



## North Spit

The Western side of lower Coos Bay features very popular boat crabbing and gaper and butter clam digging. Access is difficult (4x4 road or boat only). The paved road ends at the former aquaculture facility, (access point #6); gaper and butter clams are found densely throughout. Other species of bay clams are harvested less often, but can be found.

## Strawberry Island (SI)

This is the only vegetated island in lower Coos Bay. Gaper and butter clams are easily dug along the muddy shoreline and large butter clams can be dug in the gravelly beds around the island.

## Clam Island (CI)

This "island" emerges at a +2 or lower tide and is only accessed by boat. Aptly named, "Hungryman's cove" is a small channel that separates the shoreline with the island and a good place to crab on a windy day.

The island features the highest densities of gaper and butter clams in Coos Bay. Cockle and native littleneck clams are also found here. Shoreline flats boast excellent gaper and butter clamming.

## Training Jetty (TJ)

This tidelflat contained between the shoreline and the "training jetty" is known to have large gaper clams often deeply dug in due to shifting sands.

## Along Cape Arago Highway

Clamming along Cape Arago highway is excellent and easily accessible from multiple points. Gaper and butter clams are popular to dig throughout these extensive flats.

## Pigeon Point (PP)

This expansive clam bed is productive and easily accessed. A good clamming area for butter and gaper clams is adjacent to the county easement area opposite of Grinnel Rd. (access point #4).

Further down the bay, the Fossil point area (parking area at Beacon Ln., access point #3) has good beds of large butter and gaper clams, however digging can be a little more difficult as the substrates include shell and cobble.

## Empire (EP)

The tidelflats adjoining Empire are good for gaper and butter clamming. Parking and access is at a city parking area opposite of Fulton Ave. (access point #5).

Sediments are soft and easy to dig in, however holes dug for gapers may cave in easily. Choose to go during low tides.