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**RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of Sept.5 – Sept. 9, 2016**

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

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

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted Tuesday Sept. 6 and Wednesday Sept. 7.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday Sept. 6 - Friday Sept. 9.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Tuesday Sept. 6 - noon Thursday Sept. 8, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday Sept. 6 – Friday Sept. 9, 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 Sept. 12.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Sept. 26.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday Sept. 12, 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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