

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

March 10, 2016

Sewer and stormwater overflows lead to no-contact advisories for Liberty Bay, Nesika Bay and Port Washington Narrows

KITSAP COUNTY, WA — The Kitsap Public Health District today issued no-contact advisories due to sewer and stormwater overflows in Poulsbo and Lemolo, as well as a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) in Bremerton. The three overflows were different in size, so the duration of the health advisories is also different. The first no-contact advisory is for Liberty Bay and Nesika Bay, and will be in effect until Tuesday March 15th. The second is for Port Washington Narrows and will be in effect through Sunday, March 13th.

According to the City of Poulsbo Public Works Department, a sewer and stormwater overflow occurred near the intersection of State Highway 305 and NE Sol Vei St., south of Poulsbo. It flowed through the city's storm water collection system to Liberty Bay, near the Liberty Bay Marina. The overflow was estimated at 6,000 gallons.

Kitsap County Public Works Sewer Utility Division reported a sewer and stormwater overflow from a sewer main on Norum Road in Lemolo, south of Poulsbo. The overflow was estimated at 5,000 gallons.

The City of Bremerton reported a CSO of 2,461 gallons of sewer and stormwater that occurred between 1:06 a.m. and 1:08 a.m. today. This CSO, caused by heavy rainfall, occurred at an outfall located at the north end of High St. Under these conditions the system functioned as designed, discharging excess flow into marine water to prevent the back up of sewage into individual homes and businesses. For more information on CSOs and Bremerton's efforts to reduce CSOs, visit the [City of Bremerton's website](#).

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. Boats and kayaks should also be cleaned after exposure to the affected area.

Kitsap Public Health also recommends not harvesting shellfish anywhere in Kitsap County during and following heavy rain events, due to the increased risk of illness from water-borne pathogens and pollution. For up-to-date information on shellfish harvesting throughout Kitsap County, visit www.kitsapublichealth.org/shellfish. The District's website also provides important reminders for staying safe and healthy during heavy rainfalls and storms. Kitsap Public Health provides information on shellfish harvesting, beach closures and other public health topics via the District's website, Facebook page, and the Kitsap Electronic Notification System (KENS). Sign-up at www.kitsapublichealth.org/subscribe.

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