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Sewage Spill Impacts Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island

"No Contact" Advisory Issued for Recreational Use and Shellfish Harvesting

BREMERTON, WA — The Health District has issued a 10-day "No Contact" advisory for marine waters in Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island. The advisory has been issued due to a corroded sewage pipe and a resulting sewage spill near Wing Point on the north shore of Eagle Harbor.

According to estimates from the City of Bainbridge Island, approximately 70,000 gallons of untreated raw sewage were discharged directly into Eagle Harbor from 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, when the spill began, to 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. The City estimates that repairs to the sewer main will be completed on Tuesday June 2nd. An additional 70,000 gallons of sewage effluent is expected to be discharged into Eagle Harbor before all repair work is completed on Tuesday.

The "No Contact" area includes the shoreline from Yeomalt Point south to Rockaway Beach Road including all of Eagle Harbor. This advisory affects recreational contact, such as swimming and waterskiing, and shellfish harvesting in this area. The Health District has posted warning signs at public access points in the closure area. The Health District has an ongoing advisory against collecting shellfish in most of this area already in place.

For additional information, call our hotline number: 1-800-2BE-WELL, or visit us online at www.kitsapcountyhealth.com. For more information about the sewage main and the repair work, contact the City of Bainbridge Island Department of Public Works at (206) 842-1212.

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