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**PSA: Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning toxin warning**

Attention Kodiak Island residents:

Someone who ate clams harvested from Roslyn Beach in Kodiak on May 29 became extremely ill from paralytic shellfish poisoning.

Remember, PSP can be fatal!

There are NO safe beaches for recreationally-harvested shellfish.

You cannot see or taste PSP toxin, and you cannot remove it through cleaning, cooking or freezing. You can safely eat the clams, mussels and other shellfish available in stores because they have been tested.

Symptoms of PSP include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain; tingling or burning lips, gums, tongue, face, neck, arms, legs, and toes; shortness of breath; dry mouth; a choking feeling; confused or slurred speech; and lack of coordination.

If you experience any of these symptoms after eating shellfish, call 911 or seek emergency medical care immediately.

For more information on PSP in Alaska, go to

<http://epibulletins.dhss.alaska.gov/Document/Display?DocumentId=47>

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/dod/psp/default.aspx>