

# Marine Biotoxin Volunteer Monitoring Program



## *Attention Beach Lovers!*

Do you enjoy spending time at the beach, digging clams, learning new skills, and contributing your time to an important community project? The Skagit Conservation District is now seeking interested community volunteers (age 18 and up) to provide support in monitoring local recreational shellfish harvesting beaches for Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) and Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning (DSP) for the 2022 season. PSP is a serious illness caused by eating shellfish that have consumed large amounts of toxins. DSP is new to our area, and has recently been detected in Puget Sound waters. Regular monitoring of our beaches assures the safety of public health. This volunteer program was designed to act as a warning system to assist the WA State Department of Health's Biotoxin Program during the HABs (Harmful Algal Blooms) season. Time commitment for this program will include approximately 4 to 6 hours a month from mid-April through September after completing the training (during daytime low tides).

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Please pre-register by April 11th, 2022**

If you are interested in participating or would like more information,  
contact: **Carla Glassman at Skagit Conservation District**  
(360) 428-4313 ext. 1025 or email: [carla@skagitcd.org](mailto:carla@skagitcd.org)

### **2022 Training Dates:**

**Friday, April 15th from 1 pm to 3 pm (virtual zoom session)**  
**Monday, April 18th from 11:00 am to 2 pm on the beach at March Point**  
*New volunteers should attend both sessions*

