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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule weeks of Dec. 26 – Dec. 30, 2016 and Jan. 2 – Jan. 6, 2017

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas 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 Dec. 27, Wednesday Dec. 28, and by noon on Thursday Dec. 29.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday Dec. 27, Wednesday Dec. 28, Thursday Dec. 29, and by noon on Friday Dec. 30.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Tuesday Dec. 27 and by noon Wednesday Dec. 28, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday Dec. 27 – Friday Dec. 30, however the testing will be conducted when samples are pooled for efficiency.
- Dairy testing is scheduled once a month, as needed, and is being skipped for December.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Dec. 27.

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's 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 Jan. 3, Wednesday Jan. 4, and by noon on Thursday Jan. 5.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday Jan. 3, Wednesday Jan. 4, Thursday Jan. 5, and by noon on Friday Jan.6.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Tuesday Jan. 3 and by noon Wednesday Jan. 4, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.

- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday Jan.3 – Friday Jan. 6, 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 Jan. 23rd.

- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Jan. 23.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday Jan. 9, 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,

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