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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of Sept. 7-Sept. 11, 2015

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor 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 Sept 8-Wednesday Sept 9.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday Sept 8-Friday Sept 11.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Tuesday Sept 8-Friday Sept 11.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday Sept 8-Friday Sept 11, 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 Sept 21st.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday Sept 14, 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,

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

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