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The Honorable Kevin Van De Wege, Chair  
 Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources and Parks Committee  
 Post Office Box 40424  
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Dear Senator Van De Wege,

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) provides a letter each year to the appropriate legislative policy and fiscal committees on the status of our recreational shellfish biotoxin account as required by law. This letter is intended to satisfy the requirement in RCW 77.32.555.

The Recreational Shellfish Biotoxin Monitoring Program is funded by a surcharge on recreational fishing and shell fishing licenses. The licenses are sold through the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The Department of Health (DOH) and the University of Washington (UW) receive appropriation to spend.

<b>Revenue and Expenditure Summary of Biotoxin account (15M) fiscal year 2023</b>	
\$ 661,101	fiscal year 2023 beginning fund balance
\$ 1,103,663	revenue received
\$ (711,702)	Department of Health expenditures
\$ (310,446)	University of Washington expenditures
<b>\$ 742,616</b>	<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>

<b>Allotment and Expenditure Summary of Biotoxin account</b>				
		Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2023	Biennium
DOH	Allotments	\$ 838,973	\$ 866,027	\$ 1,705,000
	Expenditures	\$ 628,688	\$ 711,702	\$ 1,340,390
	Variance	\$ 210,285	\$ 154,325	\$ 364,610
UW	Allotments	\$ 302,500	\$ 302,500	\$ 605,000
	Expenditures	\$ 291,258	\$ 310,446	\$ 601,704
	Variance	\$ 11,242	\$ (7,946)	\$ 3,296
	<b>TOTAL Variance</b>	<b>\$ 221,527</b>	<b>\$ 146,379</b>	<b>\$ 367,906</b>

Some appropriation was purposely left unspent to keep a small fund balance. Revenue is seasonal and a fund balance is needed during the low revenue months for the account to stay in the positive.

If you have questions about the recreational shellfish biotoxin account, please contact Adam Anfinson, Director of Budget Strategies and Forecasting, at 360-236-3150.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Secretary

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