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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of May 29-June 2, 2017

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed on Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day.

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

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted on Tuesday May 30, Wednesday May 31, and by noon on Thursday June 1.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday May 30, Wednesday May 31, Thursday June 1, and by noon on Friday June 2.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Tuesday May 30 and by noon Thursday June 1, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday May 30 – Friday June 2, however the testing will be conducted when samples are pooled for efficiency.
- Dairy testing is scheduled once a month, as usual, and is already scheduled for week of May 22nd.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research will be accepted Tuesday May 30 – Friday June 2, however testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled the week of June 5th.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday June 5, 2017.

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,

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

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