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**RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of Jan. 18 – Jan. 22, 2016**

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.

As a result, the sample acceptance schedule for that week must be modified, as follows:

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted Tuesday Jan. 19 and Wednesday Jan. 20.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday Jan. 19 - Friday Jan. 22.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Tuesday Jan. 19 - noon Thursday Jan. 21, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday Jan. 19 – Friday Jan. 22, however the testing will be conducted when samples are pooled for efficiency.
- Dairy testing is scheduled once a month, as normal, and is already scheduled for week of Jan. 11.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday January 25, 2016.

Assistance is available with timing of samples collections, completion of submission forms, packaging, temperature requirements, shipping, and sample tracking. Sampling questions, planned sampling activities, and shipping notifications, can be made to [DEC.EH-Lab-ShippingReceiving@alaska.gov](mailto:DEC.EH-Lab-ShippingReceiving@alaska.gov) or 907-375-8231.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patryce D. McKinney".

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