

# Intertidal Surveys on Valdes Island

With additional background regarding intertidal and subtidal species diversity

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The temperate coastal waters of the British Columbia coast contain a rich marine flora and fauna. This array of aquatic organisms has and continues to provide sustenance as well as cultural values for numerous First Nations living in the region. For countless generations, coastal aboriginal peoples assembled knowledge about a large number of organisms that were vital to their survival. First Nation peoples passed on this significant data base via the spoken word—their traditional method of communication. A written language was not utilized.

Upon a much later arrival to the northeast coast of the Pacific Ocean, European explorers began gathering biological information based upon a scientific method. A primary focus involved cataloguing species using the Linnean binomial classification system. While this process began more recently, its resulting data base is extensive and continues to expand. The scientific approach emphasises the written word.

In recent times, environmental concerns have escalated as real and perceived threats continue to mount. It is now of critical importance for current generations, from both points of view, to come together and share information required for addressing environmental threats. Benefits of such a partnership are many, both globally and locally.

As to the latter, the Lyackson First Nation contracted Salish Sea Marine Surveys Inc, to assess the marine environment surrounding Valdes Island, B.C., and report its findings. The primary focus was species diversity and abundance in the intertidal zone. A three-day period of July 21-23, 2013, with very low tides, provided an opportunity for a snap shot of the current situation.

In addition to recording these data, the report also includes some historical, long-term information from the surrounding subtidal waters of Valdes Island. Intertidal observations from nearby Clam Bay, Thetis Island were included as a reasonable comparable and provide additional, longer term information.

A projected and significant expansion of oil exports from the Port of Vancouver provided the impetus for this report. If this initiative proceeds, increased tanker traffic through the Strait of Georgia could pose a greater oil spill risk. As a significant shoreline component along the transport route, Valdes Island would be subject to resulting affects from any oil spill that should occur. The Lyackson First Nation has very significant current and historical legal rights concerning Valdes Island and its surrounding waters. This report provides relevant information to the Lyackson First Nation for representation concerning their considerable interests.

### **METHODS**

### **Intertidal Surveys**

Six intertidal survey sites were chosen at Valdes Island based on several criteria: geographic location, degree of exposure to waves and tidal currents, angle of shore slope, physical/geological nature of the shore and accessibility for survey work. The field work was carried out July 21-23 to take advantage of three of the lowest daylight tides of the year. The sites were accessed by boat with a three-person crew; two marine biologists and a boat tender. Each day's pair of survey sites was situated fairly close together so that after surveying the first site as the tide ebbed the crew could move quickly in order to survey the second site as the tide began to flood.

At each survey site a measuring tape was deployed between the approximate highest high tide level and the lowest point of the tide to determine the overall length of the intertidal zone and to provide a reference when recording biological data.

Geographic positioning was recorded using a hand-held Garmin GPS76 to establish start and end points for each transect. This GPS has a maximum precision of +/- 5 metres.

At each site we recorded species present and made notations regarding position along the transect line and relative abundance. Abundance was estimated using "A" for Abundant, "C" for Common, "F" for Few and for rare species, the actual number observed. All species of conspicuous (easily visible with the naked eye) marine life were identified in the field to the best of our expertise. Common and scientific names were recorded according to **Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest** (2005). Organisms were listed according to their presence in the High, Mid or Low intertidal zone. These sub-zones were determined based on estimates of elevation within the intertidal zone. Where feasible boulders or slab-rocks were turned over temporarily so that marine life inhabiting the surfaces and spaces beneath could be observed. At sites with sand or mud substrates, a shovel or rake was used to expose buried or burrowing organisms.

A Nikon D300 SLR digital camera was used to record views of each site and close-ups of representative marine life and substrates.

### **Shoreline Survey**

To provide a general overview of the shoreline types around Valdes Island, a series of photographs was taken from offshore locations around the perimeter of the island. GSP waypoints were recorded for each photographic location at the same time that a digital photograph was taken of the shore.

### **RESULTS**

The Transect Summaries provide a general description of the physical and biological nature of each of the six beaches surveyed. Marine life of special aboriginal interest and notable sightings are also specified. Photographs are included to show the general nature of each site.

Appendix 1 provides detailed lists of marine life observed at each of the six intertidal transects, organized according to recognized phyla. Both common and scientific names are presented. For each species observed, estimates of relative abundance are presented in the High, Mid and Low intertidal zones. Photographs of representative species are presented in Appendix 8.

Appendix 2 lists the various species of salmonids that have been recorded from the waters surrounding Valdes Island, along with Hulquminum names.

Appendix 3 presents a list of fishes, invertebrates, mammals and algae of aboriginal interest observed while scuba diving around Valdes Island from 1968 through 2013. These data are based on logs compiled by Andy Lamb and include Hulquminum names.

Appendix 4 presents a list of marine birds and mammals directly observed during the July 21-23, 2013 survey of the shoreline of Valdes Island. Hulquminum names are included where available.

Appendix 5 provides a list of marine birds and mammals observed at Clam Bay, Thetis Island from January, 2007 to July, 2013. This list is based on data compiled by Andy Lamb and provides year-round sightings. Hulquminum names are included where available.

Appendix 6 provides geographical location data as determined by a GPS device for various photographic and sampling locations around Valdes Island.

Appendix 7 presents a series of shoreline photographs taken around the perimeter of Valdes Island. The WP (Way Point) number on each image refers to the data in Appendix 6.

Appendix 8 presents a sampling of close-up images of representative marine life found in the intertidal zone around Valdes Island. Each photograph is labelled with common and scientific name.

### **INTERTIDAL SURVEYS: TRANSECT SUMMARIES**

#### Transect # 1

Date: July 21, 2013 Latitude: 49° 05.796N Transect Length: 70 m

Physical Description: From high water mark, a sloping sandstone outcrop at first, moderately steep but becoming more gentle with long gullies; with evident scouring; line of algal debris; in upper intertidal zone; transitioning to continuing gentle sloping sandstone outcrop with band of cobble/boulder; band of mussel shell debris in deep, wide gully into mid intertidal zone; one large tide pool and several small elongate tide pools in gullies;

fine sand/mud beneath cobble boulders; sand/mud anoxic beneath thin top layer; transitioning into low intertidal zone of continuing gentle sloping sandstone outcrop; at far west side of bay, outcrop abuts to higher outcrop/boulder point.

**Biological Description:** A barnacle/mussel band with rockweed/Turkish washcloth dominates upper intertidal; previous band continues in mid intertidal with the addition of sea lettuce and more associated molluscs and

arthropods under boulder/cobble; low intertidal rocky areas over grown with rockweed/wireweed/various red algae providing cover for more molluscs/arthropods and clusters of purple sea stars; a small subtidal bull kelp bed just below the lowest tide mark associated with a reef outcrop.

**Notable Sightings:** mud nemertean *Paranemertes peregrina* , rock prickleback *Xiphister mucosa* 

Site Name: "North Cove" Longitude: 123° 40.214W







\*Aboriginal Interests: iuqus sea lettuce, qw'aqwuqw rockweed, lew'qum' Pacific blue mussel, skwley Pacific littleneck clam, tthuqwiye' snails & periwinkles, skwitthi' green sea urchin

Date: July 21, 2013 Latitude: 49° 07.544N Transect Length: 80 m

Physical Description: From high water mark, a moderate sloping rolling sandstone outcrop with some narrow gullies; no tide pools; some wire/metal debris (evidence of log booming?); transitions into mid intertidal zone; a wide diagonal band of gravel over sandstone outcrop; few small patches of shell hash; transitioning into same substrate in low intertidal zone; few, mostly flat rocks/boulders throughout entire intertidal expanse.

Site Name: "Gabriola Bay", Gabriola Pass

Longitude: 123° 42.591W



**Biological Description:** Overall low organism abundance and interrupted barnacle bands with little associated algae suggests scouring; transitioning into similar situation with more rockweed/Turkish washcloth moving into mid intertidal zone; few flat cobble/boulders provide cover for some molluscs; similarly transitioning into low intertidal zone; slightly more

numerous boulders/cobble providing shelter for more molluscs and arthropods; greater algal diversity, including several large kelps at lower levels of low intertidal zone.

**Notable Sightings:** frilled dogwinkle *Nucella lamellosa* with numerous patches of egg cases, abundance of Sitka periwinkle *Littorina sitkana* 

\*Aboriginal Interests: iuqus sea lettuce, qw'aqwuqw rockweed, gam bull kelp, lew'gum Pacific blue mussel,



**tluhwtluhw** Pacific oyster, **skwley** Pacific littleneck clam, **tthuqwiye'** snails & periwinkles, **kwukwatlshun** red rock crab, **skwitthi'** green sea urchin, **thikwt** red sea cucumber

Date: July 22, 2013 Latitude: 49° 03.654N Transect Length: 80 m

Physical Description: From high water mark, above which was some log debris, a moderate slope of sand/gravel and into embedded cobble/some boulders transitioning with slightly gentler slope into mid intertidal zone; down to cobble/boulder sitting on fine sand/mud that is anoxic just below surface; transitions into low intertidal; this substrate then reaches a gentle fine sandy/mud substrate to subtidal zone; along northwest edge of bay is a

sandstone outcrop formation with large boulders that eventually forms a point/reef that defines the bay and into the subtidal zone.

**Biological Description:** Barnacle band with small, sparse sea lettuce defines the upper intertidal zone and slightly lower it transitions to a barnacle/rockweed/Turkish washcloth sheltering shore crabs band; transitions into mid intertidal as thicker, large sea lettuce/barnacle/rockweed upon cobble/boulders; cobble boulders providing cover for worms,

molluscs and arthropods; this transitions into low intertidal, where wireweed/sugar kelp provides even more cover until reaching the sand/mud level where eelgrass becomes a major component; boulders/outcrop at the point provides significant cover for many invertebrate groups.

**Notable Sightings:** dire whelk *Lirabuccinum dirum*, sickle jackknife-clam *Solen sicarius* 

\*Aboriginal Interests: iuqus sea lettuce, qw'aqwuqw rockweed, s'ahwa' Washington butter clam, stlula'um basket cockle, lew'gum' Pacific blue mussel, skweley Pacific littleneck clam, sweem gaper or horse clam, tthuqwiye' snails & periwinkles, kwukwatlshun red rock crab, 'ey'h Dungeness crab, skwitthi' green sea urchin, sqwe' plainfin midshipman (singing

bullhead)

Site Name: Detwiller Bay, northwest

Longitude: 123° 37.482W







Date: July 22, 2013 Latitude: 49° 03.495N Transect Length: 90 m

Physical Description: From high water mark a short, moderate gravel slope transitioning into a gentle slope fine sand/mud slope with much embedded small cobble; also coarse sand bank fronting a low very shallow tidepool in high intertidal zone; becoming the mid intertidal with very similar physical features; transitioning into low intertidal of fine sand/mud with only some bivalve shell debris; and into subtidal; on southeast side and defining the

bay, a sandstone outcrop with large boulders reaching into subtidal zone; this edge in the low intertidal fans out with a large area of embedded large cobble/boulders into gentle sloping area providing much cover for marine life.

Biological Description: High intertidal features a band of barnacles/short and stringy sea lettuce sheltering shore crabs that also transitions into mid intertidal where large sand/mud area provides habitat primarily for bivalve molluscs and worms; into low intertidal and large patches of eelgrass and associated arthropods; outcrop and cobble/bolder strewn area forming the southeast side of bay features lush kelp/wireweed/red algae that provides cover for wide variety of invertebrates.

**Notable Sightings:** burrowing anemone *Anthopleura artemisia,* American bloodworm *Glycera americana* 

Site Name: Detwiller Bay, southeast

Longitude: 123° 37.428W







\*Aboriginal Interests: iuqus sea lettuce, qw'aqwuqw rockweed, gam bull kelp, lew'qum' Pacific blue mussel, stlula'um basket cockle, skwley Pacific littleneck clam, tthuqwiye' snails & periwinkles, kwukwatlshun red rock crab, 'ey'h Dungeness crab, skwitthi green sea urchin

Date: July 23, 2013 Latititude: 49° 03.328N Transect Length: 80 m

Physical Description: From the high water mark, a steep gravel slope gives way to sandy/shell hash with few flat boulders and small cobble/gravel on top; a more moderate slope for the high intertidal zone; transitioning into a gently sloping rolling shelving ridges of sandstone (and softer "mudstone") with numerous boulders/cobble and thin layer of mud for mid intertidal zone; transitioning into an even gentler slope with same substrate for the low

low intertidal zone.

same substrate for the low intertidal zone and into subtidal; some sand/mud patches in

**Biological Description:** High intertidal featured a broad, deep band of algal litter; further down, bands of barnacle/sea lettuce overlaying shore crab abundance; into mid intertidal where extensive bands of pink-tipped anemones attached to ridges poke through mud; from mid intertidal and through the low intertidal zone and into the sub

tidal, an increasingly dense, lush cover of diverse algal cover providing shelter for rich assortment of invertebrates and fishes; small eelgrass patches growing from few scattered sand/mud areas.

**Notable Sightings:** pink tipped anemone Anthopleura elegantissima, flat-tip piddock Penitella penita, rough piddock Zirfaea pilsbryi

\*Aboriginal Interests: iuqus sea lettuce, qw'aqwuqw rockweed, s'ahwa' Washington

butter clam, **stlula'um** basket cockle, **lew'gum** Pacific blue mussel, **tluhwtluhw** Pacific oyster, **skwley** pacific littleneck clam, **sweem** gaper or horse clam, **tthuqwiye'** snails & periwinkles, **kwukwatlshun** red rock crab, **?** ghost shrimp, **skwitthi'** green sea urchin, **thikwt** red sea cucumber, **sqwe'** plainfin midshipman (singing bullhead), **?** shiner sea perch (yellow shiner)

Site Name: Blackberry Point Longitude: 123° 39.409W







Date: July 23, 2012 Latitude: 49° 02.460N Transect Length: 80 m

Physical Description: From high water mark, a steep gravel slope into a more gradual sand/shell hash slope in the high intertidal zone; transitioning into a more gently sloping fine sand/mud substrate with copious bivalve shell debris; some large areas of small cobble on sand/mud in mid intertidal zone; transitioning into exclusive fine sand/mud with similar slope; and copious bivalve debris into the low intertidal zone and beyond.

Site Name: Shingle Point Longitude: 123° 38.561W



**Biological Description:** A band of short sea lettuce and barnacles and sheltering shore crabs; high quantities of bivalve shell debris in high intertidal zone; transitioning into mid intertidal where dense eelgrass beds dominate throughout and transition through low intertidal zone to subtidal; some scattered bivalve shell debris.

Notable Sightings: white bubble shell Haminoea vesicula,

excentric sand dollar *Dendraster* excentricus

\*Aboriginal Interests: iuqus sea lettuce, s'ahwa' Washington butter clam, stlua'um basket cockle, tluhwtluhw Pacific oyster, skwley Pacific littleneck clam, sweem gaper or horse clam, tthuqwiye' snails & periwinkles, kwukwatlshun red rock crab, 'ey'h Dungeness crab, ? shiner seaperch (yellow shiner)

Note: Historical First Nation clam garden activity at Shingle Point was recently confirmed by Dr. John Harper and associates.

\*This category includes marine life (documented in this report) that is listed, with traditional names, in the Hulquminum Treaty documents referenced in this report. "?" represents species listed but with no aboriginal name in Hulquminum Treaty documents. A more detailed discussion of aboriginal interests appears elsewhere in this report.

### DISCUSSION

The actual short- and long-term impacts of an oil spill on the marine environment and associated shoreline habitats is beyond the scope of this report. It is a complex topic that involves many disciplines. One only needs to consider Alaska's Exxon Valdes case study and all its ramifications to comprehend this fact. Certainly that event has a relevance to the temperate marine waters of B.C. in general and Valdes Island's surrounding sea in particular respect to this report.

However, several basic assumptions could be made about what likely would transpire should a significant oil spill occur in the Strait of Georgia. These could be categorized as short-term and long-term.

Initially, under the influence of the existing wind and tide regime, some quantity of oil would wash ashore along the Valdes Island coast that faces into the Strait of Georgia. Tidal currents, generated on the twice daily ebb tide, would most likely draw oil through Gabriola and Porlier Passages. Under that scenario, oil would be deposited on adjacent Valdes Island shores and most likely along the Trincomali/Pylades Channel foreshore as well. Consequently, the entire coastline of Valdes Island potentially lies in the path of an oil spill event.

The wide ranging, detailed affects of oil washing ashore in the intertidal zone of Valdes Island are again beyond the scope of this discussion. However, one result would certainly occur. Intertidal organisms inhabiting habitats in the path of the oncoming oil would be subjected to some degree of coverage.

The primary goal of this report is to supply information concerning the intertidal zone of Valdes Island and to document the organisms present and potentially subject to coverage via an oil spill event.

Long-term affects of an oil spill are very difficult to assess and such a process is still continuing many years after the Exxon Valdes event. However, implications for marine food webs and subtidal organisms logically follow.

Another component of this report is a list of subtidal organisms that inhabit the regions from the lowest tide mark to approximately 35 m (115 ft). Generated via SCUBA diving over the last 44 years, it provides a baseline for reference.

This report provides a detailed list of species and relative abundance for a three-day period in July, 2013. Unfortunately, this is only a "snap shot" in time and does not address seasonality of species presence. This is significant issue as organisms may be present at a certain time of year while absent at others. The example of over-wintering ducks that are not present during the summer period is notable but only one of many. This report includes additional material based on long-term data gathering as an attempt to address seasonality. The subtidal list, the result 44

years of observations from the waters around Valdes Island, is one such presentation. Another component is the list of intertidal flora and fauna observed over a seven-year period at nearby Thetis Island (Clam Bay) and was generated via year round observations. Given more time to survey the Valdes Island sites selected for the field portion of this study, it is probable that many more species would be added to the presented list.

As mentioned in the INTRODUCTION, a large amount of relevant information results from generations of Lyackson First Nation oral tradition. This background material actually speaks to several issues covered above and is illustrated by the few following examples.

Kathleen Johnnie, who is the Lyackson Lands & Resources Coordinator and facilitates Elders meetings provided the following story passed along via the oral tradition. "My grandfather used to sing up the dolphins as he rowed his children to Nanaimo from Shingle Point grocery shopping. He would instruct them never to harm the dolphins. They were friends. According to witnesses, when my grandfather passed on, 16 to 18 dolphins escorted the boat carrying his body to Penelekut – he was buried on Penelekut, not Valdes, although he was Lyackson."

Kathleen also mentioned "recently seeing a whale" an observation reinforced by a "hermitish" gent who has lived on Valdes Island for decades. He identified it as a gray whale *Eschrichtius robustus*. Further verification is available via whale watching operators.

At an Elders meeting, several attendees mentioned a sea lion haul out site (just north of a transect site at Detwiller Bay) that they were familiar wirh. This oral information is no doubt accurate but due to seasonality, verification was not possible in July, 2013.

In summary, this report provides current and historic information about the marine life and habitats surrounding Valdes Island. It documents what is at stake for everyone associated with Valdes Island should a significant oil spill occur in the adjacent waters of the Strait of Georgia.

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### **Appendix 1: Intertidal Transects—Marine Life Inventory**

Intertidal TransectsMarine Li	fe Inventory																			
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Photo	T1	T1	T1	T2	T2	T2	T3	T3	T3	T4	T4	T4	T5	T5	T5	T6	T6	T6
SEA GRASSES	ANTHOPHYTA		Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	М	L	Н	M	L
Eelgrass	Zostera marina				С			С			С		F	С		Α	С		Α	Α
Dwarf eelgrass	Zostera japonica															С		F	Α	
GREEN ALGAE	CHLOROPHYTA																			
Short sea lettuce	Ulva sp. 1			С					С				F		С	Α		С		
Large sea lettuce	Ulva sp. 2			F	Α		Α	Α	С	Α	Α	С	Α	С	Α	С	Α		Α	
Flat-tube sea lettuce	Ulva linza								С	Α	Α	С	Α					С	Α	Α
Green hair	Urospora penicilliformis											F	F							
BROWN ALGAE	OCHROPHYTA																			
Rockweed	Fucus gardneri	٧	С	Α	Α	Α	Α		Α	Α	Α	С		Α	С	С	С			
Sea cauliflower	Leathesia difformis	٧		С	С			С		С	С			С		С	С			
Sugar wrack kelp	Saccharina latissima	٧						С			С			С			Α		С	
Wireweed	Sargassum muticum				С			Α			Α			Α		Α	Α			
Bull kelp	Nereocystis luetkeana							F						F						
Dark brown wrack kelp	Saccharina simplex													F						
Skinny rockweed	Fucus sp.															С				
Whip tube	Scytosiphon lomentaria														F					
Yellowish on Zostera	species not determined																			С
Wiry acid kelp	Desmarestia aculeata															Α				
Round brown bag	Colpomenia perigrina																F			
RED ALGAE	RHODOPHYTA																			
Bushy Turkish washcloth	Mastocarpus jardinii	٧	С	Α			С		Α			С		Α	С	F				
Sea sacs	Halosaccion glandiforme	٧						F									Α			
Beauty bush	Callithamnion pikeanum			С	Α					С	Α		С	Α		С	С			

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Photo	T1	T1	T1	T2	T2	T2	Т3	Т3	T3	T4	T4	T4	T5	T5	T5	T6	T6	Т6
			Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	M	L
lodine seaweed	Prionitis sp.				С									F						<u> </u>
Crustose coralline	Clathromorpha sp.				С												С			
Articulated coralline	species not determined				Α															
Blade red alga 1 short, red	species not determined				С									F						<u> </u>
RED ALGAE	RHODOPHYTA																			
Turkish towel	Chondracanthus exasperatus										С			С			Α			
Sea lace	Microcladia sp.				F									С			С			
Ruffled red seaweed	Cryptopleura sp.				С									F						
Nori	Porphyra sp.								С			С	С		Α	С		С	Α	
Short red algal turf	species not determined									С	Α		С		С	С	С			
Red fringe	Porphyra naiadum										F									
Iridescent seaweed	Mazzaella splendens										F			F						
Blade red alga 2 ruffled	species not determined										F			F			С			
Dark branching-tube seaweed	Cryptosiphonia woodi													F						
Succulent seaweed	Sarcodiotheca gaudichaudii													F			Α			
Red rock crust	Hildenbrandia sp.													F						
Sarcodiotheca-like	species not determined																С			
Red spaghetti	Gracilaria/Gracilariopsis																Α			
Sea belly	Gastroclonium subarcticulatum	1															С			
SPONGES	PORIFERA																			
Yellow encrusting sponge	species not determined							F			С					С	С			
Orange thin encrusting sponge	species not determined										F					F				
ANEMONES/JELLIES	CNIDARIA																			
Plumose anemone	Metridium farcimen				F											F	F			
Burrowing anemone	Anthopleura artemisia			2	1					С	Α			Α						
Pink-tipped anemone	Anthopleura elegantissima	v								F					С	Α	С		С	

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Photo	T1	T1	T1	T2	T2	T2	Т3	Т3	Т3	T4	T4	T4	T5	T5	T5	Т6	Т6	T6
Stubby rose anemone	Urticina coriacea		Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	M	1	Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	M	1
Water jelly	Aequorea sp.										_			2						<del>-</del>
water jeny	Aequorea sp.																			╁—
FLATWORMS	PLATYHELMINTHES																			$\vdash$
Brown flatworm	Notoplana sp.						С								С					
DIDDON WORLD	115145555																			
RIBBON WORMS	NEMERTEA															<u> </u>			<u> </u>	₩
Green ribbon worm	Emplectonema gracile						F													+
RIBBON WORMS	NEMERTEA						F													+
White ribbon worm	Amphiphorus sp.			С			С	С			С			F						
Mud nemertean	Paranemertes peregrina																			
Orange ribbon worm	Tubulanus polymorphus															1				
POLYCHAETE WORMS	POLYCHAETA																			
Sea nymph	Nereis sp.							U	С	С	С	С	С	С		С	С			
Red trumpet tubeworm	Serpula columbiana	٧						С			С					С	С			
Pink spaghetti-worm	Thelepus sp. 1							F								С	F			
Commensal worm	Ophiodromus pugettensis							F												
American bloodworm	Glycera americana										Α			Α					С	
Sandmason worm tubes	species not determined										2					1				
Thread sludge worm	Notomastus sp.													С			С		С	
Brown intertidal spaghetti-worm	Eupolymnia heterobranchia	v √															1			
MOSS ANIMALS	BRYOZOA																			+
Orange encrusting bryozoan	Schizoporella japonica				F			С			Α			Α		С	С			+
	Membranipora serrilamella				Г			C			А			A			A			С
Kelp encrusting bryozoan	wembranipora serrilamena																A			
CHITONS	MOLLUSCA																			
Woody chiton	Mopalia lignosa							2			F			F		С	С			
Northern hairy chiton	Mopalia kennerlyi	٧						1			1					С	С			
Swan's mopalia	Mopalia swani	٧														1				
Lined chiton	Tonicella lineata															1				1

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Photo	T1	T1	T1	T2	T2	T2	Т3	Т3	Т3	T4	T4	T4	T5	T5	T5	Т6	Т6	T6
			Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	М	L	Н	M	L	Н	M	L	Н	M	L
BIVALVES: CLAMS, MUSSELS	MOLLUSCA																			<u> </u>
Washington butter clam	Saxidomus gigantea										F					Α	С			<u> </u>
Purple mahogany-clam	Nuttallia obscurata											С	С	С	С	С		С	С	
Nuttall's cockle	Clinocardium nuttallii	٧								С				С		Α	С		С	Α
Pacific blue mussel	Mytilus trossulus		С	Α			Α		С	С		С	С		F	F				
Pacific oyster	Crassostrea gigas						С									F			С	
Green false-jingle	Pododesmus macrochisma	V			F			F			F			F		F				
Arctic nestler	Hiatella arctica	٧						1									F			
Bentnose clam	Macoma nasuta										С			С					С	С
Pacific littleneck clam	Protothaca staminea	٧		F			F			С				F		С	C		С	С
Gaper clams	Tresus spp.	٧														Α	С		Α	Α
Sickle jackknife clam	Solen sicarius													2						
Soft-shell clam	Mya arenaria																	F		
Baltic macoma	Macoma balthica																	F		
BIVALVES: CLAMS, MUSSELS	MOLLUSCA																			
Olympia oyster	Ostrea lurida																1			
Rough piddock	Zirfaea pilsbryi	٧														Α	Α			
Flat-tip piddock	Penitella penita	٧														Α	Α			
Monterey piddock	Penitella richardsoni																F			
White-sand macoma	Macoma secta	٧																	С	С
UNIVALVES: SNAILS, LIMPETS	MOLLUSCA																			
Mask limpet	Lottia persona			F			F	С	С	С		С	F		С	С				
Shield limpet	Lottia pelta			С			С			С	С	С	F			С				
Wrinkled dogwinkle	Nucella lamellosa	٧		F			Α			С	С			С	Α	Α	Α		F	
Dire whelk	Lirabuccinum dirum					1				С	С			С						
Checkered periwinkle	Littorina scutulata		Α			С			Α						Α					
Sitka periwinkle	Littorina sitkana	٧		С		С	Α								F					
Nassa snail	Nassarius sp.						1													
Threaded bittium	Bittium eschrichtii			F											С					
Helicina margarite	Margarites helicinus				1															
Plate limpet	Lottia scutum										F									
Lewis's moon snail	Euspira lewisii																F			С

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Photo	T1	T1	T1	T2	T2	T2	T3	T3	T3	T4	T4	T4	T5	T5	T5	T6	Т6	Т6
			н	М	L	н	М	L	Н	М	L	н	М	L	Н	M	L	Н	М	L
Carinate dovesnail	Alia carinata				С				С						С					
NUDIBRANCHS/BUBBLE SHELLS	MOLLUSCA																			
White bubble shell	Haminoea vesicula							Α											С	С
Barnacle-eating nudibranch	Onchidoris bilamellata							1												
Monterey sea lemon	Doris montereyensis										F									
Hooded nudibranch	Melibe leonina																1			
CRABS, SHRIMPS, BARNACLES	ARTHROPODA																			
Amphipods	species not determined					С			Α			Α			С					
Stubby isopod	Gnorimosphaeroma oregonen	sis		С				Α		С		Α	С	F						
Rockweed isopod	Idotea wosnesenskii			F			F				F			F		F				
Shrimp	species not determined										1					F	F			
Gray shrimp	Crangon sp.													F						F
Green shore crab	Hemigrapsus oregonensis	,		Α			Α	С	С	Α	С	С	С	С	Α	Α		С		<u> </u>
Purple shore crab	Hemigrapsus nudus						F		С	Α	С	F			С					
Black-clawed crab	Lophopanopeus belli							F								С	С			
Red rock crab	Cancer productus							F			F			F		С	С			F
Graceful decorator crab	Pugettia gracilis				1									1		С	С			F
Flat porcelain crab	Petrolisthes cinctipes							1								F				<u> </u>
CDADC CUDIADC DADNACIEC	ARTHROPORA																			
CRABS, SHRIMPS, BARNACLES	ARTHROPODA	-,	^	^	^	^	^		^	_	^	_	_	_	^	^	^	_		
Common acorn barnacle	Balanus glandula	٧	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		Α	Α	A	Α	Α	A	Α	Α	Α	Α	С	С
Dungeness crab	Cancer magister										F			С			F			F
Northern kelp crab	Pugettia producta	<u>√</u>																		-
Bay ghost shrimp	Neotrypaea californiensis	ν -															1			<u> </u>
Graceful crab	Cancer gracilis																			1
Hairy hermit crab	Pagurus hirsuticulus			F			F	С	Α	С	С	С	С	F	Α	С				ــــــ
Grainyhand hermit crab	Pagurus granosimanus			Α			С	Α		С	С	С	С	F	Α	С				
SEASTARS, URCHINS,	ECHINODERMATA	-																		<u> </u>
CUCUMBERS	LCIMIODERIVIATA																			
Purple/ochre star	Pisaster ochraceus	٧			Α			С		С	С	F	F	С		С	С		1	
Giant pink star	Pisaster brevispinus	٧						1						1		1				

Intertidal TransectsMarine Life	e Inventory																			
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Photo	T1 H	T1 M	T1 L	T2 H	T2 M	T2 L	T3 H	T3 M	T3 L	T4 H	T4 M	T4 L	T5 H	T5 M	T5 L	Т6 Н	T6 M	T6 L
Mottled star	Evasterias troschelii							С		С	С		F	С	F	С	F			
Sunflower star	Pycnopodia helianthoides										F			F			F			1
Leather star	Dermasterias imbricata																F			
Green sea urchin	Strongylocentrotus droebachie	nsis			F			F		F	F			F			F	F	С	
Excentric sand dollar	Dendraster excentricus	٧																		
Red sea cucumber	Cucumaria miniata	٧						2								С	С			
Stiff-footed sea cucumber	Eupentacta quinquesemita															F	F			
FISHES																				
Rock prickleback	Xiphister mucosus			1																
High cockscomb	Anoplarchus purpurescens				F					С	С		С	С		Α	Α			
Tidepool sculpin	Oligocottus maculosus			С				С		С	Α		Α	Α			С			С
Plainfin midshipman	Porichthys notatus	٧									1					F	F			
Pacific staghorn sculpin	Leptocottus armatus																F			С
Rock sole	Lepidopsetta bilineata																			1
Shiner perch	Cymatogaster aggregata											·		·			F			С

### **Appendix 2: Salmonids and Valdes Island**

Species of Pacific salmon were not observed during the July 21-23, 2013 inventory undertaken by Salish Sea Marine Surveys Inc. Neither were any recorded during the SCUBA diving activities which generated the list of subtidal species for the waters surrounding Valdes Island. However, aboriginal, commercial and recreational fishing activities occurring over many years have established a salmonid presence, particularly during spawning migrations.

The following species list acknowledges this faunal component and its Lyacksan First Nation special interest:

stthaqwi' chinook (spring) salmon Oncorhynchus tshawytscha thuqi' sockeye salmon Oncorhynchus nerka kwa'luhw' chum salmon Oncorhynchus keta the'wun coho salmon Oncorhynchus kisutch haan' pink salmon Oncorhynchus gorbuscha s'huw'gum' steelhead Oncorhynchus mykiss

# Appendix 3: List of fishes, invertebrates, mammals and algae of aboriginal interest observed while scuba diving around Valdes Island from 1968 through 2013

This list is meant to be inclusive providing the largest potential relevant species that would be suitable for aboriginal harvest, consumption and cultural activity. A primary consideration in this regard is species maximum size. Hulquminum names provided when available. Some discussion points concerning certain species are included.

### **ALGAE**

luqus sea lettuce Ulva spp.

qw'aqwuqu rockweed Fucus gardneri

gam bull kelp Nereocystis luetkeana

\*sugar wrack kelp Saccharina latissima

\*dark-brown wrack kelp Saccharina subsimplex

\*seersucker kelp Costaria costata

\*broad-wing kelp Alaria marginata

(species listed above with \* could most likely be included as gam)

### **MOLLUSCS**

'ukws giant gumboot chiton Cryptochiton stelleri

hulum' black leather chiton (black katy chiton) Katharina tunicata

\*woody chiton Mopalia lignosa

\*mossy chiton Mopalia muscosa

\*northern hairy chiton Mopalia kennerlyi

\*Swan's chiton *Mopalia swani* 

\*Hind's chiton Mopalia hindsii

\*red-flecked chiton Mopalia spectabilis

(species listed above with \* most likely be included as hulum')

lew'qum Pacific blue mussel

(spiny pink scallop *Chlamys hastata* – possibly included as **kwun'eem'mun'** the word for weathervane scallop *Patinopecten caurinus*)

giant rock scallop Crassadoma gigantea

tluhwtluhw Pacific oyster Crassostrea gigas

stlula'um basket cockle Clinocardium nuttallii

sweem horse clams – fat gaper Tresus capax and Pacific gaper Tresus nuttallii

pun'eq Pacific geoduck Panopea generosa

sunset clam Gari californica

s'ahwa' Washington butter clam Saxidomus gigantea

**skwley** Pacific littleneck clam *Protothaca staminoea* 

geyus tetsul skwley Japanese littleneck clam Venerupis phillippinarum

Kennerley's venus clam Humilaria kennerleyi

rock entodesma Entodesmus navicula

rough keyhole limpet Diadora aspera

### **Appendix 3 (continued)**

qumine' northern abalone Haliotus kamtschatkana

- \*wrinkled dogwinkle Nucella lamellosa
- \*leafy hornmouth Ceratostoma foliatum
- \*dire whelk Lirabuccinum dirum
- \*Lewis's moonsnail Euspira lewisii
- \*Oregon triton Fusitriton oregonensis

(species listed above with \* would be included in tthuqwiyi snails and periwinkles)

**sqimukw** giant Pacific octopus *Enteroctopus dofleini* 

Pacific red octopus *Octopus rubescens* – most likely included as **sqimukw** opalescent squid *Doryteuthis opalescens* 

### **ARTHROPODS**

Pacific prawn Pandalus platyceros

\*coonstripe shrimp Pandalus danae

\*rough patch shrimp Pandalus stenolepis

(species listed above with \* could most likely be included with Pacific prawn)

kwukwatishun red rock crab Cancer productus

'ey'h Dungeness crab Cancer magister

graceful crab Cancer gracilis - most likely included as 'ey'h

tanner crab Chionoecetes bairdi

Puget Sound king crab Lopholithodes mandtii

giant acorn barnacle Balanus nubilus

### **ECHINODERMS**

hihwu red sea urchin Strongylocentrotus franciscanus

**skwitthi** green sea urchin *Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis* 

thikwt red sea cucumber Cucumaria miniata

giant sea cucumber Parastichopus californicus - most likely included as thikwt

### **FISHES**

Pacific spiny dogfish Squalus suckleyi

qequw' big skate Raja binoculata

longnose skate Raja rhina - most likely included as qequw'

slewut Pacific herring Clupea pallasii

Pacific cod Gadus macrocephalus

walleye pollock Theragra chalcogramma

wiitsi pile perch Rhacochilus vacca

striped seaperch Embiotoca lateralis - perhaps included as wiitsi

shiner perch Cymatogaster aggregata

penpoint gunnel Apodichthys flavidus

**Iuluthun** wolf-eel *Anarrhichthys ocellatus* 

### Appendix 3 (continued)

tgas rockfish (cod) including copper rockfish Sebastes caurinus, quillback rockfish Sebastes maliger and brown rockfish Sebastes auriculatus **syenyenhw** black rockfish (black bass) *Sebastes melanops* yellowtail rockfish Sebastes flavidus - most likely included as syenyenhw tugwtugw yelloweye rockfish (red snapper) Sebastes ruberrimus tiger rockfish Sebastes nigrocinctus -perhaps included as tuqwtuqw Ithumukwa' kelp greenling Hexagrammos decagrammus whitespotted greenling Hexagrammos stelleri - most likely included as Ithumukwa' 'eeyt lingcod Ophiodon elongatus (huy'huy'tl lingcod eggs) cabezon Scorpaenichthys marmoratus great sculpin Myoxocephalus polyacanthocephalus buffalo sculpin Enophrys bison red Irish lord Hemilepidotus hemilepidotus Pacific staghorn sculpin Leptocottus armatus **sqwe'** plainfin midshipman (singing bullhead) *Porichthys notatus* pi'hwus/pul'iphwus English sole Parophrys vetulus rock sole Lepidopsetta bilineata - most likely included as pi'hwus/pul'iphwus puwi' starry flounder Platichthys stellatus

### **MAMMALS**

Harbour seal *Phoca vitulina*Steller sea lion *Eumetopias jubatus*Killer whale *Orcinus orca* (above water)

# Appendix 4: List of marine birds and mammals observed during the July 21-23, 2013 survey of the shoreline of Valdes Island

(Hulquminum names appear where available)

#### BIRDS

'ehu (s'hul'ulwul) Canada goose Branta canadensis double-crested cormorant Phalacrocorax auritus smuqwa' great blue heron Ardea erodias glaucous –winged gull Larus glaucescens pigeon guillemot Cepphus columba belted kingfisher Ceryle alcyon turkey vulture Cathartes aura yuhwule'bald eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus swakwun (swqkwun) common loon Gavia immer

### **MAMMALS**

harbour seal Phoca vitulina

# Appendix 5: List of marine birds and mammals observed at Clam Bay, Thetis Island from January, 2007 to July, 2013 by Andy Lamb

(Hulquminum names provided where available)

#### BIRDS

'ehu (s'hul'ulwul) Canada goose Branta canadensis
tunuqsun mallard Anas platyrhynchus
harlequin duck Histrionicus histrionicus
bufflehead Bucephala albeola
common goldeneye Bucephala clangula
Barrow's goldeneye Bucephala islandica
lesser scaup Aythya affinis
greater scaup Aythya marila
hwaaqw (female) qumut (male) common merganser Mergus merganser
kwalhw surf scoter Melanitta perspicillata

swakwun (swqkwun) common loon Gavia immer

skwulkwulth western grebe Aechmorphorus occidentalis

pelagic cormorant Phalacrocorax pelagicus

double-crested cormorant Phalacrocorax auritus

smuqwa' great blue heron Ardea herodias

turkey vulture Cathartes aura

osprey Pandion haliaetus

**yuhwule'** bald eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* black oystercatcher *Haematopus bachmani* 

whimbrel Numenius phaeopus

sandpiper Calidris sp.

Bonaparte's gull Larus philadelphia

Heermann's gull Larus heermanni

mew Gull Larus canus

glaucous-winged gull Larus glaucescens

s'hetth common murre Uria aalge

pigeon guillemot Cepphus columba

rhinoceros auklet Cerorhinca monocerata

belted kingfisher Ceryle alcyon

northwestern crow Corvus caurinus

common raven Corvus corax

American robin *Turdus migratorius* 

### **MAMMALS**

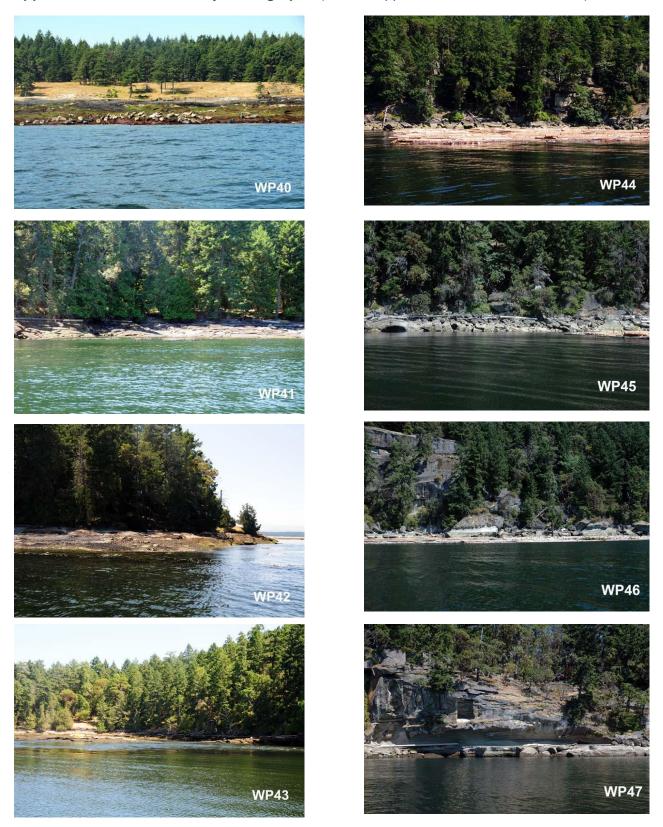
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### Appendix 6: Shoreline Survey Photograph Data

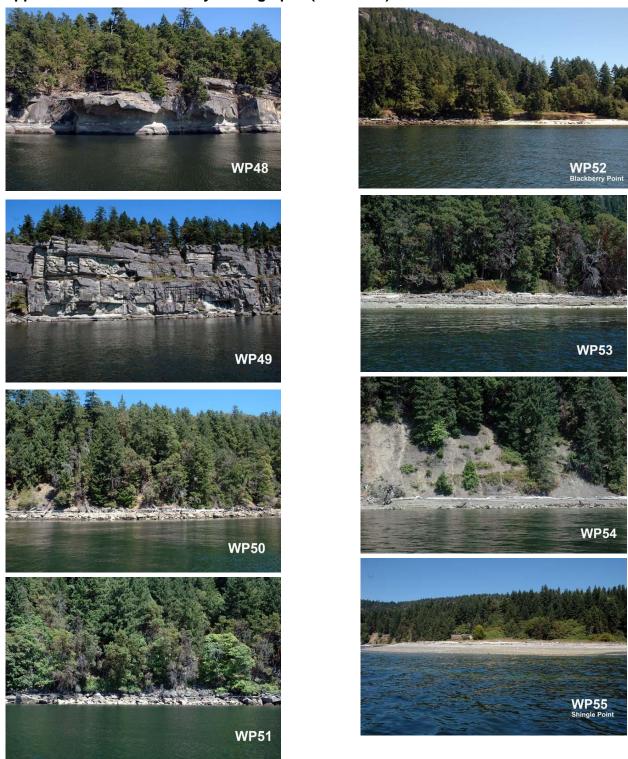
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27	49 05.813	123 40.172	July 21 2013	10:53	T1 60 m downslope
28	49 05.803	123 40.138	July 21 2013	11:10	T1 water's edge
29	49 07:546	123 42.571	July 21 2013	11:42	
30	49 07.533	123 42.546	July 21 2013	11:44	
31	49 07.538	123 42.562	July 21 2013	11:45	
32	49 07.545	123 42.538	July 21 2013	11:46	
33	49 07.544	123 42.534	July 21 2013	11:46	
34	49.07.545	123 42.564	July 21 2013	11:50	
35	49 05.546	123 42.562	July 21 2013	11:51	
36	49 07.543	123 42.562	July 21 2013	11:51	T2 water's edge
37	49 07.542	123 42.577	July 21 2013	11:58	T2 30 m upslope
38	49 07.544	123 42.578	July 21 2013	12:07	T2 60 m upslope
39	49 07.554	123 42.591	July 21 2013	12:14	T2 top of beach
40	49 07.537	123 42.589	July 21 2013	12:22	
41	49 07.623	123 42.643	July 21 2013	13:25	
42	49 07.672	123 42.848	July 21 2013	13:30	
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46	49 06.652	123 42.545	July 21 2013	13:43	
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53	49.03.198	123 39.403	July 21 2013	14:05	
54	49.02.660	123 38.722	July 21 2013	14:09	
55	49 02.412	123 38.654	July 21 2013	14:12	Shingle Pt.
56	49 02.232	123 37.942	July 21 2013	14:16	
57	49 01.691	123 37.325	July 21 2013	14:19	
58	49 01.018	123 36.662	July 21 2013	14:22	Cardale Pt.
59	49 00.723	123 36.089	July 21 2013	14:27	Cayatano Pt.
60	49 00.824	123 35.790	July 21 2013	14:30	Porlier Pass
61	49 00.956	123 35.597	July 21 2013	14:33	Porlier Pass
62	49 01.033	123 35.596	July 21 2013	14:39	Vernaci Pt.

/P#	Latitude North	Longitude West	Date	Time	Location
63	49 03.654	123 37.482	July 22 2013	9:58	T3 at top of beach
64	49 03.635	123 37.461	July 22 2013	10:04	T3 30 m downslope
65	49 03.628	123 37.439	July 22 2013	10:36	T3 60 m downslope
66	49 03.625	123 37.423	July 22 2013	11:09	T3 at water's edge
67	49 03.529	123 37.365	July 22 2013	11:49	T4 at water's edge
68	49 03.520	123 37.388	July 22 2013	12:24	T4 30 m upslope
69	49 03.499	123 37.423	July 22 2013	12:48	T4 60 m upslope
70	49 03.495	123 37.428	July 22 2013	12:56	T4 top of beach
71	49 03.597	123 37.292	July 22 2013	14:08	
72	49 05.783	123 40.150	July 22 2013	14:22	
73	49 05.687	123 40.078	July 22 2013	14:30	
74	49 05.604	123 39.830	July 22 2013	14:35	
75	49 05.376	123 39.530	July 22 2013	14:37	
76	49 05.023	123 39.156	July 22 2013	14:40	
77	49 04.705	123 38.694	July 22 2013	14:43	
78	49 05.455	123 38.373	July 22 2013	14:46	
79	49 04.000	123 37.577	July 22 2013	14:50	
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81	49 02. 839	123 36.403	July 22 2013	14:57	
82	49 02.239	123 35.918	July 22 2013	15:01	
83	49 01.651	123 35.541	July 22 2013	15:04	
84	49 01.681	123 35.358	July 22 2013	15:07	Canoe Islet
85	49 01.226	123 35.344	July 22 2013	15:16	Vernaci Pt.
86	49 59.306	123 39.161	July 23 2013	17:29	
87	49 59.306	123 39.161	July 23 2013	17:29	
88	49 03.328	123 39.409	July 23 2013	10:16	T5 at top of beach
89	49 03.323	123 39.436	July 23 2013	10:51	T5 30 m downslope
90	49 03.312	123 39.455	July 23 2013	11:42	T5 60 m downslope
91	49 03.311	123.39.475	July 23 2013	12:11	T5 77 m at water's edge
92	49 02.411	123 38.561	July 23 2013	13:04	T6 at water's edge
93	49 02.427	123 38.565	July 23 2013	13:26	T6 30 m upslope
94	49 02.445	123 38.558	July 23 2013	13:56	T6 60 m upslope

Appendix 7: Shoreline Survey Photographs (refer to Appendix 6 for GPS coordinates)



**Appendix 7: Shoreline Survey Photographs (continued)** 





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Appendix 7: Shoreline Survey Photographs (continued)

















Appendix 7: Shoreline Survey Photographs (continued)













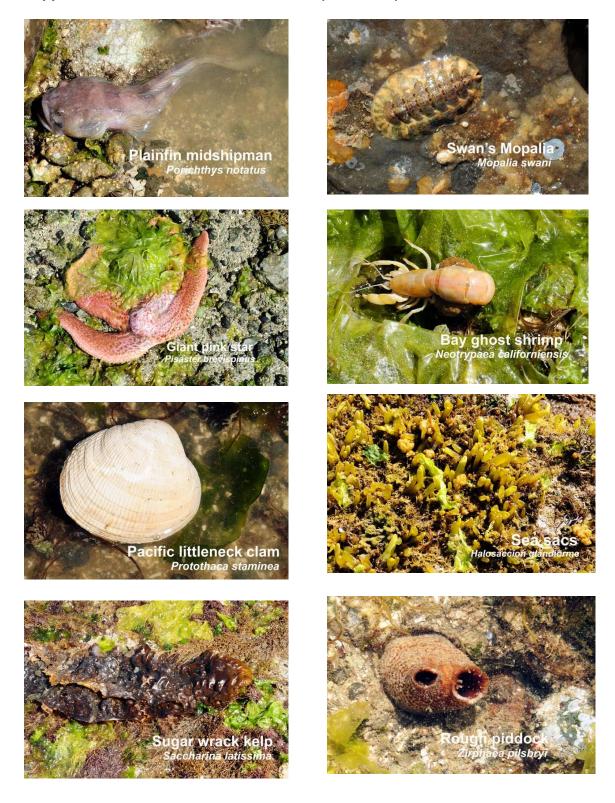
**Appendix 8: Selected Marine Life Photos** 



**Appendix 8: Selected Marine Life Photos (continued)** 



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