

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, people have been gathering shellfish along Washington's shores for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, Washington Tribes have been sustained by shellfish resources since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, people in Washington have been building culture and community around shellfish resources for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, shellfish are integral to healthy marine ecosystems, providing habitat and helping filter and cleanse water; and

WHEREAS, healthy shellfish resources are critical to Puget Sound recovery efforts and the Washington coast; and

WHEREAS, healthy shellfish resources can help build and sustain resilient communities and marine ecosystems for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June 4-11, 2016 as

Washington Shellfish Week

In Washington State and I urge all people in our state to come out of your shell and join the fun.

Signed this 15th day of January, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee

