

Notice of Recall – Washington State Department of Health

Washington State is conducting a recall due to multiple reports of oyster-associated Norovirus-like illnesses. All shellfish harvested from 1/14/19 through 1/24/19 from the implicated portion of the Eld Inlet growing area is being recalled. The area was closed on 1/24/19 and remains closed. The recalled area includes from the intertidal portion of the northwest shoreline of Eld Inlet from the intersection of Manzanita Drive NW and Pickering Lane NW northeast to the northeast end of Noble View Lane NW. At this time, the only companies affected by this recall are Sound Shellfish (WA-1400-SS) and Hama Hama Company (WA-0259-SP).

We are aware of Eld Inlet oysters being distributed to Singapore and the following states – California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, Oregon, and Pennsylvania. These states will be notified of the recall. If we obtain additional information regarding distribution of shellfish harvested from Eld Inlet, we will notify those receiving states as well.

Additionally, oysters were sold via direct-to-consumer online sales to California, Michigan, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, and Texas. These customers will be contacted individually regarding the recall.

Implicated shellfish companies began contacting their customers on 1/24/19 under a voluntary recall.

The recall will be for all species. As of now, we are only aware of oysters that have been shipped.