The 2003 Legislature directed the WA State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop a pilot project proposal to study the feasibility of geoduck aquaculture on state-owned tidelands and submerged lands in Puget Sound.

In 2004, DNR, WDFW, and Treaty Tribes conducted technical meetings to analyze process of the Pilot Program.

DNR commissioned economic study.

In 2005, DNR worked on statute change to amend RCW 79.90.210 and 79.90.080 to include geoduck aquaculture.

In 2006, DNR solicits requests for offers.

DNR has 7 successful bidders for 17 acres.

DNR conducts public opinion surveys.

In 2007, DNR conducts public opinion surveys.

DNR helps fund Sea Grant Geoduck Aquaculture Research Program.

(2007-2013 = $300,000)

DNR has 5 successful bidders for 12.5 acres.

In 2008, DNR evaluates successful bidders’ proposals.

DNR issues request for feedback on the Pilot Lease program.

Sea Grant releases Interim Progress Report.

In 2009, DNR conducts public opinion surveys.

DNR helps fund Sea Grant Geoduck Aquaculture Research Program.

2007-2013 = $300,000

DNR has 5 successful bidders for 12.5 acres.

In 2010, DNR hosts online forum on geoduck aquaculture.

Interim Progress Report from Sea Grant.

In 2011, DNR hosts online forum on geoduck aquaculture.

Sea Grant releases Interim Progress Report.

In 2012, DNR evaluates successful bidders’ proposals.

DNR issues request for feedback on the Pilot Lease program.

Sea Grant releases Interim Progress Report.

In 2013, DNR resumes pilot program.

DNR re-contacts successful bidders from 2006-07.

DNR notifies treaty tribes.

DNR starts leasing process.

Permitting process begins.

Sea Grant releases final report.

In 2014, Permitting continues.

DNR, WDFW and tribes site visits.

Proponents apply for licenses.

DNR reviews stewardship measures.

Proponents arrange for surveys.

In 2015, Program fully implemented.