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PSA: Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning

Alaska shellfish are tasty treats, but if you decide to harvest clams, mussels, cockles or oysters, be aware: Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning -- or PSP -- is an everpresent danger. PSP can cause a tingling sensation in your lips and fingertips, followed by numbing of your arms and legs, and in some cases can lead to death. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should seek immediate medical care. Remember, PSP cannot be cooked or cleaned out of shellfish, but grown shellfish are tested and considered safe. A message in good health from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and this station.