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Health District Releases 2009 Water Quality Report and Stream Health Advisory Update for 2010

BREMERTON, WA --- The Health District, in partnership with the Kitsap County Surface and Storm Water Management Program, today released its 2009 Water Quality Monitoring Report summarizing bacterial contamination levels in Kitsap County streams, lakes, and marine waters for the 2009 water year (October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009). One highlight from the report is that more streams had improving water quality trends than in previous years: 18 streams improved in 2009 versus 17 in 2008 and 12 in 2007. Three streams developed statistically significant worsening trends over the last year; Big Scandia Creek and the South Fork of Dogfish Creek near Poulsbo, and Port Gamble Creek in North Kitsap.

The Health District has also updated its health advisory list for streams contaminated with fecal coliform bacteria. The Health District updates these advisories each year using the most recent monitoring data. Water quality problems detected in 2009 will result in health advisories for two additional streams: Little Scandia Creek in North Kitsap, and Bear Creek (a tributary of Burley Creek) in South Kitsap. Health advisories remain in place for Phinney Creek, Lofall Creek, and Ostrich Bay Creek. A map of the health advisory streams is included with this news release, along with a description of our pollution correction efforts for these drainages.

All the documents discussed in this release are available to the public online at www.kitsapcountyhealth.com. For more information, contact the Health District at (360) 337-5235, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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