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Oyster Bar

An area with this much available seafood can't help but have great seafood restaurants. From individual dishes to whole restaurants with a seafood emphasis, we'll guide you through the maze of inferior and farmed fish to get you to the best places for fresh and wild seafood.

The Oyster Bar

Set along the dizzying cliffs of Chuckanut Bay, The Oyster Bar is an unassuming wooden building that would be easy to overlook. But what lies inside is not only a beautiful restaurant with a cleverly tiered interior, but expansive views of Chuckanut Bay. The dishes are fresh and beautifully prepared, and the oysters are absolutely divine.

• 2578 Chuckanut Dr., Bellingham, theoysterbar.net

Rock-n-Rye Oyster House

The newcomer in the seafood scene here in Bellingham, Rock-n-Rye specializes in oysters. They have a full menu, but oysters are their focus. The oyster stew, oyster tacos, and raw shooters are all very well prepared and delicious. The exposed brick and dark varnished wood add to the cozy oyster house ambiance.

• 1145 N. State St., Bellingham rockrye.com



Packers

Packers Oyster Bar and Pierside Kitchen

With Drayton Harbor Oyster Farm just over the railing, you really can't go wrong with the oysters at Packers and the fish dishes next door at Pierside. Fresh halibut, salmon, ahi, and more are served delicately seared to perfection with sauces that complement but don't overwhelm. With all of that sparkling water surrounding Semiahmoo, it's a perfect place for an ocean-inspired dinner.

• 9565 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine, semiahmoo.com



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Secret Cove in Anacortes

With a brand-new patio overlooking the water, this seaside retreat is pure pleasure. They offer fresh shellfish (oyster, crab, mussels) in an elegant, yet casual dining room. They are perfectly located on the water for the absolute utmost in freshness.

• 209 T Ave., Anacortes, secretcoveanacortes.com

Coho Restaurant in Friday Harbor

Though seafood isn't their only menu offering, it certainly is the focus of this Northwest gem. Located in a Craftsman bungalow a few blocks from the ferry terminal, Coho is a cozy, welcoming spot. Mussels, octopus, trout, halibut, and more grace their menu, all prepared with a Mediterranean influence. The owners are committed to offering locally sourced ingredients, and the art on the walls is all local as well. Westcott Bay Seafood supplies Coho with fresh fish, ensuring Coho's commitment to fresh, local, and sustainable seafood. ◀

• 120 Nichols St., Friday Harbor, cohorestaurant.com



Rock and Rye