

# DANGEROUS PSP LEVELS

Extremely high paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) levels have been found this year in shellfish (mussels, bivalve mollusks, clams, oysters, cockles, snails and scallops) in the region.

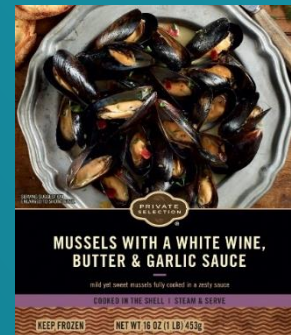
**IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SEE, SMELL, OR TASTE IF SHELLFISH ARE CONTAMINATED!**

## Freezing and cooking the shellfish



**DOES NOT remove the toxins!**

## Commercial products purchased at the store



have been tested and are safe for consumption.

Toxic algal blooms are invisible and can vary from one beach to another. It does not have to be red tide. Shellfish may have completely different toxin levels depending on the site. Regardless, PSP levels in the region are far above the FDA limit for safe consumption.

## PSP Poisoning Symptoms:

- Tingling and numbness that spreads from the lips and mouth to extremities
- Shortness of breath
- Confused/slurred speech
- Weakness in legs & arms
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea
- Sense of floating
- Vomiting
- Paralysis
- Death

**Anyone with these symptoms should seek immediate medical care or call 911.**

This notice was made by the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska in partnership with Alaska Sea Grant. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Good at (907) 581-1876 or [melissa.good@alaska.edu](mailto:melissa.good@alaska.edu).