

Collection and Submission Instructions Shellfish Toxin Testing (Version 1)

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Sample Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Container	Shipping & Handling (S&H)
Shellfish	NA	NA	<p>Collected by trained personnel</p> <p>Minimum Number: 12</p>	<p>Sealed plastic bag in cooler or sealed bucket</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: Leak proof bag in cooler or bucket. • Transport: Coordinated by the WA DOH Shellfish Program. Ship and transport cold (2 - 10°C) on ice packs. Do not freeze. Ship or transport as soon as possible after collection. • Storage: Refrigerate at 4 °C.

General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.
- Samples are not pre-scheduled.
- Arrive leaking or at a temperature of > 10 °C.
- Samples do not have a matching biotoxin sample form.
- Less than the required 40 g of homogenized tissue is obtained after processing.
- The condition of the shellstock must be in one of the states listed below:
 - Fresh - Live and not deteriorated which is indicated by:
 - The shell is not gaping open and does not close when moved or tapped.
 - The shellfish should not have a rotting/decomposed odor – just a mild ocean smell.
 - Shucked/packed
- The time from sample receipt at the laboratory to the initiation of the sample extraction process should not exceed 24 hours.

NOTE:

Samples will not be processed until ALL of the required information are provided on the sample form.

Collection kit availability

Not available.