DEC PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation 410 Willoughby St., Juneau, AK 99801-1795 Phone: (907) 465-5066 Fax: (907) 465-5070

www.state.ak.us/dec/

Contact: Mike Ostasz at (907) 269-7638 or Manny Soares at (907) 269-7640

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kachemak Bay East reopened for commercial littleneck clam

harvesting

September 17, 2004—Kachamak Bay East is re-opened for commercial littleneck clam

harvesting effective immediately. The Department of Environmental Conservation

reopened the previously closed commercial shellfish harvest area in Kachemak Bay after

littleneck clam samples for PSP showed edible raw shellfish meat to be at safe levels, less

than the regulatory limit of 80 micrograms per 100 grams. The area remains closed for

mussels.

DEC monitors Kachemak Bay East continuously throughout the year for paralytic

shellfish poison.

-###-