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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of Nov. 23-Nov. 27, 2015

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Thursday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted until noon Tuesday Nov. 24.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday Nov. 23-Wednesday Nov. 25, and Friday Nov. 26.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Monday Nov. 23, and until noon Tuesday Nov. 24.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday Nov. 23-Wednesday Nov. 25, and Friday Nov. 26, 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 Dec. 14.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday Nov. 30, 2015.

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 or 907-375-8231.

Regards,

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