

# Eld Inlet

## Annual Shellfish Growing Area Review



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Area: Eld Inlet

Year Ending: December 31, 2024

Classification: Approved

### Activities in the Growing Area in 2024

The growing area was sampled six times in accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Systematic Random Sampling (SRS) criteria.

There was an emergency closure in the growing area from 5/16/24 to 7/9/24 due to a sewage spill from a group of anchored liveaboard vessels for a total of 54 days. The closure area was a 400-foot radius around the vessels at approximate GPS coordinates 47.0904 N, -122.9742 W.

Thurston County Environmental Health and Thurston County Conservation District continued enhanced septic O&M in Eld Inlet and a pollution identification and correction project in McLane Creek, funded by National Estuary Program grants. Washington State Department of Ecology conducted enhanced water compliance monitoring and referral and technical assistance for nondairy agriculture.

### Analytical Results of Water Samples

Table 1 summarizes the results of the last 30 samples collected from the area. This summary shows that all stations pass the NSSP water quality standard. However, stations 849 and 171 are Threatened with estimated 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles of 36.4 FC/100mL and 29.2 FC/100mL, respectively. Table 2 includes the last 30 individual sample results for these stations.

### Change in Actual Pollution Sources that Impact the Growing Area

We currently have no information indicating that the area has new sources of pollution.

### Classification Status

- Well within the classification standards
- Meets standards, but threatened with downgrade in classification
- Fails to meet current classification standards

### Remarks and Recommendations

Table 1 shows that all stations meet the NSSP water quality standard for an Approved classification and the area is correctly classified.

**TABLE 1. Summary of Marine Water Data (SRS) for the Eld Inlet Growing Area**

Sampling Event Type: Regulatory

Maximum Number of Samples: 30

Tides Included: All

Station Number	Classification	Date Range	Range (FC/100 mL)	GeoMean (FC/100 mL)	E90th (FC/100 mL)	Meets Standard
160	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 79.0	3.7	12.5	Y
161	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 110.0	3.5	12.2	Y
162	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 110.0	4.3	16.1	Y
163	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 79.0	3.2	11.2	Y
164	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 79.0	2.9	8.9	Y
165	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 31.0	3.0	8.6	Y
166	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 23.0	2.9	8.1	Y
167	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 110.0	2.8	9.3	Y
168	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 49.0	2.8	8.1	Y
169	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 17.0	2.9	7.2	Y
170	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 350.0	4.5	23.6	Y
171	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 350.0	4.8	29.2	Y
172	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 33.0	2.4	6.0	Y
173	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 79.0	2.3	5.9	Y
174	Approved	1/23/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 13.0	1.9	3.4	Y
175	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 7.8	1.8	2.6	Y
176	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 4.5	1.8	2.3	Y
177	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 4.5	1.9	2.6	Y
178	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 11.0	2.2	4.2	Y
179	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 540.0	2.2	9.0	Y
180	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 33.0	2.1	5.5	Y
181	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 13.0	2.1	3.9	Y
182	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 7.8	2.0	3.6	Y
849	Approved	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 540.0	4.6	36.4	Y
159	Unclassified	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 79.0	5.9	24.0	Y
700	Unclassified	1/16/2020 - 10/31/2024	1.7 - 130.0	4.8	20.8	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.

**TABLE 2. Marine Water Quality Summary – Threatened Stations in Eld Inlet**

Station: 849

Classification: Approved

Method: SRS

<b>Total Samples: 30</b> <b>Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 – 540.0</b> <b>GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 4.6</b>				<b>Date Range: 01/16/2020 - 10/31/2024</b> <b>E90th (FC/100 mL): 36.4</b> <b>Meets Standard: Y</b>		
Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
01/16/2020	Regulatory	09:31	Flood	8	28	2.0
03/03/2020	Regulatory	09:57	Flood	9	27	1.7
05/18/2020	Regulatory	17:05	Flood	15	29	1.7
07/13/2020	Regulatory	13:57	Ebb	18	28	1.7
09/09/2020	Regulatory	11:47	Flood	17	29	2.0
11/23/2020	Regulatory	11:24	Flood	11	27	17.0
02/01/2021	Regulatory	09:45	Ebb	8	8	79.0
04/22/2021	Regulatory	14:20	Flood	14	26	1.7
06/02/2021	Regulatory	11:36	Flood	17	28	1.7
08/04/2021	Regulatory	16:50	Flood	20	28	1.7
10/28/2021	Regulatory	12:08	Flood	13	29	540.0
12/09/2021	Regulatory	12:10	Ebb	10	28	2.0
01/03/2022	Regulatory	10:57	Ebb	4	4	540.0
03/10/2022	Regulatory	09:52	Flood	7	22	1.7
05/04/2022	Regulatory	09:01	Ebb	11	27	1.7
07/25/2022	Regulatory	16:35	Flood	18	28	4.5
09/22/2022	Regulatory	15:04	Flood	16	31	1.7
11/29/2022	Regulatory	12:21	Ebb	11	30	7.8
02/09/2023	Regulatory	08:35	Ebb	9	27	2.0
03/06/2023	Regulatory	16:33	Flood	8	29	4.5
04/25/2023	Regulatory	08:46	Flood	10	27	1.8
08/14/2023	Regulatory	16:21	Flood	20	29	1.7
10/31/2023	Regulatory	10:18	Ebb	13	29	2.0
12/18/2023	Regulatory	11:16	Ebb	11	26	6.8
01/23/2024	Regulatory	08:14	Ebb	8	4	33.0
03/04/2024	Regulatory	10:32	Flood	8	22	4.5
05/13/2024	Regulatory	08:41	Flood	15	27	4.0
07/09/2024	Regulatory	07:54	Flood	17	28	1.7
09/25/2024	Regulatory	13:36	Flood	15	29	7.8
10/31/2024	Regulatory	07:57	Ebb	13	32	1.7

**TABLE 2 continued.**

Station: 171

Classification: Approved

Method: SRS

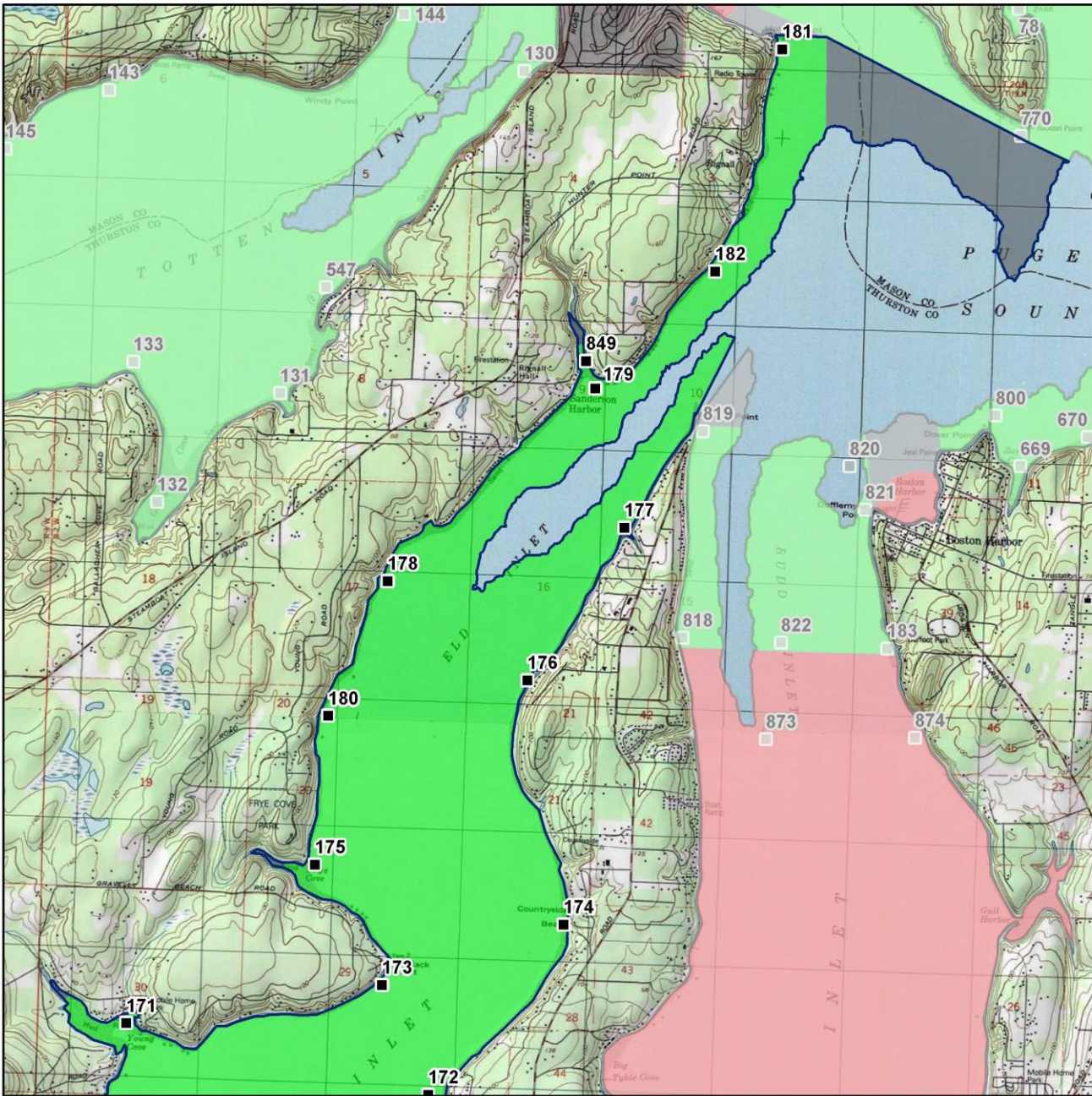
<b>Total Samples: 30</b> <b>Range (FC/100 mL): 1.7 - 350.0</b> <b>GeoMean (FC/100 mL): 4.8</b>				<b>Date Range: 01/16/2020 - 10/31/2024</b> <b>E90th (FC/100 mL): 29.2</b> <b>Meets Standard: Y</b>		
Sample Date	Event Type	Time	Tide	SWT	Salinity	Fecal Coliform
01/16/2020	Regulatory	09:56	Flood	8	24	7.8
03/03/2020	Regulatory	10:19	Flood	9	25	2.0
05/18/2020	Regulatory	16:44	Flood	16	28	7.8
07/13/2020	Regulatory	12:47	Flood	18	28	1.7
09/09/2020	Regulatory	11:19	Flood	18	29	2.0
11/23/2020	Regulatory	11:48	Flood	11	28	2.0
02/01/2021	Regulatory	10:08	Ebb	8	14	11.0
04/22/2021	Regulatory	13:56	Flood	14	27	11.0
06/02/2021	Regulatory	11:10	Flood	19	27	7.8
08/04/2021	Regulatory	16:21	Flood	24	28	1.7
10/28/2021	Regulatory	12:34	Flood	13	28	130.0
12/09/2021	Regulatory	11:41	Ebb	9	27	4.5
01/03/2022	Regulatory	11:31	Ebb	4	6	350.0
03/10/2022	Regulatory	10:16	Flood	8	25	1.7
05/04/2022	Regulatory	09:24	Ebb	11	27	1.7
07/25/2022	Regulatory	16:58	Flood	22	28	2.0
09/22/2022	Regulatory	14:40	Flood	17	30	1.7
11/29/2022	Regulatory	12:45	Ebb	10	29	2.0
02/09/2023	Regulatory	08:59	Ebb	8	27	2.0
03/06/2023	Regulatory	16:08	Flood	8	25	1.7
04/25/2023	Regulatory	09:08	Flood	10	27	1.7
08/14/2023	Regulatory	16:43	Flood	24	29	1.7
10/31/2023	Regulatory	11:03	Ebb	12	29	2.0
12/18/2023	Regulatory	11:36	Ebb	10	26	17.0
01/23/2024	Regulatory	09:08	Ebb	8	12	23.0
03/04/2024	Regulatory	10:08	Flood	8	17	2.0
05/13/2024	Regulatory	09:51	Ebb	16	27	1.7
07/09/2024	Regulatory	08:57	Ebb	20	28	4.5
09/25/2024	Regulatory	13:58	Flood	16	29	49.0
10/31/2024	Regulatory	08:48	Ebb	13	31	11.0

MAP 1. Eld Inlet Growing Area

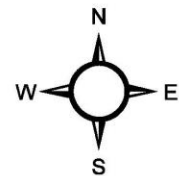
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Approved	Sampling Station
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Prohibited	
Restricted	
Unclassified	



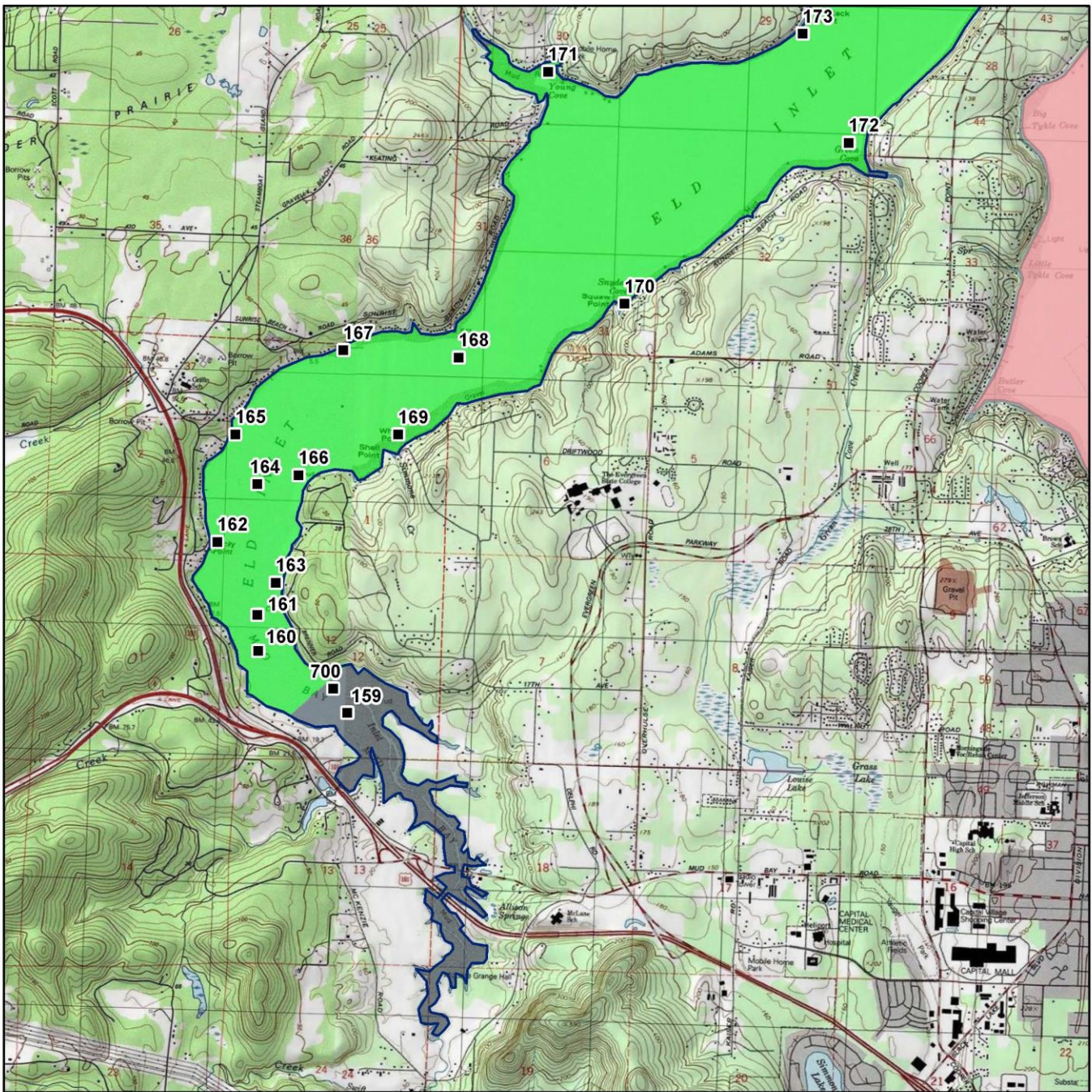
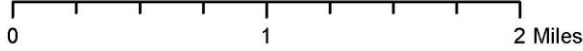
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MAP 2. Eld Inlet Growing Area

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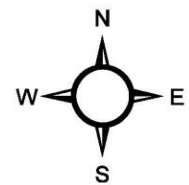


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