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The Honorable Ron Wesen
Skagit County Commissioner
Whidbey Action Area Representative
1800 Continental Place, Suite 100
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Dear Commissioner Wesen:

Our office has completed its annual review of the classification of Washington's shellfish growing areas. At the end of 2010, 101 growing areas were classified as Approved, Conditionally Approved, or Restricted. A part of two areas (Pacific Coast and Samish Bay) are failing and will be downgraded. Nine areas are threatened with downgrades in classification. In some of the growing areas, only a small portion of the area is threatened.

Listed below are the areas that are **failing or threatened with downgrades** in classification. All of our annual reports, early warning summary reports, and the threatened area list are available on our website at www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/sf/growreports.htm.

The failing and threatened areas are listed below by county. Burley Lagoon is listed twice.

- Grays Harbor County
 - Pacific Coast (Failing & Threatened)
- Jefferson County
 - Port Townsend
- Kitsap County
 - Burley Lagoon
 - Dyes Inlet
- Mason County
 - Pickering Passage
- Pacific County
 - Naselle River
- Pierce County
 - Burley Lagoon
 - Filucy Bay

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- Snohomish County
 - South Skagit Bay
- Skagit County
 - Padilla Bay
 - Samish Bay (Failing)

We have sent the annual reports to shellfish growers who harvest in the areas identified above. We are notifying you as well so that pollution sources in threatened areas can be identified and corrected before the situation worsens and a downgrade in classification is required.

We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss our annual reports. If you have questions or comments, please call Bob Woolrich at (360) 236-3329.

Sincerely,



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