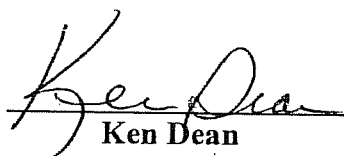


Totten Inlet Mussel Rafts
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On the date mentioned above, at approximately 1030 hours, Myself, Todd Palzer, John Geist and Jerry Inman arrived at Gallagher Cove in Totten Inlet by boat to conduct a survey of several mussel rafts belonging to Taylor Shellfish. Our objective was to conduct a dive and observe the rafts themselves and the underneath each raft to ensure no littering had been occurring over time. We met Gordon King who manages the mussel rafts for Taylor Shellfish and got the layout of the rafts from him.

John Geist and I entered the water at approximately 1151 hours and I began filming the rafts as we moved under each one. We dropped to the bottom to approximately 25 feet (corrected) and began a southerly compass heading which would put us in a position to cover the entire section of rafts. The bottom had very little debris and what was there consisted of some rope, PVC pipe and netting. A few "coffee can" size concrete anchors and one mussel cage were seen on the bottom that probably had been dropped accidentally. After completing our dive under and through the rafts we followed a reciprocal course only this time we moved approximately 50 to 100 feet outside the rafts to check for debris but the bottom showed no apparent sign of dumping. At 1227 hours Geist and I surfaced and exited the water.

Our observation indicated that very little debris had been detected and the bottom seemed to flourish with crab and sea stars. The mussel rafts appeared to be clean and the mussels seemed to be healthy and thriving.


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