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Representative Kristine Reeves, Chair
House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
John L O'Brien Building
Post Office Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0424

Senator Mike Chapman, Chair
Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
Post Office Box 40466
Olympia, WA 98504-0424

Dear Representative Reeves and Senator Chapman,

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.

Revenue and Expenditure Summary of Biotoxin account (15M) fiscal year 2025	
\$ 788,205	Fiscal year 2025 beginning fund balance
\$ 1,102,904	Revenue received
\$ (936,964)	Department of Health expenditures
\$ (427,241)	University of Washington expenditures
\$ 526,904	Ending Fund Balance

Allotment and Expenditure Summary of Biotoxin account				
		Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Biennium
DOH	Allotments	\$ 831,107	\$ 849,399	\$ 1,680,506
	Expenditures	\$ 739,154	\$ 936,964	\$ 1,676,118
	Variance	\$ 91,953	\$ (\$87,565)	\$ 4,388

UW	Allotments	\$ 314,000	\$ 318,000	\$ 632,000
	Expenditures	\$ 204,471	\$ 427,241	\$ 631,712
	Variance	\$ 109,529	\$ (109,241)	\$ 288
	TOTAL Variance	\$ 201,482	\$ (196,806)	\$ 4,676

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 remain positive.

If you have questions about the recreational shellfish biotoxin account, please contact Adam Anfinson, Director of Budget Strategies and Forecasting, at 564-200-2497

Sincerely,



Lauren Jenks,
Assistant Secretary

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Members, Senate Ways and Means Committee
Members, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
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