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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of Oct. 19-Oct. 23, 2015

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Monday, October 19th in observance of Alaska Day.

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

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted Tuesday Oct. 20-Wednesday Oct. 21.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday Oct. 20-Friday Oct. 23.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Tuesday Oct. 20-Friday Oct. 23.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday Oct. 20-Friday Oct. 23, 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 Oct. 12.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday Oct. 26, 2015.

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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