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Alaska Public Health Alert

Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning – Information and Resources for Health Care Providers

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There are several objectives for this Alaska Public Health Alert concerning the recent cases of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) that were reported to the Alaska Section of Epidemiology (SOE):

- to ensure that health care providers are aware of the June 23, 2010, Epidemiology *Bulletin* describing the cases, available at: http://www.epi.alaska.gov/bulletins/docs/b2010_17.pdf ;
- to remind health care providers that each and every case of PSP must be immediately reported to SOE; and
- to alert health care providers that a PSP fact sheet is available at: http://www.hss.state.ak.us/pdf/201006_shellfish.pdf (also attached).

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