Washington State DNR Geoduck Aquaculture Pilot Project

Timeline

2003

 The 2003 Legislature directed the WA State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop a pilot project proposal to study the feasibility of geoduck aquaculture on stateowned tidelands and submerged lands in Puget Sound.

2005

 DNR works on statue change to amend RCW 79.90.210 and 79.90.080 to include geoduck aquaculture.

2007

- DNR conducts public opinion surveys.
- DNR helps fund Sea Grant Geoduck Aquaculture Research Program. (2007-2013 = \$300,000)
- DNR has 5 successful bidders for 12.5 acres.

2008

2009

- DNR evaluates successful bidders' proposals.
- DNR issues request for feedback on the Pilot Lease program.
- Sea Grant releases Interim Progress Report.

2011

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2012

2013

- DNR resumes pilot program.
- DNR re-contacts successful bidders from 2006-07.
- DNR notifies treaty tribes.
- DNR starts leasing process.
- Permitting process begins.
- Sea Grant publishes final report.

2014

- Permitting continues.
- DNR, WDFW and tribes site visits.
- Proponents apply for licenses.

2015

Program fully

implemented.

- DNR reviews stewardship measures.
- Proponents arrange for surveys.

2010

- DNR hosts

 online forum on geoduck
 aquaculture.
- Interim Progress Report from Sea Grant.

2004

- DNR, WDFW, and Treaty Tribes conduct technical meetings to analyze process of the Pilot Program.
- DNR commissions economic study.

2006

- DNR solicits requests for offers.
- DNR has 7 successful bidders for 17 acres.
- DNR conducts public opinion surveys.



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