

**Margaret A. Pilaro**

Executive Director

Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association

Margaret Pilaro joined the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association (PCSGA) as the Executive Director in 2010. She brings to the position experiences in both local and state government - working primarily on aquatic resources issues, community planning and public involvement. PCSGA represents over 100 shellfish companies who sustainably produce mussels, oysters, clams and geoduck in the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii. Pilaro received both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island. She is also an alumni of the National Fisheries Institute's Future Leaders, class of 2012.

While in Rhode Island, Pilaro worked as a municipal planner and dealt with storm and waste water issues as they related to a city-wide effort to restore the local Quahog (*mercanaria mercanaria*) fishery. She also led the city's harbor management planning process. Prior to joining PCSGA, Pilaro was with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, where she served five years as the Constituent Relations Manager for the Commissioner of Public Lands and 7 years as a planner in the Aquatic Resources Division. Some of her projects included: Columbia River Estuary Management Plan, the development of both the Aquatic Reserves and Conservation Leasing Programs for state-owned aquatic lands, Sustainable Recreation, Forest Land Planning, and managing the agency's public involvement and constituent relations activities.