

North Bay--Case Inlet--Mason County

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Shellfish industry workers remove natural vegetation from intertidal zones prior to planting.

Starfish, considered 'predators' by industry, are piled up and killed by being covered with lye.

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Diverting natural freshwater inputs by digging trenches in an estuary