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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of Dec. 28, 2015-Jan. 1, 2016

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Friday, January 1st 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 until noon Tuesday Dec. 29.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday Dec. 28, Tuesday Dec. 29, and until noon Wednesday Dec. 30.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Monday Dec. 28 and until noon Tuesday Dec. 29.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday Dec. 28, Tuesday Dec. 29, and until noon Wednesday Dec. 30, 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 Dec. 14.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday January 4, 2016.

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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