

Email from David Dicks, Executive Director of the Puget Sound Partnership, stating that part of the mission of the PSP is to promote products.

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Subject: Re: Tasty Totten Oysters

May 22, 2008

Ms. Townsend:

Thank you for contacting the Puget Sound Partnership.

While we are a state agency, we do not have regulatory authority. Your question about whether Puget Sound oysters are tested for cadmium is best directed to the state Department of Health, whose environmental health division oversees shellfish and water protection. You might contact Maryanne Guichard, director of the Office of Shellfish and Water Protection. Her e-mail is maryanne.guichard@doh.wa.gov.

As for your concern over the Partnership's mention of Totten Inlet oysters in our recent e-newsletter, part of our mission is to promote Puget Sound products - and the role they play in contributing to our quality of life and economy. We welcome the opportunity to do the same thing with others, and will handle such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Thanks again for contacting the Partnership.

Sincerely,

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Dear Puget Sound Partnership,

The Taylor Shellfish Totten Inlet oysters may be tasty, but are they tested for cadmium? While scientists in British Columbia are busy studying this important health issue (see link to recently released study), our questions to state officials lead us to believe that no testing of cadmium is being done on the Totten Inlet oysters or any other oysters in Washington State. So the feel good free advertising for Taylor Shellfish by the Puget Sound Partnership is disturbing.

http://www.ProtectOurShoreline.org/studies/080129_UptakeOfCadmiumFromPacificOysters_RayCopes.pdf

Please let me know if there is any testing being done on oysters in Puget Sound for cadmium and if so, the results of the testing.

Additionally, we don't think it should be the business of the Puget Sound Partnership to give free advertising to private corporations, especially ones that are currently under scrutiny for regulation in Puget Sound. Your actions would appear to be a conflict of interest and this does not go unnoticed by citizens who are interested in helping with the effort to save Puget Sound.

Please get back to me on both issues so that we can let our constituents better understand the position of the Puget Sound Partnership.

Best regards,

Kathryn Townsend

<http://www.ProtectOurShoreline.org>

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Mayo Cove Shoreline Association

APHETI - Association to Protect Henderson, Eld and Totten Inlets

Case Inlet Shoreline Association

Case Beach Shoreline Association

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