



## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Prince of Wales Island Advisory

Blue mussel samples collected on September 4, 2019 from **City of Klawock Boat Launch** in Klawock and September 11, 2019 at **False Island Boat Launch** in Craig have **elevated amounts of Paralytic Shellfish Toxins (PSTs)** above the FDA regulatory limit of 80µg/100g.

### Kodiak Island Advisory

Blue mussel samples collected on September 13, 2019 from **Mission Beach NE and South Trident Basin** have **substantially elevated amounts of PSTs** above the FDA regulatory limit of 80µg/100g.

Elevated levels of **PSTs** that cause **Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)** continue to be seen in shellfish species collected from Southeast Alaska and Kodiak Island beaches. Ongoing shellfish advisories are currently in place in several areas and 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).