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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of July 5-July 9, 2021

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

As a result, the sample acceptance schedule for **July 5-July 9** must be modified, as follows:

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted on Tuesday July 6, Wednesday July 7, and by noon on Thursday July 8.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday July 6, Wednesday July 7, Thursday July 8, and by noon on Friday July 9.
- Wet Storage samples will be accepted on Tuesday July 6 and by noon on Wednesday July 7.
- Raw meat samples will be accepted Tuesday July 6, Wednesday July 7, and by noon on Thursday July 8, however meat samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Slaughter sponge samples are good for 24 hours per USDA. Sponges will be accepted Tuesday July 6, Wednesday July 7, and by noon on Thursday July 8, unless written extension provided to hold longer than 24 hours for testing.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday July 6– Friday July 9, 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 the week of July 19th.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled approximately once a month and is next scheduled for the week of July 6th.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday, July 12, 2021.

Assistance is available with timing of sample 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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