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Kachemak Bay East reopened for commercial butterclam harvesting

November 2, 2005—Kachemak Bay East has been reopened for commercial butterclam harvesting. Butterclam samples tested for Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) over a 14 day period are now at acceptable levels.

The Kachemak Bay East area encompasses the Kachemak Bay shoreline from the mouth of the Martin River (northeast of Homer) terminating at Barabara Point (northeast of Seldovia). Kachemak Bay East was closed in August 2004, due to unacceptable levels of PSP. PSP levels are considered unacceptable if the PSP concentration exceeds 80 micrograms per 100 grams. The butterclams are considered safe for human consumption.

PSP levels change frequently. DEC monitors PSP to ensure safety.

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