing area continues to meet NSSP standards for an Approved classification. However, due to difficulty monitoring and lack of commercial interest, approximately 148 acres of the growing area in the head of the inlet is unclassified by this report.

II. Description of Growing Area

A. Location map or chart showing growing area

- Map 1: General area map, page 3.
- Map 2: Detailed growing area map with stations and sanitary lines, page 4.
- Map 4: Growing area map showing changes made with this report, page 13.

B. Description of area

Skookum Inlet is a narrow inlet in south Puget Sound in Mason County. The growing area is approximately 556 acres, 3.8 miles long, and one-half mile wide at its widest part in the uppermost part of the inlet. Most of the bay is narrow with the narrowest part of the channel about 290 feet wide. The depth can be very shallow in the head of the inlet with exposed mud at the zero-tide level. A detailed map with marine sampling stations may be found on Page 4. The land-use in the watershed is rural residential and undeveloped forestland. All residences in the watershed use on-site septic systems (OSS). The area is highly productive for the commercial harvest of shellfish. There are no recreational harvest areas within the inlet.

There are three main freshwater creeks that enter Skookum Inlet. The largest of these is Skookum Creek near the head of the Inlet with a mean annual flow of 24,690 gpm. Ellison Creek enters the inlet on the north side near the head of the inlet. Lynch Creek enters the inlet on the north-side about half-way along the inlet.

C. History of growing area classification

1. Date of last Sanitary Survey

The last Sanitary Survey was written in October 2014. There have been no addendums to the Sanitary Survey written since then.

2. Previous classifications

There have been no changes to the classification in Skookum Inlet since the last Sanitary Survey.

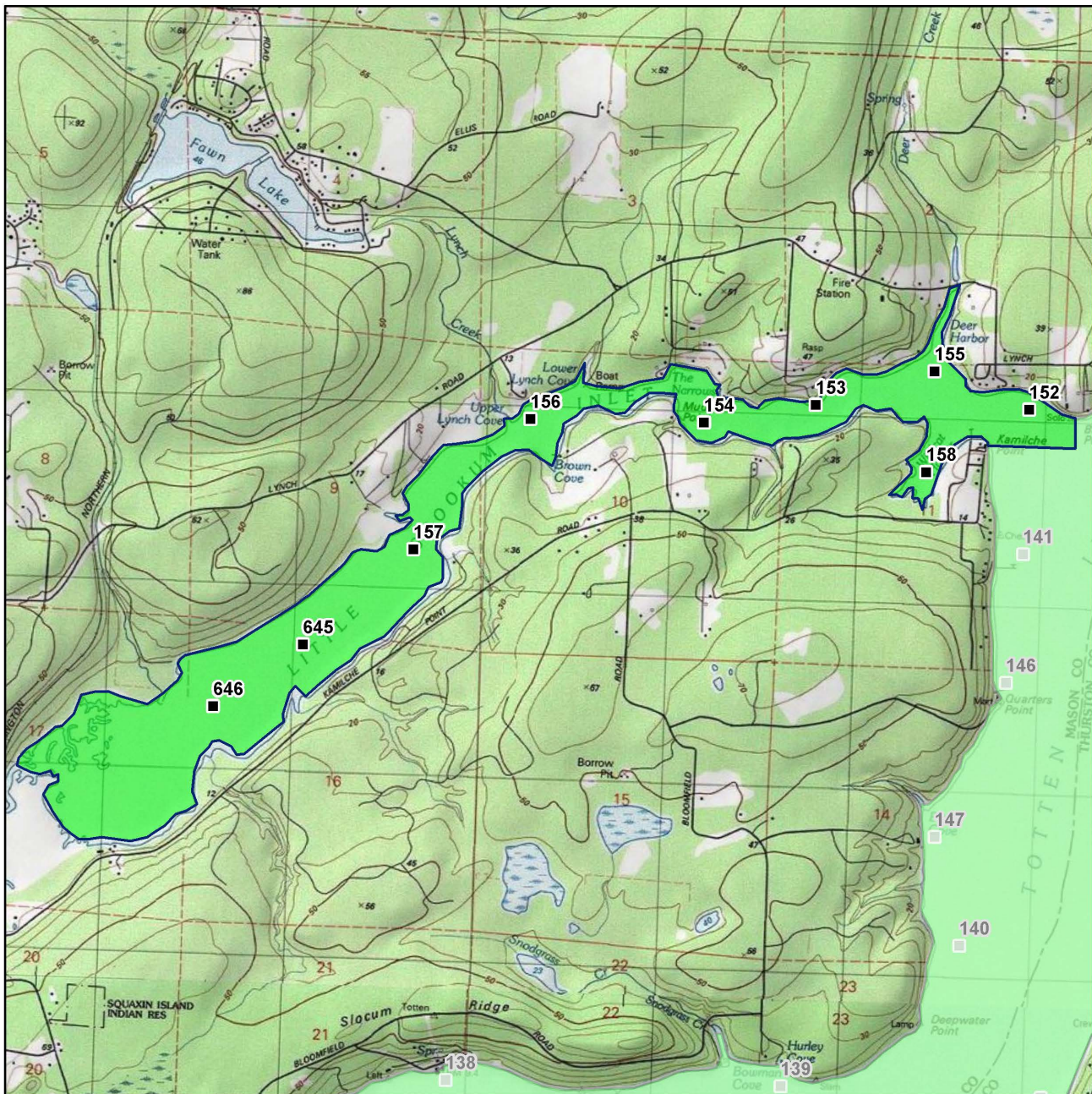
Map 1. General location of growing area



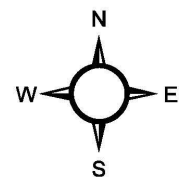
Map 2. Growing area map showing current classifications and locations of sanitary line boundaries and marine water stations.

Skookum Inlet

0 0.75 1.5 Miles



Classification	Sampling Stations
 Approved	
 Conditional	
 Prohibited	
 Restricted	
 Unclassified	



* Some sampling stations are highlighted with grey box for ease of reading.

III. Pollution Source Survey

A. Summary of Sources and Location

1. There are no actual or potential sources of pollution in Skookum Inlet Growing Area.

B. Identification and evaluation of pollution sources

A summary of the pollution source information is included below. Detailed information is included in the 2025 Shoreline Survey Report (pages 3-10).

1. Domestic wastes

The residences along the shoreline of growing area are exclusively served by OSS. The shoreline survey evaluated 103 individual shoreline parcels, with four of these OSS identified as being High Risk. Two of these parcels were designated as High Risk due to the systems using gravity dispersal close to Little Skookum Creek while the other two High Risk parcels had setbacks less than 50 feet from saltwater. None of these four parcels or any of the other parcels were deemed Direct or Indirect Impacts to the growing area.

There was a pit privy identified during the survey that was near the beach and can be flooded by king tides. This site was referred to Mason County Environmental Health (MCEH) and was decommissioned.

There is a large onsite sewage system (LOSS), the Fawn Lake Community Septic System located at the upstream end of Lynch Creek. The Department evaluates this LOSS on a quarterly basis with its last inspection in March 2025. The LOSS is permitted for a flow of 6,720 gpd and is in compliance with no current or active failures and no past-due conditions. The drainfield is around 400 feet from Fawn Lake, which is the headwaters of Lynch Creek.

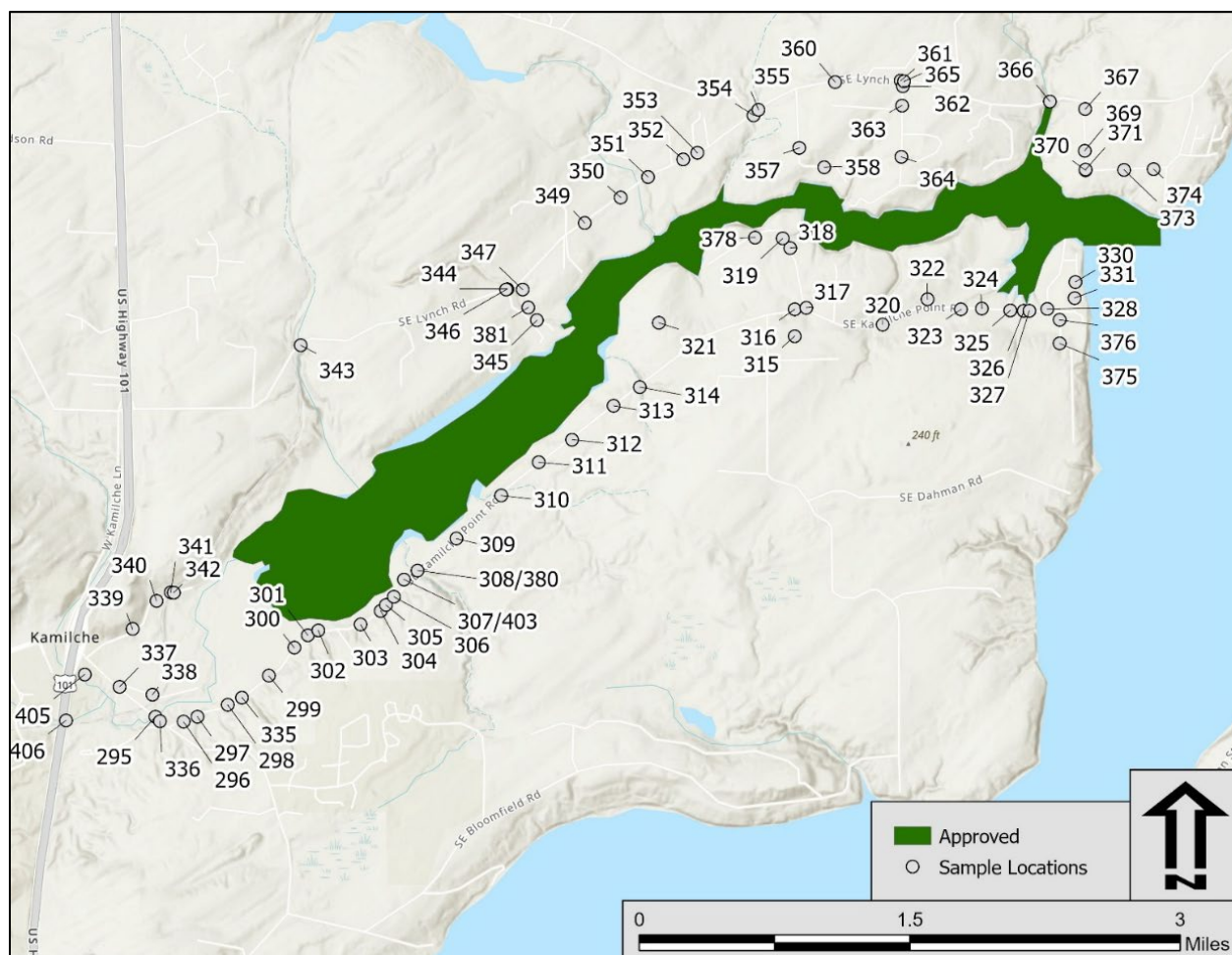
See pages 7-8 of the 2025 Shoreline Survey of Skookum Inlet for more information on domestic wastes.

2. Stormwater and Freshwater Discharges

As part of the 2025 shoreline survey, 80 drainages were identified in the growing area with 30 of these sampled. Six of these are perennial creeks. The four largest creeks are Lynch Creek, Ellison Creek, Skookum Creek, and Deer Creek. None of these creeks or drainages had water quality of concern.

Site 296 had a geometric mean of 229 FC/100mL due to several 920 FC/100mL samples. This drainage had low flows and had a maximum loading rate of 1.5 +E09 FC/day. This site is a culvert that feeds to Skookum Creek above the head of Skookum Inlet. Site 366 had elevated fecal coliform (FC) loading rates – however this was likely due to the high discharge rate of the drainage and recent rainfall. This site is at the mouth of Deer Creek. There were no sources identified upstream of these drainages. None of the stormwater or freshwater drainages are Direct or Indirect impacts. See Map 2, below for the locations of the shoreline sampling sites.

For more information regarding creeks and drainages, see pages 3-7 of the 2025 Shoreline Survey of Skookum Inlet.



Map 3. Skookum Inlet shoreline drainages

3. Agricultural waste

There were five agricultural sites and three potential agricultural sites identified in the shoreline survey. None of these sites are Direct or Indirect impacts to the growing area. See page 8 of the 2025 Shoreline Survey of Skookum Inlet for more information.

4. Wildlife areas

There were no dense populations of wildlife observed during the shoreline survey.

5. Industrial wastes

There are no industrial wastes or inputs in Skookum Inlet.

6. Marinas

There are no marinas in the growing area.

IV. Hydrographic and Meteorological Characteristics

A. Tides

1. Type

The Skookum Inlet Growing Area is subject to mixed tides, predominantly semi-diurnal, characterized by a large inequality in the high water heights, low water heights, or both. There are usually two high and two low tides each day but occasionally the tidal pattern will result in only one high or one low tide in a single day.

2. Amplitude

Mean tide range is listed at 10.4 feet. The mean higher water is 14.4 feet and the lower low tide is 0 feet. The tidal exchange ranges from an extreme 17 feet above the MHHW to 4 feet below MHHW.

5. Currents

According to the NANOOS Visualization System

(<https://nvs.nanoos.org/WaysWaterMoves>), incoming (flood) surface water moves into Skookum Inlet and travels up the inlet, as shown by the arrows in Figure 1, below. During an outgoing (ebb) tide, surface water move towards the mouth of Skookum Inlet as shown by the arrows in Figure 2, page 8. Currents tend to circulate in the head of Skookum Inlet. Varying tidal flux intensities may produce slightly different current patterns. Figures 1 and 2 below show surface currents from an average tidal exchange.

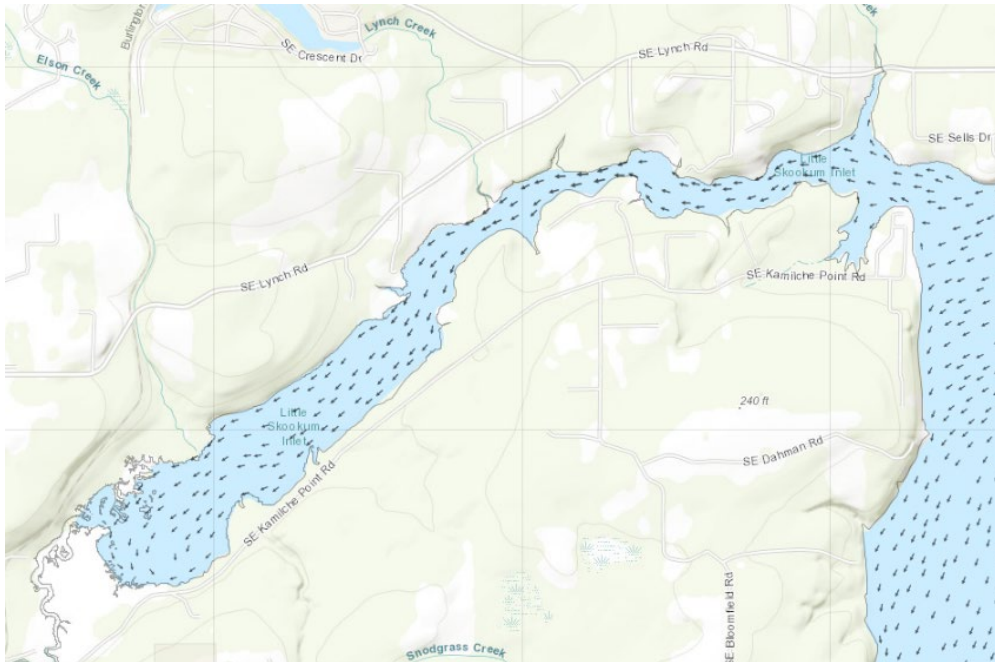


Figure 1. Flood tide direction in Skookum Inlet

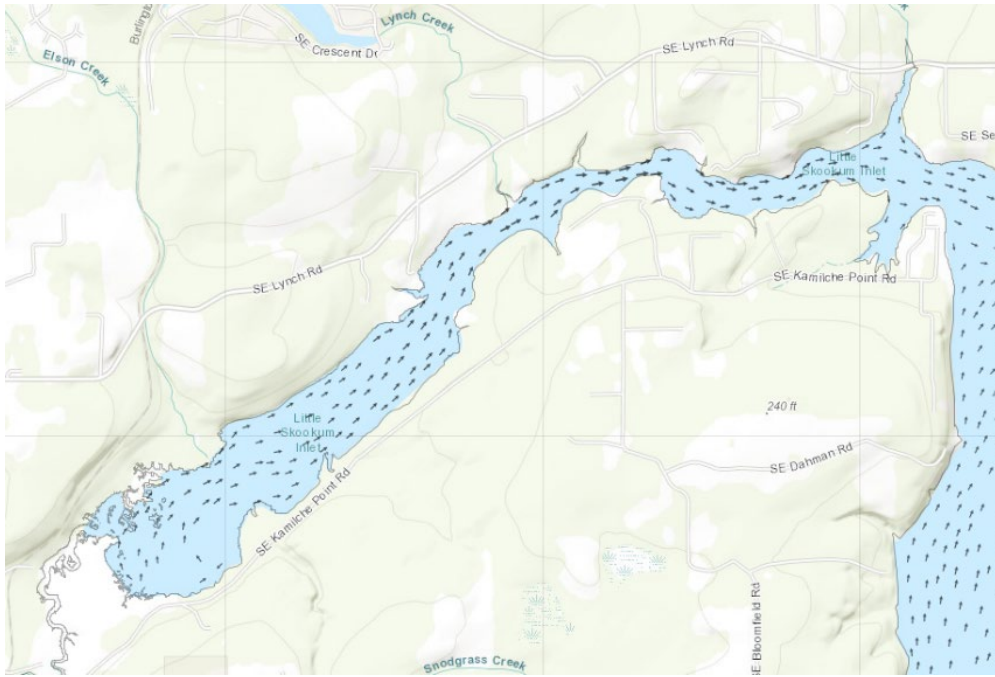


Figure 2. Ebb tide direction in Skookum Inlet

B. Rainfall

1. Amount
The annual average rainfall between 1931 and 1999 was approximately 65.17 inches as measured at the Shelton Airport.
2. When
Figure 3 indicates the heaviest precipitation occurs November through January.

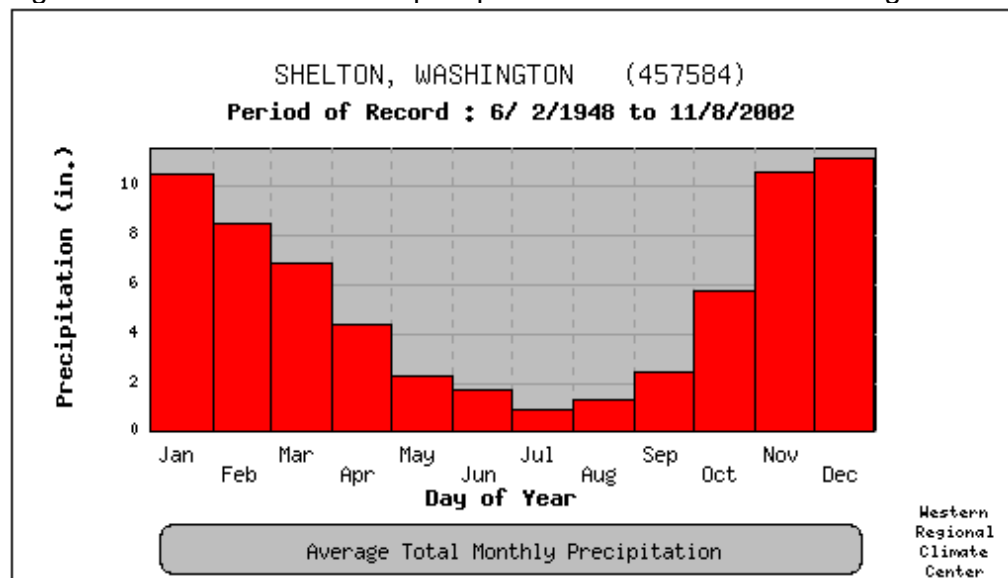


Figure 3. Average Total Monthly Precipitation at Shelton, WA from 1948-2002

3. Frequency of significant rainfalls

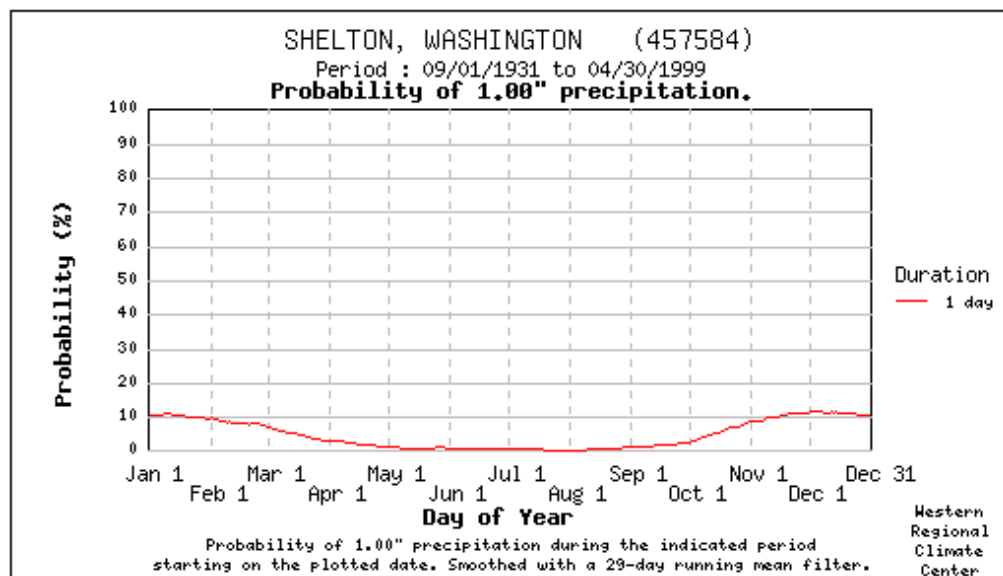


Figure 4. Probability of a 1-inch Rainfall Event in 24-hours at Shelton, WA (based on 1931-1999 data).

C. Winds – Seasonality and effects on pollution dispersion

Wind is not a significant factor in the dispersion of pollutants in Skookum Inlet due to the natural baffling produced by the narrow configuration of the inlet.

D. River discharges

The river discharges are discussed in Section III.B.2. In addition to the major drainages of Skookum, Lynch, Ellison and Deer Creeks, staff evaluated a total of 80 different discharge drainage points during the shoreline survey in 2025. As discussed on page 3 of the 2025 Shoreline Survey, the largest creek is Skookum Creek, which has 9 miles of mainstem and has a mean annual flow of 24,690 gpm with an average 7-day low flow of 808 gpm.

E. Summary discussion concerning effects of pollution distribution and hydrographic factors (dilution, dispersion, and time of travel) on water quality throughout the growing area

The primary mechanisms for the transport of pollutants into Skookum Inlet are freshwater streams and surface runoff during wet weather. The high tidal currents that are characteristic of the inlet facilitate rapid dispersion of pollutants that enter the inlet.

V. Water Quality Studies

A. Map of sampling stations

See Map 2, page 4.

B. Sampling plan and justification

The Skookum Inlet Growing Area is sampled under the Systematic Random Sampling (SRS) method, consisting of a minimum of six samples collected per year using fecal coliform as the indicator organism. The sample schedule was spread throughout the year to allow seasonal variations to be examined. The schedule for each sampling event was developed several weeks in advance of the actual sampling run to eliminate the targeting of meteorological conditions. A variety of tidal conditions were sampled.

Marine water samples were collected in accordance with Chapter IV of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance. The Department uses the following procedures when collecting water samples from shellfish growing areas:

Samples are collected from approximately six inches below the surface using 120ml, sterile plastic bottles. Samples are immediately placed in an iced, insulated cooler. During the sampling, staff records the time, tidal phase, surface water temperature, and salinity at each sampling station. The samples are transported to the Washington State Public Health Laboratory in Seattle and processing begins within 30 hours after collection. Water samples are processed using the American Public Health Association A-1 Modified (5 tube, 3 dilution) method.

C. Sample Data Analysis and Presentation – Tables containing the basic NSSP statistics

1. Summary of water quality data

Table 1, page 11.

2. Daily sampling results and number of samples collected for survey

Table 3, page 14-23.

3. Overall compliance with NSSP criteria

As shown by the last 30 samples for each station in Table 3, all stations in Skookum Inlet meet the Approved water quality standards. Station 646 nearest the head of the bay meets the NSSP numeric criteria for an Approved classification, however the station is approximately 3,400 feet away from the head of the bay and does not necessarily reflect the water quality in the area. That area is too difficult to sample due to its shallow nature.

4. Classification of stations

All stations in Skookum Inlet are classified as Approved.

TABLE 1. Marine water quality data summary (last 30 samples)

Station Number	Classification	Date Range	Range (FC/100 mL)	GeoMean (FC/100 mL)	E90th(FC/100 mL)	Meets Standard
152	Approved	11/2/2020 - 10/15/2025	1.7 - 13.0	2.3	5.3	Y
153	Approved	11/2/2020 - 10/15/2025	1.7 - 11.0	2.0	3.6	Y
154	Approved	11/2/2020 - 10/15/2025	1.7 - 13.0	2.8	6.7	Y
155	Approved	11/2/2020 - 10/15/2025	1.7 - 33.0	2.9	8.3	Y
156	Approved	11/2/2020 - 10/15/2025	1.7 - 33.0	2.4	6.0	Y
157	Approved	11/2/2020 - 10/15/2025	1.7 - 33.0	2.8	7.8	Y
158	Approved	11/2/2020 - 10/15/2025	1.7 - 110.0	3.4	13.4	Y
645	Approved	11/2/2020 - 10/15/2025	1.7 - 33.0	3.1	9.0	Y
646	Approved	11/2/2020 - 10/15/2025	1.7 - 27.0	3.4	9.9	Y

The standard for approved shellfish growing waters is fecal coliform geometric mean not greater than 14 organisms / 100 mL with an estimated 90th percentile not greater than 43 organisms / 100 mL. The above table shows bacteriological results in relation to program standards.

VI. Interpretation of Data in Determining Area Classification

A. Effects of meteorologic and hydrographic conditions on bacterial loading

Bacterial loadings are generally low under all expected meteorological and hydrographic conditions. Station 646 represents water quality nearest to the head of the bay; however, the station is approximately 3,400 feet away from the discharge from Skookum Creek and other potential sources. This area may not be accurately represented by Station 646. During rain events with greater than three inches of rain in 24 hours, the growing area may be closed on an emergency basis for five days. Marine water sample results from emergency closure sampling in January 2015 (day of >3" rain) and December 2025 (1 day after >3" rain) showed that extreme storm events can have an adverse impact on water quality in the growing area. See Table 2, below for emergency closure sampling results.

TABLE 2. Emergency Closure sampling results in Skookum Inlet

Station Number	Classification	Results from 1/5/2015 sampling (FC/100mL)	Results from 12/10/2025 sampling (FC/100mL)
152	Approved	49.0	33.0
154	Approved	31.0	49.0
156	Approved	70.0	49.0
157	Approved	130.0	220.0
158	Approved	130.0	33.0
646	Approved	n/a	79.0

Due to the location of Station 646 and the unknown water quality impacts near the head of the bay, that area of the inlet should be unclassified as shown in Map 4, page 13.

B. Variability in the data and causes

Water sample results indicate that there is little variability in water quality. Elevated bacteria levels in water samples are infrequent and random.

VII. Conclusions

A. Map or chart showing classifications

Map 2, page 4.

B. Legal descriptions

Map 4, page 13.

D. Recommendations for Sanitary Survey improvement

1. Monitoring schedule, stations, etc.

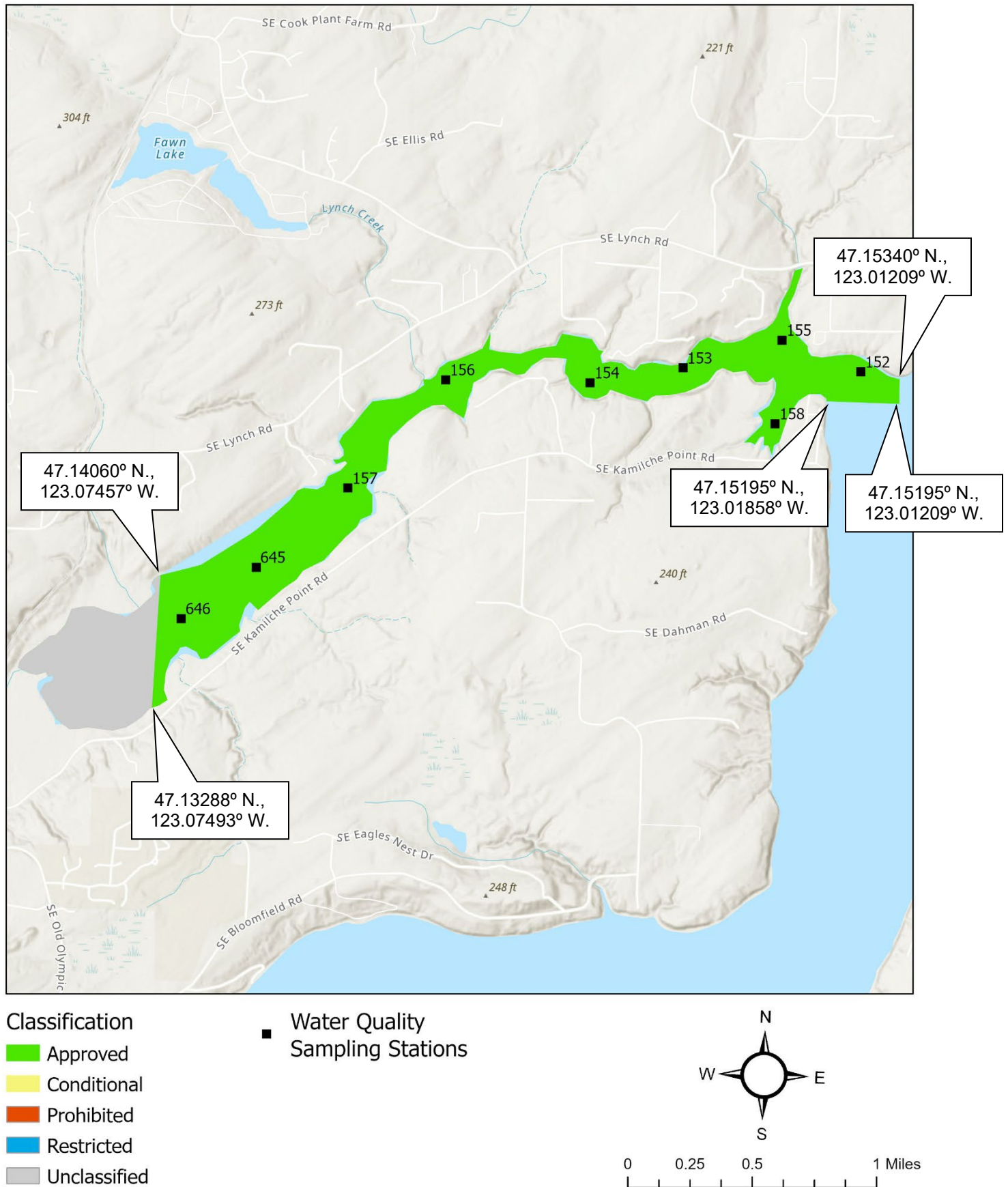
Marine water sampling for the growing area should continue to follow the Systematic Random Sampling (SRS) strategy for Approved shellfish growing waters. Sampling frequency should continue six times per year.

Station 646 represents marine water quality at the head of the inlet; however, the shallow conditions do not allow sampling closer than its current location. Based on the location of Station 646 and elevated bacteria levels in drainages at the head of the inlet, this report removes the classification of this portion of the growing area, as reflected in Map 4 on page 13.

2. Comments

The Department should

- Unclassify the Approved portion of Skookum Inlet southwest of Station 646 (head of Skookum Inlet) due to the difficulty sampling the head of Skookum Inlet and lack of commercial interest. See Map 4, following page.



MAP 4. Growing area map showing updated classifications, sanitary lines, and coordinates

TABLE 3. Marine water quality data by individual station**Station: 152****Classification: Approved****Method: SRS****Total Samples: 30****Date Range: 11/02/2020 - 10/15/2025****Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 - 13.0****E90th (FC/100 mL): 5.3****GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 2.3****Meets Standard: Y**

Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
11/02/2020	Regulatory	10:03	Ebb	12	28	1.7
02/22/2021	Regulatory	10:11	Flood	9	17	6.8
04/01/2021	Regulatory	08:51	Flood	10	26	1.7
06/16/2021	Regulatory	10:09	Flood	16	28	2.0
08/18/2021	Regulatory	14:37	Flood	20	31	1.7
10/13/2021	Regulatory	11:21	Flood	14	30	1.7
12/07/2021	Regulatory	11:18	Ebb	11	27	2.0
01/05/2022	Regulatory	10:45	Ebb	7	26	4.0
05/09/2022	Regulatory	11:54	Flood	12	25	1.7
07/06/2022	Regulatory	10:47	Flood	17	28	1.7
09/28/2022	Regulatory	09:33	Ebb	17	29	13.0
10/12/2022	Regulatory	10:24	Ebb	16	29	13.0
11/02/2022	Regulatory	11:20	Flood	13	29	1.7
02/27/2023	Regulatory	10:24	Flood	7	28	1.7
04/24/2023	Regulatory	09:43	Ebb	10	26	1.7
06/12/2023	Regulatory	13:50	Flood	20	28	1.7
08/21/2023	Regulatory	10:11	Ebb	19	29	1.7
10/02/2023	Regulatory	10:05	Ebb	16	30	1.7
01/03/2024	Regulatory	10:42	Flood	10	27	1.8
03/12/2024	Regulatory	09:40	Ebb	9	26	1.7
05/14/2024	Regulatory	09:58	Flood	15	27	1.7
07/17/2024	Regulatory	15:37	Flood	19	28	1.7
09/11/2024	Regulatory	12:11	Flood	17	29	1.7
10/21/2024	Regulatory	09:56	Flood	14	29	1.7
11/04/2024	Regulatory	10:23	Ebb	13	30	13.0
02/04/2025	Regulatory	11:14	Ebb	9	27	1.7
05/05/2025	Regulatory	12:17	Flood	15	26	1.7
06/24/2025	Regulatory	17:03	Flood	17	28	1.7
08/11/2025	Regulatory	08:41	Ebb	19	27	2.0
10/15/2025	Regulatory	12:03	Flood	15	27	1.7

Station: 153**Classification: Approved****Method: SRS****Total Samples: 30****Date Range: 11/02/2020 - 10/15/2025****Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 - 11.0****E90th (FC/100 mL): 3.6****GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 2.0****Meets Standard: Y**

Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
11/02/2020	Regulatory	10:07	Ebb	12	28	1.7
02/22/2021	Regulatory	10:16	Flood	9	13	11.0
04/01/2021	Regulatory	08:56	Flood	10	26	1.7
06/16/2021	Regulatory	10:13	Flood	16	28	1.7
08/18/2021	Regulatory	14:42	Flood	20	31	1.7
10/13/2021	Regulatory	11:27	Flood	14	29	1.7
12/07/2021	Regulatory	11:26	Ebb	11	26	1.7
01/05/2022	Regulatory	10:49	Ebb	7	25	4.5
05/09/2022	Regulatory	12:02	Flood	12	25	1.7
07/06/2022	Regulatory	10:54	Flood	17	28	1.7
09/28/2022	Regulatory	09:38	Ebb	17	29	4.5
10/12/2022	Regulatory	10:32	Ebb	17	29	1.7
11/02/2022	Regulatory	11:26	Flood	13	29	2.0
02/27/2023	Regulatory	10:34	Flood	7	28	1.7
04/24/2023	Regulatory	09:58	Ebb	10	26	1.7
06/12/2023	Regulatory	13:57	Flood	19	28	1.7
08/21/2023	Regulatory	10:19	Ebb	19	29	1.7
10/02/2023	Regulatory	10:12	Ebb	16	30	2.0
01/03/2024	Regulatory	10:48	Flood	10	27	1.7
03/12/2024	Regulatory	09:46	Ebb	9	25	1.7
05/14/2024	Regulatory	10:04	Flood	15	27	1.7
07/17/2024	Regulatory	15:44	Flood	20	28	1.7
09/11/2024	Regulatory	12:15	Flood	17	29	2.0
10/21/2024	Regulatory	10:05	Flood	14	29	2.0
11/04/2024	Regulatory	10:28	Ebb	13	30	1.7
02/04/2025	Regulatory	11:24	Ebb	9	27	1.7
05/05/2025	Regulatory	12:25	Flood	15	26	1.7
06/24/2025	Regulatory	17:09	Flood	17	27	1.7
08/11/2025	Regulatory	08:48	Ebb	19	27	4.5
10/15/2025	Regulatory	12:10	Flood	15	27	2.0

Station: 154**Classification: Approved****Method: SRS****Total Samples: 30****Date Range: 11/02/2020 - 10/15/2025****Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 - 13.0****E90th (FC/100 mL): 6.7****GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 2.8****Meets Standard: Y**

Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
11/02/2020	Regulatory	10:09	Ebb	12	28	1.7
02/22/2021	Regulatory	10:18	Flood	9	15	13.0
04/01/2021	Regulatory	08:58	Flood	10	26	1.7
06/16/2021	Regulatory	10:15	Ebb	16	28	4.5
08/18/2021	Regulatory	14:45	Flood	19	31	1.7
10/13/2021	Regulatory	11:30	Flood	14	29	4.5
12/07/2021	Regulatory	11:28	Ebb	11	26	1.7
01/05/2022	Regulatory	10:51	Ebb	7	26	2.0
05/09/2022	Regulatory	12:04	Flood	13	25	2.0
07/06/2022	Regulatory	10:57	Flood	17	27	2.0
09/28/2022	Regulatory	09:41	Ebb	17	29	11.0
10/12/2022	Regulatory	10:36	Ebb	17	29	4.0
11/02/2022	Regulatory	11:29	Flood	13	29	1.8
02/27/2023	Regulatory	10:37	Flood	8	28	1.7
04/24/2023	Regulatory	10:01	Ebb	10	27	1.7
06/12/2023	Regulatory	14:00	Flood	18	28	1.7
08/21/2023	Regulatory	10:22	Ebb	19	29	4.5
10/02/2023	Regulatory	10:14	Ebb	16	30	1.7
01/03/2024	Regulatory	10:50	Flood	10	26	2.0
03/12/2024	Regulatory	09:48	Ebb	9	25	1.7
05/14/2024	Regulatory	10:06	Flood	15	26	1.7
07/17/2024	Regulatory	15:47	Flood	20	28	1.7
09/11/2024	Regulatory	12:17	Flood	18	29	7.8
10/21/2024	Regulatory	10:08	Flood	14	29	13.0
11/04/2024	Regulatory	10:30	Ebb	13	30	7.8
02/04/2025	Regulatory	11:27	Ebb	9	27	2.0
05/05/2025	Regulatory	12:28	Flood	15	26	1.7
06/24/2025	Regulatory	17:11	Flood	17	27	1.7
08/11/2025	Regulatory	08:50	Ebb	19	27	4.0
10/15/2025	Regulatory	12:12	Flood	15	27	2.0

Station: 155**Classification: Approved****Method: SRS****Total Samples: 30****Date Range: 11/02/2020 - 10/15/2025****Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 - 33.0****E90th (FC/100 mL): 8.3****GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 2.9****Meets Standard: Y**

Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
11/02/2020	Regulatory	10:05	Ebb	12	28	1.7
02/22/2021	Regulatory	10:14	Flood	9	15	17.0
04/01/2021	Regulatory	08:54	Flood	10	26	1.7
06/16/2021	Regulatory	10:11	Flood	16	28	2.0
08/18/2021	Regulatory	14:40	Flood	20	31	2.0
10/13/2021	Regulatory	11:24	Flood	14	29	2.0
12/07/2021	Regulatory	11:19	Ebb	11	24	1.7
01/05/2022	Regulatory	10:47	Ebb	7	22	6.8
05/09/2022	Regulatory	11:58	Flood	13	24	1.7
07/06/2022	Regulatory	10:51	Flood	17	26	13.0
09/28/2022	Regulatory	09:35	Ebb	17	29	2.0
10/12/2022	Regulatory	10:27	Ebb	16	29	2.0
11/02/2022	Regulatory	11:23	Flood	13	29	4.0
02/27/2023	Regulatory	10:29	Flood	7	28	1.7
04/24/2023	Regulatory	09:54	Ebb	10	27	1.7
06/12/2023	Regulatory	13:54	Flood	18	28	2.0
08/21/2023	Regulatory	10:15	Ebb	19	29	2.0
10/02/2023	Regulatory	10:09	Ebb	16	30	4.5
01/03/2024	Regulatory	10:45	Flood	10	26	2.0
03/12/2024	Regulatory	09:44	Ebb	9	21	13.0
05/14/2024	Regulatory	10:02	Flood	15	27	2.0
07/17/2024	Regulatory	15:40	Flood	19	28	1.7
09/11/2024	Regulatory	12:14	Flood	17	28	33.0
10/21/2024	Regulatory	10:00	Flood	14	29	4.5
11/04/2024	Regulatory	10:25	Ebb	13	30	1.7
02/04/2025	Regulatory	11:19	Ebb	9	27	1.7
05/05/2025	Regulatory	12:21	Flood	15	26	1.7
06/24/2025	Regulatory	17:06	Flood	17	27	1.7
08/11/2025	Regulatory	08:46	Ebb	19	27	4.5
10/15/2025	Regulatory	12:07	Flood	15	28	1.7

Station: 156**Classification: Approved****Method: SRS****Total Samples: 30****Date Range: 11/02/2020 - 10/15/2025****Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 - 33.0****E90th (FC/100 mL): 6.0****GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 2.4****Meets Standard: Y**

Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
11/02/2020	Regulatory	10:12	Ebb	12	28	2.0
02/22/2021	Regulatory	10:21	Flood	9	8	17.0
04/01/2021	Regulatory	09:01	Flood	10	26	1.7
06/16/2021	Regulatory	10:18	Ebb	16	28	2.0
08/18/2021	Regulatory	14:48	Flood	19	31	1.7
10/13/2021	Regulatory	11:33	Flood	14	29	1.7
12/07/2021	Regulatory	11:32	Ebb	11	23	1.7
01/05/2022	Regulatory	10:54	Ebb	6	14	33.0
05/09/2022	Regulatory	12:07	Flood	12	23	1.7
07/06/2022	Regulatory	11:02	Flood	17	27	2.0
09/28/2022	Regulatory	09:44	Ebb	17	29	4.0
10/12/2022	Regulatory	10:40	Ebb	17	29	1.7
11/02/2022	Regulatory	11:31	Flood	13	29	1.7
02/27/2023	Regulatory	10:41	Flood	7	28	4.0
04/24/2023	Regulatory	10:03	Ebb	10	25	1.7
06/12/2023	Regulatory	14:04	Flood	18	28	2.0
08/21/2023	Regulatory	10:26	Ebb	20	29	1.7
10/02/2023	Regulatory	10:17	Ebb	16	30	1.7
01/03/2024	Regulatory	10:53	Flood	10	27	1.7
03/12/2024	Regulatory	09:50	Ebb	9	25	2.0
05/14/2024	Regulatory	10:09	Flood	15	26	2.0
07/17/2024	Regulatory	15:49	Flood	20	28	1.7
09/11/2024	Regulatory	12:20	Flood	18	29	4.5
10/21/2024	Regulatory	10:10	Flood	14	29	1.7
11/04/2024	Regulatory	10:33	Ebb	13	30	4.0
02/04/2025	Regulatory	11:30	Ebb	9	27	1.7
05/05/2025	Regulatory	12:31	Flood	15	25	1.7
06/24/2025	Regulatory	17:13	Flood	17	27	4.5
08/11/2025	Regulatory	08:53	Ebb	19	27	1.7
10/15/2025	Regulatory	12:14	Flood	15	27	2.0

Station: 157**Classification: Approved****Method: SRS****Total Samples: 30****Date Range: 11/02/2020 - 10/15/2025****Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 - 33.0****E90th (FC/100 mL): 7.8****GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 2.8****Meets Standard: Y**

Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
11/02/2020	Regulatory	10:16	Ebb	12	28	1.7
02/22/2021	Regulatory	10:24	Flood	9	7	33.0
04/01/2021	Regulatory	09:04	Flood	10	26	1.7
06/16/2021	Regulatory	10:20	Ebb	16	27	7.8
08/18/2021	Regulatory	14:52	Flood	19	31	1.7
10/13/2021	Regulatory	11:37	Flood	14	29	1.7
12/07/2021	Regulatory	11:34	Ebb	11	21	7.8
01/05/2022	Regulatory	10:56	Ebb	6	20	23.0
05/09/2022	Regulatory	12:11	Flood	12	20	1.7
07/06/2022	Regulatory	11:06	Flood	17	27	2.0
09/28/2022	Regulatory	09:49	Ebb	17	29	1.7
10/12/2022	Regulatory	10:42	Ebb	17	29	2.0
11/02/2022	Regulatory	11:35	Flood	13	29	4.5
02/27/2023	Regulatory	10:46	Flood	7	28	2.0
04/24/2023	Regulatory	10:05	Ebb	10	24	2.0
06/12/2023	Regulatory	14:08	Flood	18	28	1.7
08/21/2023	Regulatory	10:31	Ebb	20	29	4.5
10/02/2023	Regulatory	10:19	Ebb	16	30	2.0
01/03/2024	Regulatory	10:55	Flood	10	26	2.0
03/12/2024	Regulatory	09:52	Ebb	9	22	2.0
05/14/2024	Regulatory	10:12	Flood	15	26	1.7
07/17/2024	Regulatory	15:52	Flood	19	28	1.8
09/11/2024	Regulatory	12:22	Flood	18	29	4.5
10/21/2024	Regulatory	10:13	Flood	14	29	4.5
11/04/2024	Regulatory	10:34	Ebb	13	30	2.0
02/04/2025	Regulatory	11:34	Ebb	8	23	1.7
05/05/2025	Regulatory	12:35	Flood	15	25	1.7
06/24/2025	Regulatory	17:16	Flood	17	27	1.7
08/11/2025	Regulatory	08:56	Ebb	19	27	6.8
10/15/2025	Regulatory	12:17	Flood	15	27	1.7

Station: 158**Classification: Approved****Method: SRS****Total Samples: 30****Date Range: 11/02/2020 - 10/15/2025****Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 - 110.0****E90th (FC/100 mL): 13.4****GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 3.4****Meets Standard: Y**

Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
11/02/2020	Regulatory	10:30	Ebb	12	28	2.0
02/22/2021	Regulatory	10:49	Flood	9	14	11.0
04/01/2021	Regulatory	09:20	Ebb	10	26	1.7
06/16/2021	Regulatory	10:35	Ebb	17	28	1.7
08/18/2021	Regulatory	15:11	Flood	19	31	1.7
10/13/2021	Regulatory	11:54	Flood	14	29	4.5
12/07/2021	Regulatory	11:54	Ebb	11	27	2.0
01/05/2022	Regulatory	11:13	Ebb	6	22	110.0
05/09/2022	Regulatory	12:35	Flood	12	25	1.7
07/06/2022	Regulatory	11:36	Flood	17	27	6.8
09/28/2022	Regulatory	10:11	Ebb	17	29	6.8
10/12/2022	Regulatory	11:03	Ebb	17	29	1.7
11/02/2022	Regulatory	12:00	Flood	13	28	2.0
02/27/2023	Regulatory	11:18	Ebb	7	28	2.0
04/24/2023	Regulatory	10:20	Ebb	11	26	1.7
06/12/2023	Regulatory	14:37	Flood	19	28	1.7
08/21/2023	Regulatory	10:56	Ebb	20	29	7.8
10/02/2023	Regulatory	10:39	Ebb	16	29	2.0
01/03/2024	Regulatory	11:14	Flood	10	24	1.7
03/12/2024	Regulatory	10:07	Ebb	8	20	4.5
05/14/2024	Regulatory	10:27	Flood	16	26	2.0
07/17/2024	Regulatory	16:08	Flood	20	28	2.0
09/11/2024	Regulatory	12:38	Flood	18	28	79.0
10/21/2024	Regulatory	10:34	Flood	14	29	4.5
11/04/2024	Regulatory	10:47	Ebb	13	30	6.8
02/04/2025	Regulatory	11:48	Ebb	8	26	1.7
05/05/2025	Regulatory	12:58	Flood	16	26	1.7
06/24/2025	Regulatory	17:33	Flood	17	27	4.5
08/11/2025	Regulatory	09:17	Ebb	20	27	1.7
10/15/2025	Regulatory	12:39	Flood	15	27	1.8

Station: 645**Classification: Approved****Method: SRS****Total Samples: 30****Date Range: 11/02/2020 - 10/15/2025****Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 - 33.0****E90th (FC/100 mL): 9.0****GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 3.1****Meets Standard: Y**

Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
11/02/2020	Regulatory	10:18	Ebb	12	28	1.7
02/22/2021	Regulatory	10:29	Flood	9	5	33.0
04/01/2021	Regulatory	09:08	Ebb	10	24	1.7
06/16/2021	Regulatory	10:23	Ebb	17	27	7.8
08/18/2021	Regulatory	14:56	Flood	19	31	1.7
10/13/2021	Regulatory	11:41	Flood	14	29	2.0
12/07/2021	Regulatory	11:40	Ebb	10	18	1.7
01/05/2022	Regulatory	10:59	Ebb	6	15	11.0
05/09/2022	Regulatory	12:17	Flood	13	21	1.7
07/06/2022	Regulatory	11:12	Flood	18	27	7.8
09/28/2022	Regulatory	09:54	Ebb	17	29	4.5
10/12/2022	Regulatory	10:47	Ebb	17	28	4.5
11/02/2022	Regulatory	11:41	Flood	13	28	3.7
02/27/2023	Regulatory	10:53	Flood	6	27	1.7
04/24/2023	Regulatory	10:08	Ebb	10	22	2.0
06/12/2023	Regulatory	14:14	Flood	19	28	2.0
08/21/2023	Regulatory	10:36	Ebb	20	29	11.0
10/02/2023	Regulatory	10:23	Ebb	16	29	4.0
01/03/2024	Regulatory	11:00	Flood	10	23	1.7
03/12/2024	Regulatory	09:55	Ebb	9	21	1.7
05/14/2024	Regulatory	10:16	Flood	15	25	2.0
07/17/2024	Regulatory	15:56	Flood	20	28	1.7
09/11/2024	Regulatory	12:26	Flood	18	28	4.5
10/21/2024	Regulatory	10:18	Flood	14	29	2.0
11/04/2024	Regulatory	10:37	Ebb	13	28	4.0
02/04/2025	Regulatory	11:36	Ebb	8	23	1.7
05/05/2025	Regulatory	12:40	Flood	16	25	1.7
06/24/2025	Regulatory	17:21	Flood	17	27	1.7
08/11/2025	Regulatory	08:59	Ebb	20	27	17.0
10/15/2025	Regulatory	12:22	Flood	15	27	1.7

Station: 646**Classification: Approved****Method: SRS****Total Samples: 30****Date Range: 11/02/2020 - 10/15/2025****Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 - 27.0****E90th (FC/100 mL): 9.9****GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 3.4****Meets Standard: Y**

Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
11/02/2020	Regulatory	10:21	Ebb	12	27	1.7
02/22/2021	Regulatory	10:31	Flood	9	6	23.0
04/01/2021	Regulatory	09:09	Ebb	10	23	1.7
06/16/2021	Regulatory	10:25	Ebb	17	1	6.8
08/18/2021	Regulatory	14:59	Flood	19	31	1.7
10/13/2021	Regulatory	11:44	Flood	14	29	1.7
12/07/2021	Regulatory	11:42	Ebb	10	18	7.8
01/05/2022	Regulatory	11:02	Ebb	6	15	27.0
05/09/2022	Regulatory	12:19	Flood	13	21	1.7
07/06/2022	Regulatory	11:15	Flood	18	27	7.8
09/28/2022	Regulatory	09:57	Ebb	17	28	7.8
10/12/2022	Regulatory	10:51	Ebb	17	27	4.5
11/02/2022	Regulatory	11:44	Flood	13	28	2.0
02/27/2023	Regulatory	10:58	Ebb	5	26	2.0
04/24/2023	Regulatory	10:10	Ebb	11	23	1.7
06/12/2023	Regulatory	14:17	Flood	19	28	1.7
08/21/2023	Regulatory	10:39	Ebb	20	29	11.0
10/02/2023	Regulatory	10:26	Ebb	16	26	4.5
01/03/2024	Regulatory	11:02	Flood	10	20	2.0
03/12/2024	Regulatory	09:58	Ebb	8	21	4.5
05/14/2024	Regulatory	10:19	Flood	16	20	6.8
07/17/2024	Regulatory	15:58	Flood	20	28	1.7
09/11/2024	Regulatory	12:28	Flood	18	28	4.5
10/21/2024	Regulatory	10:21	Flood	14	29	4.5
11/04/2024	Regulatory	10:39	Ebb	13	28	1.7
02/04/2025	Regulatory	11:40	Ebb	8	22	2.0
05/05/2025	Regulatory	12:44	Flood	16	25	1.7
06/24/2025	Regulatory	17:24	Flood	17	27	1.7
08/11/2025	Regulatory	09:04	Ebb	20	26	4.5
10/15/2025	Regulatory	12:25	Flood	15	27	1.7

Environmental Health 2026 Statistics				
	2026 1st Quarter Data	Funding source		
Water Recreation		Permit fees		
Pools	5			
Seasonal Pools	11			
Spas	3			
Seasonal Spas	1			
Total Inspections	1			
Drinking Water		Fees. Contract with DOH & ECY.		
Group A Sanitary Survey	0			
Special Purpose Investigation	0			
Group B Approval	2			
Well Construction Inspections	16			
2 Party Well inspections	13			
Well Decommission Inspections	1			
Food		Fees. FPHS		
Annual Food Establishment	237			
Mobile Food Establishments	30			
Street Vending Establishments	2			
Temporary Event Establishments	15			
Temporary Event Inspections	5			
Number of routine inspections conducted	87			
Number of Reinspections conducted	5			
Pre-Operational inspections	8			
Complaint Inspections Conducted	3			
New Food Worker Cards	823			
Replacement Food Worker Cards Issued	0			
Vector		All County contribution.		
Rabies calls	7			
Rabies specimen tested	1			
Rabies specimen tested positive	0			
Solid Waste		Ecology grant. Fees. FPHS.		
Complaints Received	22			
Complaints Closed	14			
Civil Infractions Issued	3			
Current Enforcement Case Load	318			
Facility Inspections	0			
Facilities permitted	11			

Environmental Health 2026 Statistics				
	2026 1st Quarter Data	Funding source		
Professional Certification		Fees.		
Pumpers Certified	30			
Installers Certified	97			
O&M Specialists Certified	48			
Onsite Sewage Systems		Fees. FPHS. DOH.		
New System Applications submitted	90			
New System Permits Issued	53			
Tank Only Permits	18			
Repair/Replace Permits	15			
Finals Conducted	38			
Preapplication Conferences	10			
Environmental Health Reviews	5			
Short Plats	0			
Large Lot Subdivisions	2			
Boundary Line Adjustments	5			
Complaints Closed	23			
Complaints Received	41			
Current Enforcement Case Load	89			
Number of Civil infractions	19			
Homeowner workshops	0			
Blitz Mailings	0			
Deficient OSS	1243			
Overdue Maintenance	20,402			
OSS records on file	28,516			
Water Quality		CWD parcel fees. Various grants.		
Water Samples analyzed	194			
Water Quality Surveys Closed	5			
Water Quality Surveys	32			
Mailings	0			
Miles of shoreline sampled	1.78			
Public Meeting/education	0			
Shellfish		Consolidated Contract: DOH.		
Bi-weekly Jarrell's Cove	7			
Oysterfest Booth	0			

Code Enforcement Data for Solid Waste and Onsite Sewage Systems															
	2024 Total	2025 Total	Jan- 26	Feb- 26	Mar- 26	Apr- 26	May- 26	Jun- 26	Jul- 26	Aug- 26	Sep- 26	Oct- 26	Nov- 26	Dec- 26	2026 Total
Cases Received	318	270	27	17	20	31									95
Cases Closed	184	261	14	8	15	27									64





Environmental Health Briefing

TO: Mason County Board of Health

FROM: Ian Tracy, Environmental Health Manager

DATE: May 26, 2026

ITEM: Draft Revisions to Mason County Code Title 6 Chapter 6.04

SUMMARY: Mason County Code(MCC) 6.04 Definitions and General Provisions was established in 1970 and last updated in 1979. At that time, Mason County was part of the Thurston-Mason Health District, which combined or shared public health authority with Thurston County over both jurisdictions. Since that time, much has changed in Mason County. The focus of this code update is to remove language that conflicts with the Fourth Amendment, correct out-of-date code references, and reflect our current status as a local health department rather than a health district.

REQUESTED ACTION: Review changes to the regulation and discuss. If appropriate, vote to approve changes and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the proposed changes to MCC 6.04 Definitions and General Provisions.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Regulation



Chapter 6.04 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.04.010 Title.

The rules and regulations contained in this title shall be known as the Sanitary Code of the Mason County ~~District~~ Board of Health.

(Ord. 963 (part), 1979; Art. I § 1, of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.020 Definitions.

- (a) "Board of health" means the Mason County Board of Health pursuant to the provisions of RCW Section 70.~~4605.020-030~~~~(Districts of two or more Counties—Health Board)~~.
- (b) "Health department," "department of health" or "department" means ~~the~~the Mason County ~~Public H~~health ~~and Human Services~~ department and includes all the territory embraced within Mason County and all cities and towns therein, as defined in RCW Section 70.~~4605.010-030~~ (Definitions).
- (c) "Health officer" means the ~~district~~ local health officer of the Mason County ~~Public H~~health ~~and Human Services~~ department as defined in RCW Section 70.~~4605.070-010~~ ~~(District Health Officer, etc.)~~ or his duly authorized representative.
- (d) "Person" means any individual, firm, corporation, partnership or association and the agents, employees, servants and legal successors thereof or agency of the federal government which is subject to the jurisdiction of the state.
- (e) "Sanitary code" or "code" means and comprises the rules and regulations now formulated, promulgated, adopted and subsequently amended by the Mason County ~~District~~ Board of Health pursuant to the provisions of RCW Section 70.~~4605.060~~ ~~(District Health Board—Duties and Powers)~~.

(Ord. 963 (part), 1979; Art. I § 2 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.030 Sanitary code—Jurisdiction and filing.

- (a) Jurisdiction. The provisions of the code shall be in force within the jurisdiction of the Mason County ~~District~~ Board of Health as defined in RCW Section 70.~~4605.020-030~~~~(Districts of two or more counties—Health Board)~~.
- (b) Filing. At least one copy with accompanying chapters of RCW and WAC as indicated in separate articles shall be on file in the office of each municipal clerk or auditor within the jurisdiction of the ~~Mason County health~~ department.

(Ord. 963 (part), 1979; Art. I § 3 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.040 Enforcement.

It shall be the duty of the ~~Mason County District h~~Health ~~o~~Officer to enforce the provisions of this code, and, in the performance of this duty is hereby authorized to request ~~entry~~er, at any reasonable hour, to any premises as may be necessary in the enforcement of this code. If the request for entry is not granted by the owner or

occupant currently in possession of the property, the health officer may seek a warrant for entry as provided by state law.

(Ord. 963 (part), 1979; Art. I § 4 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.050 Penalties.

Any person who violates or refuses or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this code is guilty and subject to punishment pursuant to the provisions of RCW Section 70.0605.070-120(Violations—Penalties) as follows: ~~"Any person violating any of the provisions of this act or violating or refusing or neglecting to obey any of the rules and regulations of this code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or to imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed ninety days or to both fine and imprisonment."~~

(Art. I § 5 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.060 Hearings for proposed articles.

~~Pursuant to the provisions of RCW Sections 70.20.020 (Notices of Regulations), 70.46.060 (District Health Board—Powers and Duties), t~~The health officer shall advertise a hearing for the adoption of proposed articles in this code in a newspaper of general circulation ~~in each of the two counties comprising the health department~~ at least ten days prior to the date of a hearing for the adoption of articles. The advertisement of hearing shall include a summary of the articles proposed to be adopted. The health officer shall provide ~~a sufficient number of~~electronic copies of the proposed articles to meet the reasonable demands of persons interested therein, and the same shall be available ~~for distribution~~ at least ~~ten-fourteen~~ days prior to a public hearing held for the adoption of articles. All hearings held under this code for the adoption of articles shall be open to the public and a record of the proceedings shall be kept by the ~~health officer~~clerk of the board of Mason County Commissioners.

(Art. I § 6 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.070 Interference with notices.

No person shall remove, mutilate or conceal any notice or placard of the health department posted in or on any premises or public place except by permission of the health officer.

(Art. I § 7 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.080 Regulations supplemental—Supersede prior rules.

The regulations of this code shall be supplemental to the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health, Public Health Law, Penal Law and other Washington State Laws relating to public health and shall, as to matters to which it refers, and within the jurisdiction heretofore prescribed, supersede all prior rules, regulations and standards of the board of health and all local ordinances heretofore or hereafter enacted inconsistent herewith.

(Art. I § 8 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.090 Inspections.

- (a) All premises covered by this code shall be subject to the inspection of the health officer and if any violation of the sanitary code exists on the premises, any permit granted by the health officer may be suspended forthwith.

-
- (b) ~~No person shall refuse to allow the health officer to fully inspect any and all premises entered in the performance of his duty and no person shall molest harass or resist~~ the health officer in the discharge of his duty.

(Art. I § 9 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.100 Permits.

- (a) All applications for a permit, certificate, inspection or written approval by the health officer as herein required shall be made upon forms prescribed and furnished by the ~~health~~ department and shall be signed by the applicant who shall be the person or authorized agent thereof responsible for conformance to the conditions of the permit, certificate, inspection or written approval by the health officer for which applied. Such application shall contain such data and information and be accompanied by such plans and specifications as may be required by the health officer.
- (b) A permit or certificate issued to a particular person or for a designated place, purpose or vehicle shall not be valid for use by any other person or for any other place, purpose or vehicle than that designated therein. Such permit, certificate, inspection or written approval by the health officer may contain general and specific conditions and every person who shall have obtained a permit, certificate, inspection or written approval by the health officer as herein required shall conform to the conditions prescribed in the permit, certificate, inspection or written approval by the health officer and to the provisions of this code. Every such permit or certificate shall expire as stated on the permit or certificate and may be renewed, suspended for cause or revoked by the health officer after due notice and hearing in accordance with Sections 6.04.120 and 6.04.130.
- (c) ~~Notice in Writing by Health Officer of Violation.~~ Whenever, upon inspection of any public establishment, sanitary facility or utility, the health officer finds that conditions or practices exist which are in violation of any provision of the sanitary code, the health officer shall give notice in writing in accordance with Section 6.04.130(a) to the person to whom the permit or certificate was issued that unless such conditions or practices are corrected within a reasonable period of time specified in the notice by the health officer, the permit or certificate shall be suspended. ~~At the end of such period, the health officer shall make another inspection and, if such conditions or practices are corrected within a reasonable period of time specified in the notice by the health officer, the permit or certificate shall be suspended.~~ At the end of such period, the health officer shall make another inspection and, if such conditions or practices have not been corrected, he shall suspend the permit or certificate and give notice in writing of such suspension to the person to whom the permit or certificate is issued. Upon receipt of notice of such suspension, such person shall cease operation except as provided in Section 6.04.130 (b).

(Art. I § 10 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.110 Fees.

All fees collected under the provisions of this code contained herein shall be payable to the ~~Mason County health~~ department and credited to the public health pooling fund to aid in carrying out the provisions of the sanitary code ~~pursuant to provisions of RCW Sections 70.46.050 and 70.46.060 (Local Health Board—Duties and Powers) (Local Health Officer—Power and Duties).~~

(Ord. 963 (part), 1979; Art. I § 11 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November, 1970).

~~6.04.120 Right of appeal and hearing by petitioner.~~

~~Any person whose permit or certificate has been denied, suspended or revoked by the health officer may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Mason County district board of health pursuant to Section 6.04.130.~~

~~(Ord. 963 (part), 1979; Art. I § 12 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).~~

6.04.130-120 Notices, hearing and orders.

- (a) ~~Notice of Violation.~~ Whenever the health officer determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that there has been a violation of any provision of the sanitary code, the health officer shall give notice of such alleged violation to the person to whom the permit or certificate was issued, as hereinafter provided. Such notice shall:
- (1) Be in writing;
 - (2) Include a statement of the reason for its issuance;
 - (3) Allow a reasonable time for the performance of any act it requires;
 - (4) Be served upon the owner or his agent as the case may require; provided, that such notice or order shall be deemed to have been properly served upon such owner or agent when a copy thereof has been sent by registered mail to his last known address, or when he has been served with such notice by any method authorized or required by the laws of this state;
 - (5) Contain an outline of remedial action which, if taken, will effect compliance with the provisions of the sanitary code.
- (b) **Hearing.** Any person affected by any notice which has been issued in connection with the enforcement of any provision of the sanitary code, may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the health officer; provided, that such person shall file in the office of the health officer a written petition requesting such hearing and setting forth a brief statement of the grounds therefor within ten days after the day the notice was served. The filing of the request for a hearing shall operate as a stay of the notice and of the suspension except in the case of an order issued under subsection (e) of this section. Upon receipt of such petition, the health officer shall set a time and place for such hearing and shall give the petitioner written notice thereof. At such hearing the petitioner shall be given an opportunity to be heard and to show why such notice should be modified or withdrawn. The hearing shall be commenced not later than ten days after the day on which the petition was filed; provided, that upon application of the petitioner the health officer may postpone the date of the hearing for a reasonable time beyond such ten-day period when in his judgment the petitioner has submitted good and sufficient reasons for such postponement.
- (c) **Order in Writing.** After such hearing the health officer shall make findings as to compliance with the provisions of this chapter and shall issue an order in writing sustaining, modifying or withdrawing the notice which shall be served as provided in subsection (a) (4) of this section. Upon failure to comply with any order sustaining or modifying a notice, the permit or certificate affected by the order shall be revoked.
- (d) **Recording of Proceedings.** The proceedings at such a hearing, including the findings and decision of the health officer, and together with a copy of every notice and order related thereto shall be entered as a matter of public record in the office of the health officer, but the transcript of the proceedings need not be transcribed unless judicial review of the decision is sought as provided by this section. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the health officer may seek relief therefrom in any court of competent jurisdiction, as provided by the laws of this state.

-
- (e) Emergency Requiring Immediate Action. Whenever the health officer finds that an emergency exists which requires immediate action to protect the public health, he may without notice or hearing issue an order reciting the existence of such an emergency and requiring that such action be taken as he may deem necessary to meet the emergency including the suspension of the permit or certificate. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, such order shall be effective immediately. Any person to whom such an order is directed shall comply therewith immediately, but upon petition to the health officer shall be afforded a hearing as soon as possible. The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section shall be applicable to such hearing and the order issued thereafter.

(Art. I § 13 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).

6.04.130 Right of appeal and hearing by petitioner.

Any person whose permit or certificate has been denied, suspended or revoked by the health officer may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the board of health pursuant to Section 6.04.130. Appeal must be received in writing by the department within 10 of the decision rendered. The hearing before the board of health will be scheduled for their next regular meeting.

(Ord. 963 (part), 1979; Art. I § 12 of Res. dated July, 1970 and amended November 5, 1970).



Community Health Report

MARCH - APRIL 2026



WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Monthly Caseload

- March: 923
- April: 955 (highest month yet!)

After School Snack Program

- March: 1,223
- April: 835



Nutrition education “goodie bags” were distributed to 74 WIC families during appointments. Items included healthy eating materials, recipes, children’s books, water bottles, and small incentives for children

Community Partnerships & Grants

- DOC Prison Produce Share: The program is scheduled to resume in May or June in collaboration with the Department of Corrections (DOC), Conservation District, and Hope Plaza. Planning efforts are ongoing.
- Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP): Funding has been secured to provide \$30 in fresh fruits and vegetables to 61 WIC families during Bike Rodeo & Safety Day in June. Supplies have been ordered and are being received.

Six families participated in the **breastfeeding support group** sessions.



MASON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



THE CHARLIE CART PROJECT



The Southside School Pilot Project

We're excited to share that Southside School has welcomed us into their classrooms for a Charlie Cart pilot project! Over 6 weeks, we'll be working with students to explore healthy eating habits through hands-on learning, cooking, and nutrition education. Students will have the opportunity to try new ingredients, learn how to use different cooking tools, and build confidence in the kitchen while discovering that healthy food can be both fun and delicious.

Ready...

Cook!

Set...



We're grateful for the opportunity to partner with Southside School and bring interactive nutrition education directly to local students.



Ge^{ring} UP

For a June of Safety



This June, Public Health will be hitting the road and joining North Mason Fire & South Mason Fire for School Safety Days. Last year, with the use of our mobile bike education program, we taught over 1,000 students the importance of helmets, bike safety, and the rules of the road.



3rd Annual

Mason County Bike Rodeo & Safety Day

June 27th
11-3pm
Olympic Middle School

In Partnership with...

CENTRAL MASON, DNR, EARLY LEARNING COALITION, GW RAILROADS, LIFE FLIGHT, MC SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MC TRANSIT, MASON HEALTH, THE NAVY, OLYMPIC ORTHOPEDIC ASSOCIATES, PREVENTION COALITION, PUD 3, CHILDCARE ACTION COUNCIL, SEATTLE CHILDREN'S, SHELTON POLICE DEPT., SOUTH MASON FIRE, WA STUDENT CYCLING LEAGUE, WA FISH & WILDLIFE, WA STATE PATROL, WEST MASON FIRE, WIC



JOIN US AND LEARN ALL THINGS SAFETY!!!

- * BIKE SAFETY * CPR * WATER SAFETY * ELECTRICAL SAFETY * SAFE GUN STORAGE
 - * HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER
 - * SAFE MEDICATION STORAGE
 - * RAILROAD SAFETY * WILDLAND FIRE SAFETY * AND SO MUCH MORE!
- MEET FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS & SMOKEY THE BEAR!**
- WATCH A HELICOPTER FROM LIFEFLIGHT LAND, TAKE OFF, MEET THEIR CREW & EXPLORE THE HELICOPTER

FREE HELMETS, LIFE JACKETS, FIREARM & TRIGGER LOCKS, MEDICATION LOCK BAGS, AND A FREE ICE CREAM CONE FOR KIDS WHO FINISH THEIR SAFETY PASSPORT

PLAY BALL

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHELTON CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB & THE PREVENTION EDUCATION PARTNERS SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION. WE PURCHASED 10 KICKBALLS EACH FOR ALL 10 PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN MASON COUNTY. THESE KICKBALLS SUPPORT THE MENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY BY ENCOURAGING ACTIVE PLAY, CONNECTION, TEAMWORK, AND HEALTHY HABITS.

IN ADDITION TO THE 10 BALLS, EACH SCHOOL WAS GIVEN 2 POSTERS AND A LETTER FOR STUDENTS ENCOURAGING THEM TO CHOOSE HEALTHY HABITS EVERY DAY.



May 1st, 2026

Dear Students,

We are so excited to share something fun with you, kickballs to enjoy at school! These kickballs are not just for playing; they are also a reminder to take care of your bodies and minds every day.

Each time you see or use a kickball, think about the healthy choices you can make. Try to eat foods that help your body grow strong, like fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Get outside and be active; running, kicking, and playing are great ways to stay healthy and have fun! Remember to take breaks from screens and spend more time moving your body.

Don't forget how important it is to spend time with your friends. Playing together, laughing, and being kind to one another helps everyone feel happy and connected. Most importantly, say "yes" to the things that help you stay healthy, whether it's going outside to play, trying a new healthy snack, or choosing to be active instead of sitting still.

Have fun with the kickballs, and keep making healthy choices every day!

Sincerely,

Prevention Education Partners Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition,
Shelton Centennial Lions Club, Mason County Public Health & Human Services



PRELIMINARY

MASON COUNTY
2026

NUMBERS

POINT IN TIME COUNT

TOTAL SURVEYED: 246 HOUSEHOLDS (406 INDIVIDUALS)

SHELTERED: 69 HOUSEHOLDS(127 IND)

UNSHELTERED: 177 HOUSEHOLDS (280 IND)

WHERE IS THEHOMELESS POPULATION OF MASON COUNTY

SLEEPING?

SHELTERS: 61 HH (98 IND)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: 8 HH (29 IND)

OUTDOORS: 60 HH (75 IND)

RV/BOAT: 42 HH (81 IND)

VEHICLE: 67 HH (112 IND)

ABANDONED BUILDING: 8 HH (12 IND)

OF THE OUTREACH SURVEYS COMPLETED, CLIENTS' SELF- REPORTED (176 HH)

FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: 62 HH

PHYSICAL DISABILITY (PERMANENT): 71 HH

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER: 100 HH

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY: 55 HH

MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER: 121 HH

CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION: 68 HH

6 VETERANS

LOCATION OF OUTREACH SURVEYS COMPLETED (176 HH)

BELFAIR: 13 HH

GRAPEVIEW: 3 HH

HOODSPORT: 5 HH

SHELTON: 152 HH

SKOKOMISH: 2 HH

UNION: 1 HH

**OF THE 176 HH OUTREACH
SURVEYS COMPLETED, 122
HH SELF-REPORTED BEING
CONTINUOUSLY WITHOUT
HOUSING FOR A YEAR OR
MORE.**

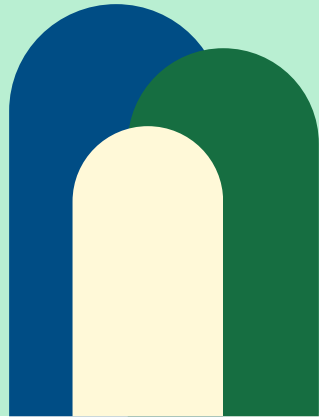
**2025 PIT COUNT
349 INDIVIDUALS
242 HOUSEHOLDS**





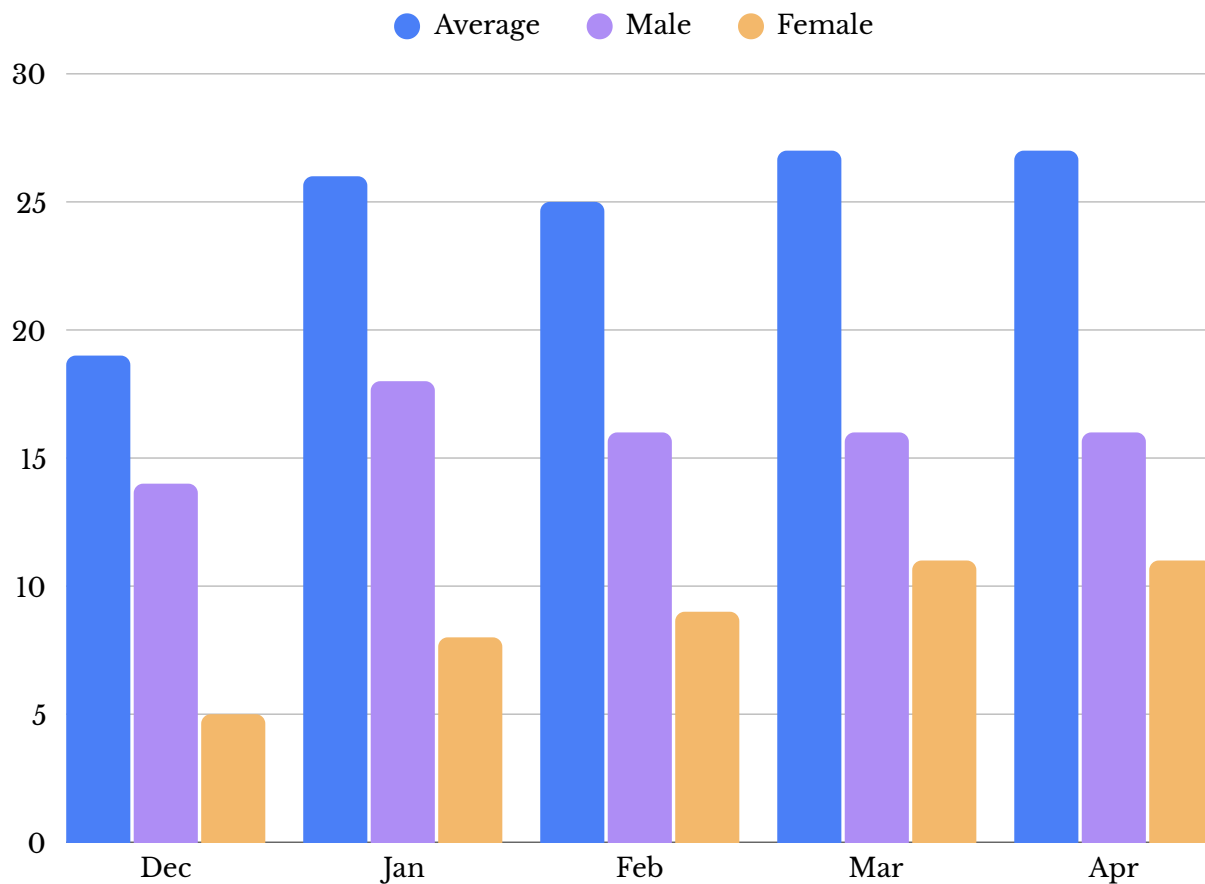
Community Health Report

MARCH - APRIL 2026



HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM

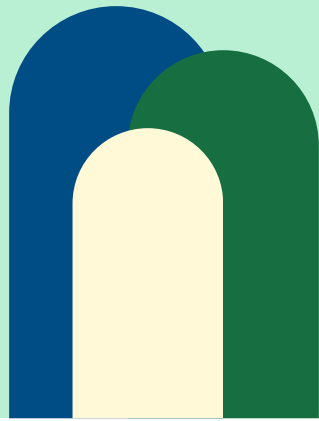
ShelterWorks Single Adult Shelter





Community Health Report

MARCH - APRIL 2026



MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

Children with Special Health Care Needs

Elizabeth Custis, RN helps coordinate care for families whose children have developmental delays, medical concerns, or complex needs. She helps families navigate the medical system to get specialty appointments, provides transportation assistance, advocates at school for needs, assists with Developmental Disability applications, Social Security Disability child medical reports and applications, and addresses local resource needs (food, financial, parenting).

MONTHLY
CASELOAD

13-14
FAMILIES

VACCINES
GIVEN

87

Immunization Improvement

Elizabeth coordinated a community vaccine clinic on April 14th at Faith Lutheran Church/Hope Plaza, contracting with Bird's Eye Medical for their vaccine and vaccine team:

- Pre-registered **40** people at 2 vaccine pre-registration events
- Care-A-Van Mobile Health provided screenings for blood pressure, blood glucose, A1C, BMI, Vision, child development, depression screening, and referrals

School Medical Autism Review Team (SMART)

Elizabeth provides RN support for the needs of families getting their child evaluated for autism or receiving an autism diagnosis. It can be very overwhelming for parents to find the resources and support needed for a child with autism. The SMART team is comprised of Mason Health Pediatricians, Dr. Rayos and Dr. Melquist; Mason Health pediatric therapies (physical, occupational, and speech); school/preschool teachers and therapists; ESD 113 psyche and OT, and local agencies supporting children's development. This process may only take months for a diagnosis, with the alternative being years on the waitlist at specialty children's hospitals.

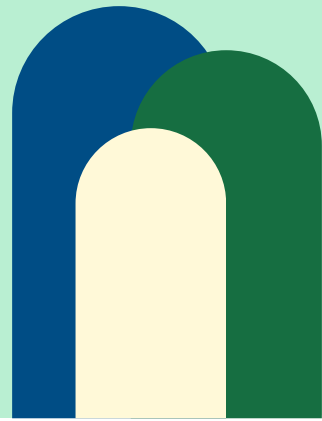
DIAGNOSED
SINCE 2020

229



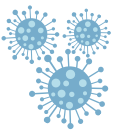
Community Health Report

MARCH - APRIL 2026



Childhood Lead Investigations

There is no safe level of lead in the blood. Any detectable blood lead levels, even below 3.5 µg/dL, are associated with subclinical effects such as inattention, hyperactivity, and decreased cognitive function. Bones act as a reservoir for lead over an individual's lifetime and have potential consequences for later health.



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND NOTIFIABLE CONDITIONS

Chlamydia – 33 cases

Tuberculosis Cases

One active case. Our office continues to “rule out” 2-3 possible TB cases per month.

Animal Bites – Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

Approximately 5 dog bite calls. Our office works closely with Environmental Health if the animal needs to be tested for possible rabies. When a dog's vaccination history is unclear or unavailable, we work with the healthcare provider to decide whether to recommend Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). Bat calls are at their peak during the summer months. We receive 8-10 calls a month during the Spring. We put out educational material on social media about “What to do if I find a bat.”

Communicable Disease Cases

Pertussis or Whooping Cough cases among vaccinated and unvaccinated patients continue to be diagnosed.

HEALTH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

In the months of March and April, there were a total of **35 social media posts**, with an average **engagement rate of 6.68%**



OLYMPIC
HEALTH &
RECOVERY
SERVICES

Mason County LEAD Quarterly Dashboard

Quarter1 | 2026

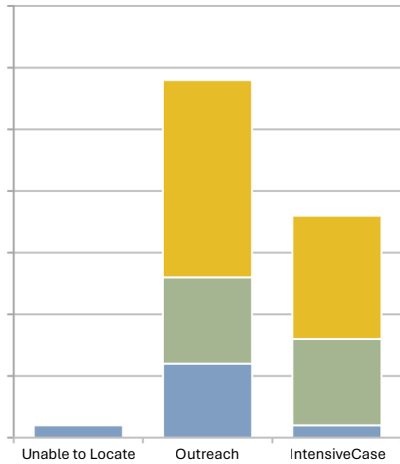
MONTH1= BLUE

MONTH 2 = GREEN

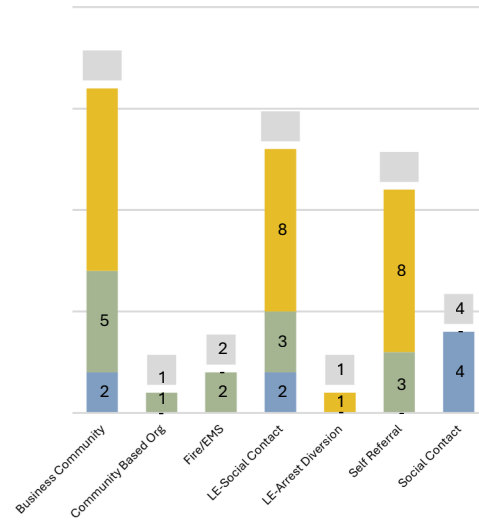
MONTH 3= YELLOW

48 Total Referrals Received | 95 Total Individuals Served | 532 Total Services Provided

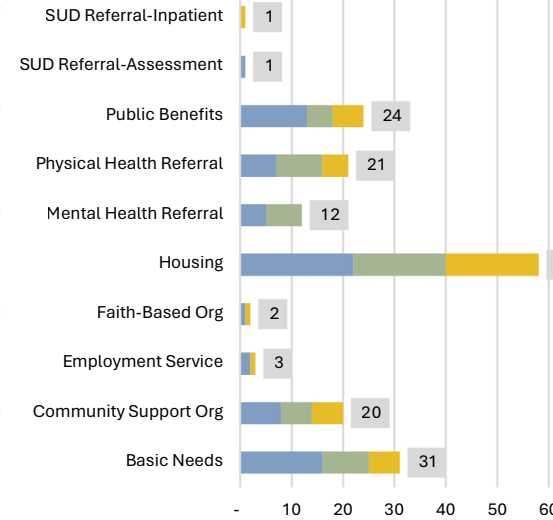
STATUS OF REFERRED
INDIVIDUALS



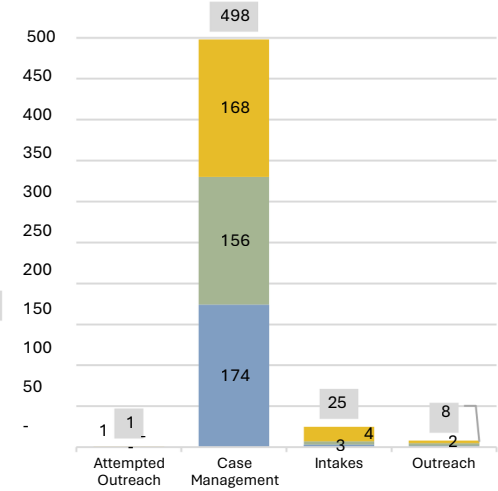
REFERRAL SOURCES



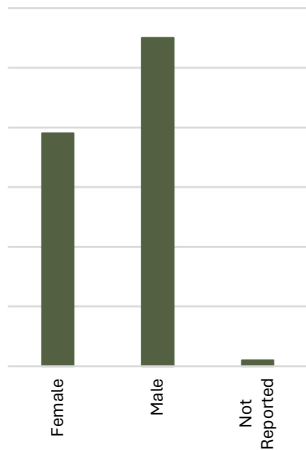
LINKAGES TO CARE



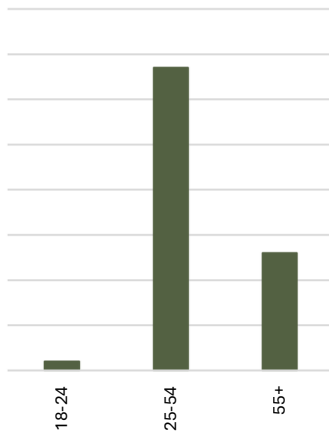
TYPE OF SERVICE PROVIDED



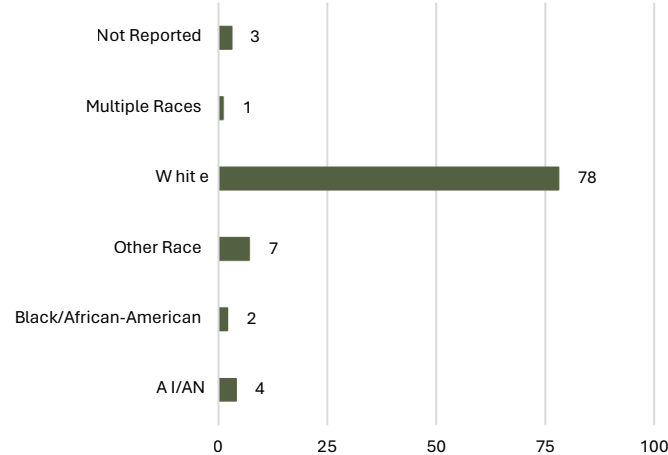
Gender



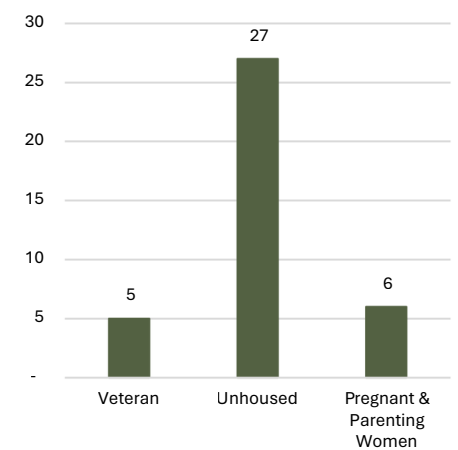
Age Group



Race (Ethnicity)



Priority Populations Served



EMPLOYMENT

Employed	9
Unemployed	57

INCOME

Has Income	40
No Income	41

SELF-REPORTED BH

Yes	38
No	10

CONNECT W/FAMILY

Yes	16
No	32