



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT  
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Recent **blue mussel** samples collected on **6/24/19** from **Gartina Creek/ Harbor Way and Shaman Point/Cannery Beach** in **Hoonah** have **elevated amounts of Paralytic Shellfish Toxins (PSTs)** above the FDA regulatory limit of 80µg/100g.

Ongoing shellfish advisories are currently in place in several areas across Southeast Alaska.

**Extremely** elevated levels of **PSTs** that cause **Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)** continue to be seen in shellfish species in the Southeast Alaska communities of **Haines, Juneau, Klawock, and Skagway**. Updates are available on the Southeast Alaska Tribal Ocean Research website ([SEATOR.org](http://SEATOR.org)).

**PSP** symptoms include tingling in the lips and fingertips, numbing of 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 Epidemiology at 907-269-8000, after hours 800-478-0084.

Samples are analyzed by The Sitka Tribe of Alaska Environmental Research Lab (STAERL). Contact SEATOR with additional questions at (907)-966-9650 or [seator@sitkatriben-sn.gov](mailto:seator@sitkatriben-sn.gov).