



Shellfish ID



Blue Mussel

Yaak



SIZE: Up to 3 inches SHAPE: Oblong
EXTERNAL: Blue-black or brown shell
DEPTH: N/A
SUBSTRATE: Rocks, pilings, boats, gravel, hard surfaces
ZONE: Intertidal

Pacific Littleneck

Tl'ildaaskeit



SIZE: Up to 2½ inches SHAPE: Oval to round.
EXTERNAL: Concentric rings, radiating ridges (lattice pattern).
Cream/gray, sometimes mottled with brown, white interior.
DEPTH: 4-6 inches SUBSTRATE: Gravel, mud
ZONE: Mid-tide level to lower intertidal. Sometimes subtidal.

Cockle

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SIZE: Up to 6 inches SHAPE: Round (somewhat triangular)
EXTERNAL: Prominent radiating ribs. Light brown colored,
sometimes with lighter colored ribs or concentric dark bands.
DEPTH: 1-2 inches SUBSTRATE: Sand, mud
ZONE: Intertidal or subtidal (up to 90 feet)

Butter Clam

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SIZE: Up to 5 inches SHAPE: Oval to square.
EXTERNAL: Concentric rings, cream or gray shell, no external
siphon or mantle.
DEPTH: --- SUBSTRATE: Sand, gravel
ZONE: Lower intertidal or shallow subtidal

Butter clams retain toxins much longer than other species.