

Lax Kw'alaams Fisheries

201 10 15 Biotoxin Update (3) – Mussels samples only



General Information

Area openings are dependent upon regular submission and analysis of samples for biotoxin analysis, as set out in a biotoxin monitoring protocol administered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

Three consecutive mussel samples, along with a sample of the targeted food species containing acceptable levels of biotoxin must be received in order for CFIA to recommend lifting a harvest restriction in an area. CFIA will recommend lifting the biotoxin prohibition and a harvest site can then be considered by DFO for fisheries openings. Once an area is open, on-going submission of mussel samples is required to maintain the opening. CFIA will recommend closure of the harvest area to DFO if there is a lapse in sample submissions or if unacceptable levels of toxin are detected (>80 ug STXdiHCl eq/100g; >20 ppm domoic acid (ASP); >0.2 ug /g Okadoic Acid /DTX Toxin and/or Pectenotoxin (DSP)).

Harvest Date: 2020 10 15

Result Date: 2021 10 21

RESULTS:

PASSED (<25 ug)

PASSED (43 ug)

PASSED (78 ug)

PASSED (<25 ug)

STATION:

STEAMER PASSAGE

CANOE PASSAGE

PEARL HARBOUR

CLAM INLET

DFO STAT AREA:

3 - 08

3 - 07

4 - 06

4 - 05

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lax Kw'alaams Fisheries at 250-627-8509 or email wade_fisheries@laxband.com.



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