

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

February 6, 2017

No-contact advisory issued for Port Washington Narrows and Sinclair Inlet

Previous advisory for Dyes Inlet lifted but Mosher Creek advisory still in effect

KITSAP COUNTY, WA — The Kitsap Public Health District has issued a no-contact advisory for Port Washington Narrows and Sinclair Inlet through Sunday, Feb. 12 due to a combined sewer overflow (CSO). Signs are being posted at public access points including Lion's Park.

According to the City of Bremerton Public Works and Utilities Department, the 23,000 gallon CSO occurred on Monday morning when pumps didn't turn on due to a power surge. Because the tide was going out at the time of the CSO, the advisory includes Sinclair Inlet.

Combined Sewer Overflows are a diluted mixture of untreated sewage and stormwater that are discharged into Puget Sound. They usually occur as a result of stormwater entering the sanitary sewer system during heavy rain storms. For more information on Bremerton's efforts to reduce CSOs, visit the [City of Bremerton's website](#).

The no-contact advisory for Dyes Inlet that was issued last Monday, January 30 has been lifted. However, bacteria levels remain high in Mosher Creek and that no-contact advisory remains in place. The Health District will continue monitoring Mosher Creek for bacteria.

During a no-contact advisory, the public is advised to avoid contact with the water in the affected area. This means no swimming, wading, or types of water play where water could be swallowed or get in the mouth, nose or eyes. People should also avoid direct skin contact if possible, and immediately wash with soap and water if they have exposure to the water.

An ongoing closure is in place for shellfish harvesting in Port Washington Narrows and Sinclair Inlet due to pollution. For up-to-date information on shellfish harvesting throughout Kitsap County, visit www.kitsappublichealth.org/shellfish.

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Kitsap Public Health provides information on shellfish harvesting, beach closures and other public health topics via the District's website, Facebook page, and the Kitsap Electronic Notification System (KENS). Sign-up at www.kitsappublichealth.org/subscribe.

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