

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

March 14, 2016

Sewer and stormwater overflows lead to extension of no-contact advisories near Poulsbo

KITSAP COUNTY, WA — Today the Kitsap Public Health District extended no-contact advisories due to sewer and stormwater overflows in Poulsbo and Lemolo. The no-contact advisories for Liberty Bay and Nesika Bay, originally issued last week, has been extended through Friday, March 18th due to two additional sewer and stormwater overflows.

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, and flowed through the city's storm water collection system to Liberty Bay, near the Liberty Bay Marina. The overflow occurred on March 13th, and was estimated at 3,000 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 occurred on March 13th, and was estimated at 9,000 gallons.

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.kitsappublichealth.org/shellfish. The District's website also provides some 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.kitsappublichealth.org/subscribe.

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