食物環境衛生署
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Centre for Food Safety

Heading	The U.S. Washington State Department of Health (WSDH) issued a notice about the closure of Quartermaster Harbor beaches for recreational shellfish harvest due to detection of unsafe levels of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) toxins.
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Source	WSDH website https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/eh/portal/odw/si/BiotoxinBulletin.aspx King County Government http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/news/2016/August/20-paralytic-shellfish-poison.aspx
Position of CFS	• According to the information of WSDH and King County government, the beaches are closed to the recreational harvest of the species listed. All areas are closed for the sport harvest of scallops. The closures do not apply to shrimp. • Acquisition of the products through online purchase or international travel cannot be excluded. • PSP toxin is a natural toxin sometimes found in bi-valve shellfish. It is heat-stable and cannot be destroyed through cooking. PSP toxin can cause symptoms such as numbness of mouth and limbs and gastrointestinal discomfort. In severe cases, paralysis with respiratory arrest and even death may occur. • Consumers should discard the products and not consume them. • CFS will remain vigilant and monitor for any new development and take appropriate actions when necessary.

	• Investigation by CFS is ongoing.
Additional information	NA

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