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## Dyes Inlet and Liberty Bay Added to PSP Closure List for Recreational Shellfish Harvesting

**BREMERTON** – Marine biotoxins that cause paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) – also known as ‘red tide’ – have been detected in shellfish samples from Silverdale Waterfront Park and the Liberty Bay Marina. As a result, the Washington State Department of Health and the Health District have closed all of Dyes Inlet and Liberty Bay including all bays and inlets within those areas. The closure is for all species of clams, oysters, and mussels.

Samples of mussels collected on Monday August 18, 2008, contained toxin concentrations of 89 micrograms per 100 grams of shellfish tissue at Silverdale Waterfront Park and 112 micrograms per 100 grams of shellfish tissue at Liberty Bay Marina. Beaches are closed when the toxin level exceeds 80 micrograms per 100 grams of tissue.

Miller Bay and Port Madison Bay are under an existing PSP closure from Agate Passage to Point Jefferson including the northern shoreline of Bainbridge Island to Point Monroe. The closure is for all species of clams, oysters, and mussels.

The remaining areas of the eastern side of Kitsap County are also still under an existing PSP closure for Butter Clams only, including all public and private beaches, from Point no Point south to Blake Island remains closed, except Sinclair Inlet, Rich Passage, Yukon Harbor, and from Point Southworth to the Southern County Line which are open to all species. Warning signs have been posted at public beaches alerting people not to collect shellfish from these areas.

