



February 8, 2018

RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of February 19-23, 2018

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed on Monday, February 19th** in observance of President'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 Feb. 20, Wednesday Feb. 21, and by noon on Thursday Feb. 22.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday Feb. 20, Wednesday Feb. 21, Thursday Feb. 22, and by noon on Friday Feb. 23.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Tuesday Feb. 20, Wednesday Feb. 21, and by noon on Thursday Feb. 22, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday Feb. 20 – Friday Feb. 23, 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 Feb. 5th.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Feb. 12th.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday February 26, 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 or 907-375-8231.

Regards,

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

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