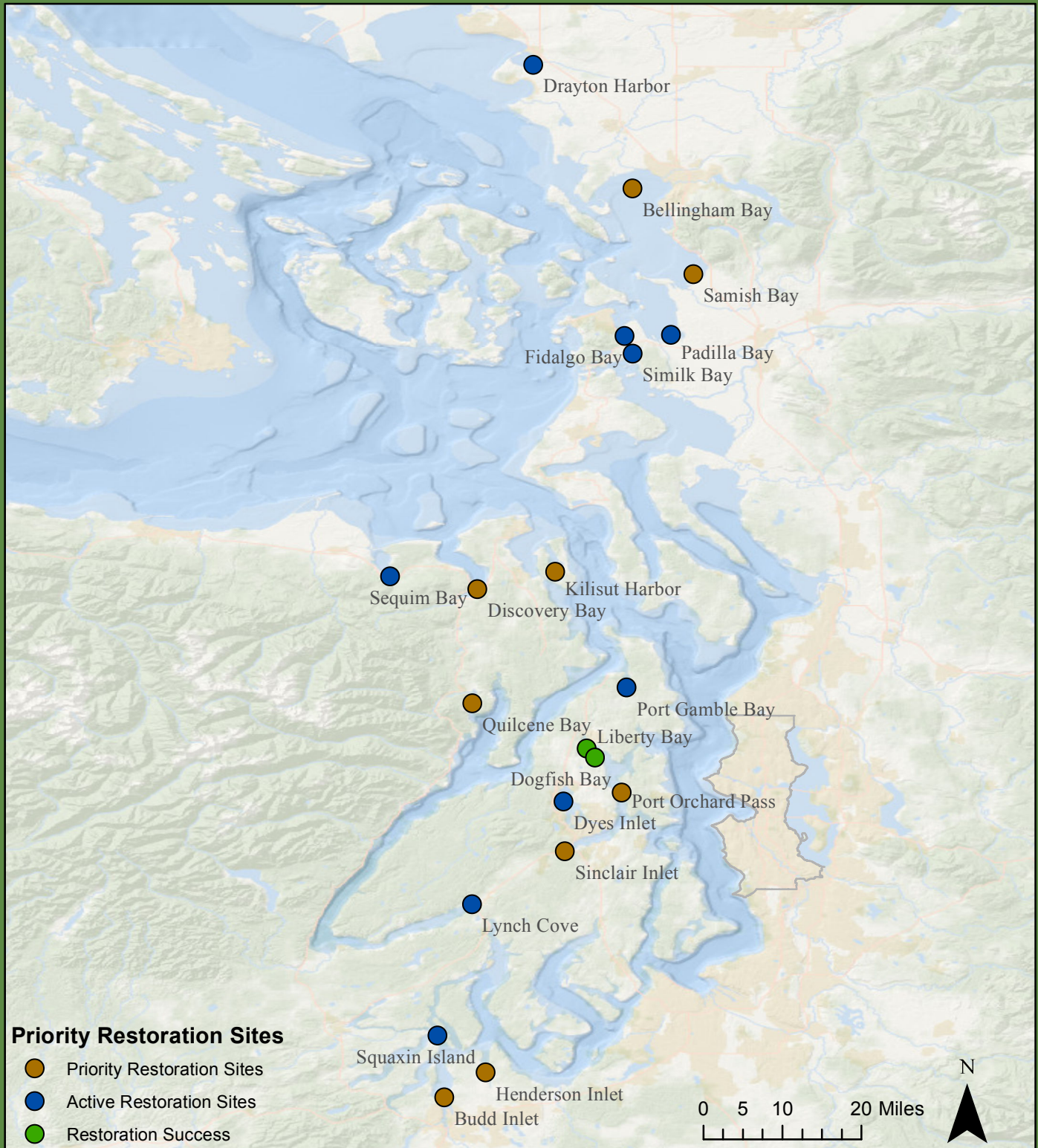


# Restoring the Olympia Oyster



The Olympia oyster is the only oyster native to the west coast of North America.

Well-developed populations provided a food source to tribes, and biogenic structure and complexity within coastal and inland estuaries. This native oyster habitat was abundant and supported a commercial fishery and farming industry in the region. Historic overharvest, pollution and other factors nearly removed this habitat form.

While native oysters persist today, structured oyster beds exist at less than 5% of historic abundance (WDFW, 2013).

Puget Sound Restoration Fund works with tribes, industry, government, researchers, and community groups to rebuild “Oly” populations and restore native oyster habitat at priority locations in Puget Sound.