

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

March 18, 2016

Advisory issued for Hood Canal area near Bangor

No-contact advisory in effect through Monday, March 21, 2016

KITSAP COUNTY, WA — The Kitsap Public Health District today issued a three-day no-contact advisory for the Hood Canal area near Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor due a sewer spill, estimated at approximately 2,800 gallons. Signs have been posted at roads near King Spit and Vinland which are located directly south and north of Bangor. There are no public access points in the affected area.

According to the Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, it is estimated that the spill may have occurred on March 17, however the time, duration and volume are unknown.

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. The advisory will remain in effect through Monday, March 21.

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.

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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