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The resort's two golf courses are up on the Blaine mainland—and you can play the links with a soccer ball on select evenings—but the hotel, spa, and eateries sit on a beachy spit that spikes so far into the sound that it practically kisses the U.S. border. Guests counter cold Canadian winds by gathering around s'mores bonfires at dusk. semiahmoo.com

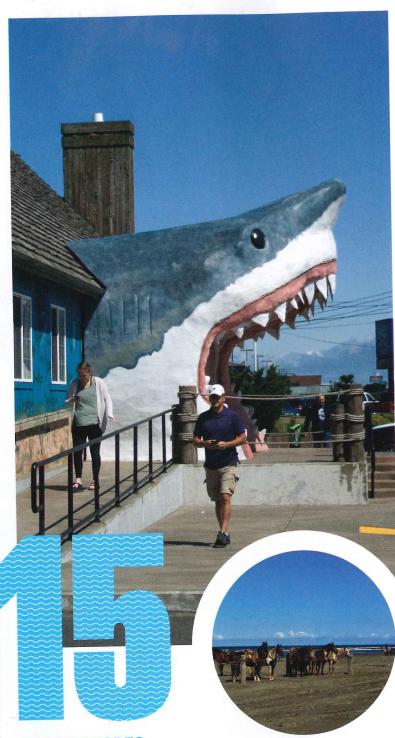
COPALIS BEACH

The Pacific Ocean beach is a Washington state highway for stretches south of this midpeninsula spot keep it to 25 miles per hour-but Copalis is more. It's the only FAAdesignated beach airport in the country; pilots aim for the darker, wet sand when landing and try to avoid the driftwood. Otherwise it's a quiet waterfront bordered to the north by Iron Springs Resort, some of the poshest rental cabins on the coast. iron springsresort.com

SAND 101

Gravel beaches are the most common kind in Puget Sound, but they can also be spotted on the coast, like on Tokeland's Willapa Bay side. Though they suck for plaving volleyball, the small-stone beaches tend to support more marine animals, since they provide hiding spots from predators. Crabs love 'em, and harbor seals feed along mixed gravel beaches.





OCEAN SHORES

Though best known for its modest oceanfront hotels, beach horseback tours, and a giant casino, the sand-blown town just north of Hoquiam has the state's best beach kitsch at Sharky's, a T-shirt and saltwater taffy emporium entered via the mouth of a great white shark. oceanshores.com