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## SUMMER VACATION

### **32 Northwest Coastal Getaways**

There are endless stretches of beautiful coastline in the Pacific Northwest—sink into the soft sand on Grayland Beach, pick loganberries in Greenbank, or feast on king salmon on BC's Sonora Island. Head to the water, and if your feet get wet, you've gone just far enough. [More >>](#)

### *Have a Hood Canal oyster party*

You've slurped your share of succulent Hood Canal oysters, now go pick some yourself along the shores of the 65-mile-long fjord (it's not technically a canal) that is their place of provenance.

#### **Sleep and Eat**

Begin at Seattle's Pier 52, where you'll catch the Bremerton ferry ([www.wsdot.wa.gov](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov)), an hour-long crossing that offers plenty of snow-capped Olympic eye candy. Driving southwest from Bremerton, make a pit stop at the Belfair QFC (360-275-2050; [www.qfc.com](http://www.qfc.com)) to stock up on Meyer lemons, sea salt, and a bottle of Argyle champagne to stash in your room at the recently-remodeled **Alderbrook Resort and Spa** (360-898-2200; [www.alderbrookresort.com](http://www.alderbrookresort.com)). Once there, you can gather mollusks on the resort's private shorefront, then suck up your bounty raw or barbecue the squishy suckers right there on the beach.

#### **Do**

The waterfront trails at the nearby **Olympic National Park** ([www.nps.gov/olymp](http://www.nps.gov/olymp)) offer scenic hikes and plenty of eagle sightings.

**Hood Canal Adventures** (360-898-2628; [www.hoodcanalkayak.com](http://www.hoodcanalkayak.com)) will rent you a kayak for paddling around the canal. Keep an eye out for curious otters, who periodically pop their heads out of the water to see what you're up to.