

ALEA Program – Our Perspective

Existing Sub-Tidal (Under Water) Wild Geoduck Harvest

- Over the last fifteen years, the geoduck program has generated more than \$100 million for public programs.
- Half is placed into the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA).
- Hundreds of millions of pounds have been harvested.

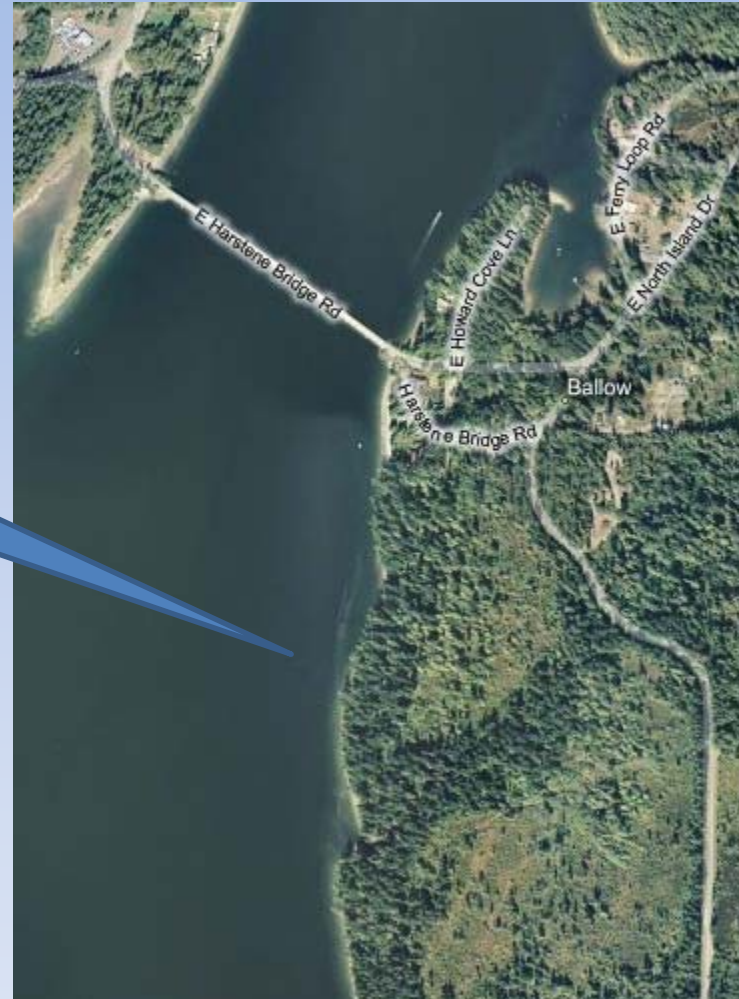
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Total Funds Allocated from ALEA Program

- Since FY 1999, **\$25,611,380** has been allocated across the State.
- Since FY 1999, **\$643,526** has funded projects in Mason County (**2.5% of total**).

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10-Year DNR
Oyster/Clam
Lease
1999-2009



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Prior to Lease



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During the Lease

The Lessee has the right, under DNR rules, to exclude the public entirely.



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During the Lease



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Total Revenue to State

Base Rental Fees	\$24,272
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Production Payments	\$0
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Average Revenue to State \$2,427/year

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Is this worth \$2,427/yr in revenue to the State?



DNR Inter-Tidal Geoduck Aquaculture Citizen Concerns

- There are not enough public beaches now – we should not be restricting the use of what is left! They belong to everyone and everyone should have unrestricted access.
- Private beaches are where private industry should focus their “for profit” activities.

South Sound – 90% private, 10% public

- The DNR is not paying proper attention to the known environmental concerns.
- The DNR is putting too high a priority on revenue generation.