

TAKE NOTE! Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is asking you to give Snowy Plovers plenty of space as you share the beach

Snowy Plovers are a local shorebird whose youngsters look like cute little fuzzballs with Q-tips for legs. They are local to just Pacific and Grays Harbor counties but, are rare and imperiled. Only around 100 of these birds still survive at 3 small locations on the Washington coast.



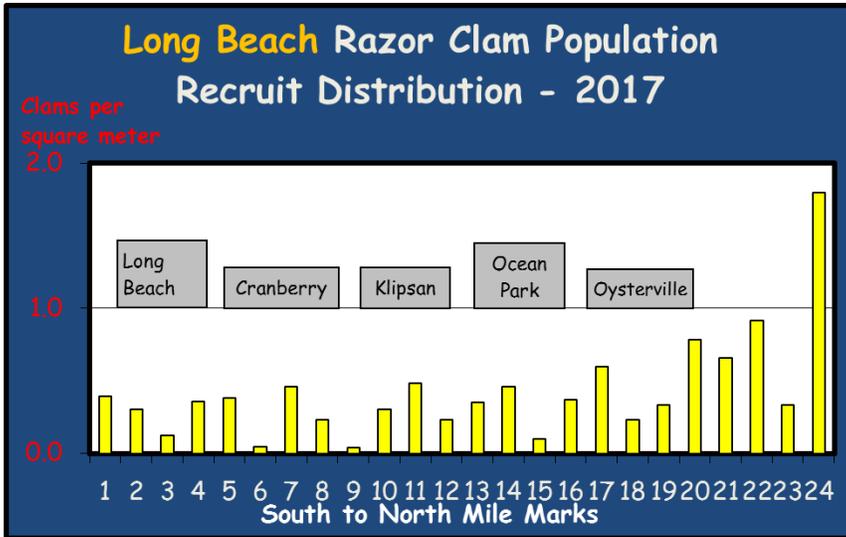
The adult plovers are hardy and durable enough to survive the entire year living exposed on the beach. Snowy Plovers are also devoted parents. However, people can unknowingly harm their chances to raise a family.

If you are going near Midway Beach (the southern portion of Twin Harbors) or towards the north end of Long Beach, here are 3 simple things for you to do on Earth Day to help our local wildlife.

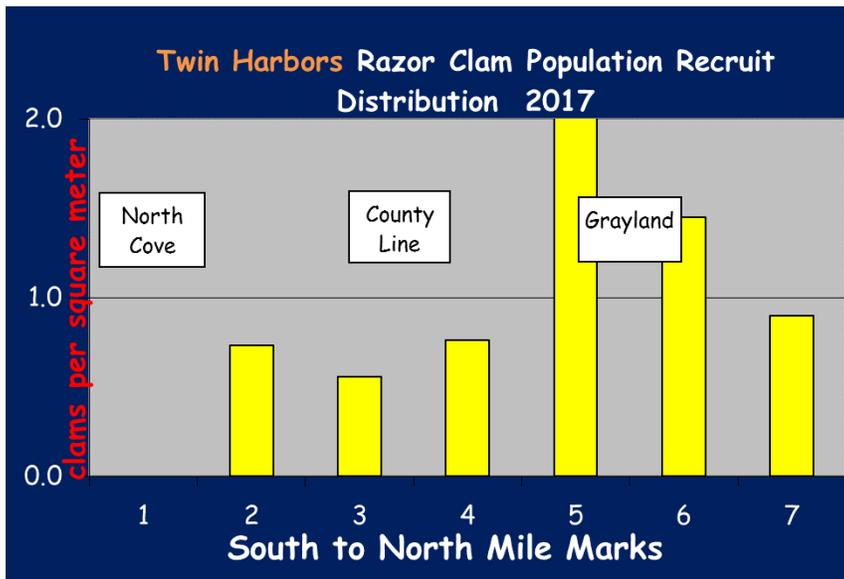
- 1) **Most important:** Stay out of the Posted areas - The upper beach nesting areas have signs posted around their perimeter to keep people away from the nearly invisible nests.
- 2) Don't discard leftover food nor trash on the beach. It attracts predators to the nesting area.
- 3) If you plan to stick around after digging your limit of 15 clams then, move to a part of the beach that is out of sight from the posted nesting areas. Remember that, the beach speed limit is 25 mph

Please do your best to give imperiled Snowy Plovers the space they need to live and thrive.

Are you going to Long Beach or Twin Harbors beach this weekend to dig razor clams? Would you like to know where clam numbers are highest?



Along Long Beach Peninsula, clams are spottily distributed with somewhat higher densities at the far northern tip. The below chart show WDFW summer 20176 population assessment results along a 24 mile stretch of the peninsula



Along Twin Harbors beaches, clams are more abundant north of Midway beach and the county line. The below chart show WDFW summer 20176 population assessment results along a 7 mile stretch of Twin Harbors.