



Meeting Notice

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State Board of Health to update Shellfish Control Plan

System changes to reduce Vibrio illness from raw shellfish

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Board of Health will hold a public hearing on proposed rule changes to the Washington *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* Control Plan at its March 11 meeting. The proposed update creates a proactive approach to Vibrio control which will reduce severe illness by creating a system of shellfish bed closures based on weather patterns in advance of adverse conditions. The current system relies on illnesses being reported prior to a closure.

The Board of Health also welcomes two new board members at its March 11 meeting. Governor Inslee appointed Asotin County Commissioner Jim Jeffords and former Mabton Mayor Angel Reyna to the board.

The meeting will be held at the Department of Health's Point Plaza East in rooms 152 and 153 from 1:00 to 3:45 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and anyone may provide testimony on any public health issue during the public comment period at about 2:40 p.m.

Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the board at 360-236-4100 or on the [Board of Health website](#) (sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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