

MEDIA/PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

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No-Contact Advisory for Dyes Inlet and Port Washington Narrows Extended to Tuesday, August 11

Second sewer spill in Silverdale estimated at 16,000 gallons

KITSAP COUNTY, WA—A no-contact advisory issued July 30 by the Kitsap Public Health District for sewage spill in the Clear Creek Estuary in Silverdale has been extended from Thurs., Aug. 6 to Tues., Aug. 11 due to a second sewage spill at the same Bucklin Hill Road construction site.

The volume for today's spill is estimated at 16,000 gallons. Volume for the July 30 spill was estimated at 40,000 gallons.

Water samples will be taken at public beaches on Dyes Inlet and Port Washington Narrows on Mon., Aug. 10. Samples will be evaluated on Tues., Aug. 11 and will determine if the advisory can be lifted.

Kitsap County Public Works is investigating the cause of the spill. The sewer system is expected to resume normal operations by 6 p.m. this evening.

The no-contact advisory includes all of Dyes Inlet and the Port Washington Narrows. During a no-contact advisory, the public is advised to avoid contact with the water in the affected area. This means no swimming, wading, or types of water play where water could be swallowed or get in the mouth, nose or eyes. People should also avoid direct skin contact if possible, and immediately wash with soap and water if they have exposure to the water.

Warning signs were posted at public access points at public beaches last week, and Kitsap Public Health is providing information via the District's web site, Facebook page, and list serve. (www.kitsappublichealth.org/subscribe).

There are ongoing recreational shellfish harvesting closures for portions of Dyes Inlet and all of Port Washington Narrows due to non-point pollution. Due to the spill, however, all shellfish harvesting (including commercial) in Dyes Inlet and Port Washington is closed.

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Sewer spill in Clear Creek Estuary estimated at 40,000 gallons continued

A “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQ) document about the advisory is available at www.kitsappublichealth.org/beaches with more information on the no-contact advisory.

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