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Re: Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series,
"Dealing with Asian Clams, a New Aquatic Invader on the Olympic Peninsula,"
on April 11 at 7pm
Attached: *Corbicula.png*

On **Tuesday, April 11 at 7pm**, aquatic and population biologist Dr. David Cowles will discuss the invasive species known as the Asian or Golden Clam, and its impact on the Olympic Peninsula, in the final presentation of this season's **Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series**. The presentation is hosted by the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) on Zoom. Learn more and access the Zoom link at nols.org/ONP. No registration is required.

Though the Asian or Golden Clam, *Corbicula fluminea*, has long been an invasive species of concern in the United States, it has been virtually absent from Olympic Peninsula lakes and streams. However, in 2018 *Corbicula* was discovered in the Ozette River. It quickly spread down the river and into the lake. In cooperation with Olympic National Park, Professor David Cowles and a team of students from Walla Walla University studied the spread of the clam in Lake Ozette and later in Lake Crescent. In this talk, Dr. Cowles will examine the state of the

clam's spread so far as well as discuss what effects it may have on our native species and what preventive measures may be helpful.

Recordings are available the day after the presentations. View the series recordings at nols.org/ONP.

The series is sponsored by Olympic National Park, the Friends of Olympic National Park, and the North Olympic Library System.

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A handful of the invasive clams, Corbicula fluminea. Photo courtesy of David Cowles.

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