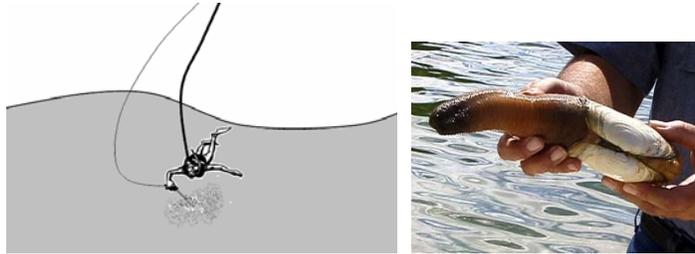


## Geoduck Dive Boats

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### Fishing Technique

Commercially *Geoduck clams* are harvested at a depth of 30 to 50 feet below the surface. Divers normally use diving equipment with an airline rather than scuba gear. Geoducks bury themselves in the sand and are only visible by looking for a breathing or siphon hole. Once located, the diver uses a water nozzle device to blow the silt and sand out of the way to reach the gooey duck as it retracts into it's shell.



### Vessel Description

*Geoduck boats* are usually any vessel that has enough deck space for the air and water pumps, line and diving equipment.



### Target Species

Geoduck are managed by the Washington Department of Natural Resources since the clams are buried in state land. Permits are issued based on tracks of land underwater. Most commercial diving operations are in the southern Puget Sound area. Many areas are owned and fished by tribal members.

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