PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

August 23, 2024

Paralytic Shellfish Toxin Advisory

The following advisories are for SEATOR sites with shellfish that have Paralytic Shellfish Toxins (PST) levels above the FDA regulatory limit of 80 µg/100 g. PSTs cause Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP). Consuming wild shellfish from these sites may result in an increased risk of PSP.

New Advisories

SEATOR sites with shellfish PST levels above the regulatory limit as reported in the Marine Biotoxin PST Report published on August 23, 2024.

Community	Beach	Species affected	Date Collected
Kasaan	Whale House Beach	Butter Clam	August 21, 2024
Yakutat	Ankau	Butter Clam	August 21, 2024
	Puget Cove	Butter Clam	August 21, 2024

Active Advisories

SEATOR sites with shellfish PST levels above the regulatory limit collected between July 23, 2024 and August 22, 2024.

Community	Beach	Species affected	Date Collected
Kasaan	Whale House Beach	All species	August 5, 2024
Craig	False Island Boat Launch	Butter Clam	August 6, 2024
Kodiak	Mission Beach NE	All Species	August 6, 2024
	South Trident Basin	All Species	August 6, 2024
Klawock	City of Klawock Boat Launch	All Species	August 6, 2024
	Big Salt	Butter Clam	July 25, 2024
Kake	Culture Camp/Pt. White Jr	Butter Clam	July 24, 2024
Yakutat	Puget Cove	Butter Clam	July 24, 2024
Juneau	Auke Rec/Pt. Louisa	Butter Clam	July 23, 2024

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Active Advisories continued

Community	Beach	Species affected	Date Collected
Ketchikan	Seaport Beach	Butter Clam	July 23, 2024

"All Species" includes all mussel and clam species (including geoduck), oysters, and any other invertebrate such as moon snails.

PSP Information

PSP symptoms include tingling in the lips and fingertips, numbing of the arms and legs, nausea, difficulty breathing, and even death. Anyone with these symptoms should seek immediate medical care or call **9-1-1**. To report PSP cases, contact the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Section of Epidemiology at (907) 269-8000, or (800) 478-0084 after hours.

SEATOR Information

The Southeast Alaska Tribal Ocean Research (SEATOR) network is comprised of 17 tribes in the Gulf of Alaska. SEATOR partners collect phytoplankton and shellfish samples from local beaches to track harmful algal blooms and marine biotoxin risk in their communities. Phytoplankton samples are analyzed by tribal environmental staff and shellfish samples are analyzed by the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Environmental Research Lab. These data are available at seator.org/data. Data is based on the best available sample collection efforts. The available species varies for each SEATOR site. Contact SEATOR with additional questions at (907) 966-9650 or seator@sitkatribe-nsn.gov.

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