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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of July 2-6, 2018

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed on Wednesday, July 4th** in observance of Independence Day.

As a result, the sample acceptance schedule for that week must be modified, as follows:

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted by noon on Monday Jul. 2 and by noon on Thursday Jul. 5.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday Jul. 2, by noon Tuesday Jul. 3, Thursday Jul. 5, and by noon on Friday Jul. 6.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Monday Jul. 2, Tuesday Jul. 3, and by noon on Thursday Jul. 5, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday Jul. 2, Tuesday Jul. 3, Thursday Jul. 5, and Friday Jul. 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 Jul. 9.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Jul. 23.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday July 9, 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,

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