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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of Oct. 15 – Oct. 19, 2018

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Thursday, October 18th in observance of Alaska Day.

As a result, the sample acceptance schedule for **Oct. 15-Oct. 19** must be modified, as follows:

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted on Monday Oct. 15 and by noon on Tuesday Oct. 16.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday Oct. 15, Tuesday Oct. 16, by noon on Wednesday Oct. 17, and by noon on Friday Oct. 19.
- Raw meat samples will be accepted Monday Oct. 15, Tuesday Oct. 16, Wednesday Oct. 17, and Friday Oct 19, however meat samples are pooled for efficiency, and tested generally once a week.
- Slaughter sponge samples are good for 24 hours per USDA. Sponges will be accepted for testing Monday Oct. 15 and by noon Tuesday Oct. 16, unless written extension provided to hold longer than 24 hours for testing.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday Oct. 15– Wednesday Oct. 17, and Friday Oct. 19, 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 Oct. 8th.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing by HPLC/PCOX is scheduled once a month, and is next scheduled for week of November 5th.

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

Regards,

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

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