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### **RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule weeks of Jan. 15 – Jan. 19, 2018**

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday.

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. 16, Wednesday Jan. 17, and by noon on Thursday Jan. 18.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday Jan. 16, Wednesday Jan. 17, Thursday Jan. 18, and by noon on Friday Jan. 19.
- Slaughter samples: sponge samples will not be able to be accepted this week. Beef samples can be accepted any day, however analysis will not occur until the week of Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, due to necessary building repairs.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday Jan. 16 – Friday Jan. 19, 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 Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing by PCOX is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday Jan. 22, 2018.

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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