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## **DISCOVER HANDS-ON EXPLORATION AND FUN THIS SUMMER**

*Explore the Shore provides oceans of learning about sea animals*

Tacoma, Wash. – Ever wonder what it’s like to run a finger over the back of a prickly pink sea star? Or hold the tiniest of ocean crabs in a hand? Or stroll along the beach at low tide, learning about the animals there and helping catalog them for scientific research?

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium will show children, adults and families how to do all of those things this summer in a program aimed at helping them learn more about Puget Sound’s beaches and the creatures that live there.

This summer’s remaining Explore the Shore programs are set for Aug. 12 and Aug. 28 at Owen Beach in Point Defiance Park. The walks start at 9:30 am.

The beach walks are timed to take best advantage of the low tides that reveal many of Puget Sound’s most interesting shoreline creatures.

Explore the Shore is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. Bring sunscreen and wear shoes and clothing appropriate for walking on rough beach terrain.

For more information about Explore the Shore, visit [www.pdza.org](http://www.pdza.org).

