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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of September 4-8, 2017

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed on Monday, September 4th** 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 on Tuesday Sep. 5, Wednesday Sep. 6, and by noon on Thursday Sep. 7.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday Sep. 5, Wednesday Sep. 6, Thursday Sep. 7, and by noon on Friday Sep. 8.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Tuesday Sep. 5, Wednesday Sep. 6, and by noon on Thursday Sep. 7, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday Sep. 5 – Friday Sep. 8, 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 Sep. 18th.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Sep. 25th.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday September 11, 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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