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No-contact advisory extended for Dyes Inlet

Additional sewage spill into Mosher Creek leads to extension of advisory

KITSAP COUNTY, WA — The Kitsap Public Health District has extended a no-contact advisory for Mosher Creek and Dyes Inlet through Sun., Feb. 5 due to an additional sewage spill into Mosher Creek on Mon., Jan. 30.

The first spill occurred on the evening of Sunday, Jan. 29 pump station under construction near Conifer Dr. The spill was reported at 9,000 gallons and led to a no-contact advisory for Dyes Inlet through Fri. Feb 3. On Jan. 30, the District was notified that the spill volume was 90,000 gallons, so the advisory was extended to include Port Washington Narrows. The District also began bacteria monitoring in the impacted areas.

This morning Kitsap County Public Works reported an additional 10,000 gallon spill into Mosher Creek that began at about 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30 at the same pump station near Conifer Dr. According to the County, the cause of the failure was again piping material failure in the by-pass set up for the construction of the new pump station. Public Works and the contractor have a temporary fix in place, and they are working on a permanent fix to be implemented as soon as possible.

Signs will remain posted at public access points including Anna Smith Park, Old Mill Park, Silverdale Waterfront Park, Pat Carey Vista, Lions Park. The District will continue monitoring for indicator bacteria to determine impacts from the spill.

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.

There is an ongoing recreational shellfish harvesting closure for a good portion of shoreline in Dyes Inlet and all of Port Washington Narrows due to pollution. For up-to-date information on shellfish harvesting throughout Kitsap County, visit www.kitsappublichealth.org/shellfish.

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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