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**RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of Oct. 17 – Oct. 21, 2016**

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed** on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 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 on Wednesday Oct. 19 until noon.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday Oct. 17 and Wednesday Oct. 19 - Friday Oct. 21.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Monday Oct. 17 and Wednesday Oct. 19, and by noon Thursday Oct. 20, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday Oct. 17 and Wednesday Oct. 19 – Friday Oct. 21, 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. 3.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Oct. 24.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday Oct. 24, 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](mailto: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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