

**ALGAL TOXIN MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME
WILD PECTINIDAE SAMPLE COLLECTION PROTOCOL**

- 1 Shellfish samples should be collected from identified processors/despatch centre/auction markets at a frequency determined by risk assessment.
- 2 Ideally samples should be collected between Monday and Tuesday and posted to Cefas Weymouth using the boxes provided.
- 3 Shellfish sample size should be such that at least 200g of meat can be provided for the ASP, DSP/LTs and PSP assays. This is usually achieved by the following minimum numbers of suitable commercial size animals:

Whole King Scallop	30 shells
Shucked King Scallop (adductor and gonad tissue)	30 pieces
Adductor (white) meat of King Scallop	30 pieces
Whole Queen Scallop	50 shells
Shucked Queen Scallop (whole or adductor/gonad)	50 pieces
Adductor (white) meat of Queen Scallop	50 pieces
- 4 Shellfish must be placed in the polythene bags provided, closed with the cable ties and a completed self-adhesive label attached to each bag.
- 5 A sample submission form must also be completed for every processor and the submission form placed in the document wallet in the box being sent to Cefas Weymouth.
- 6 The bagged samples should be placed in the box provided along with pre-chilled cool packs. The boxes must be sealed with adhesive tape and a prepaid postage label attached to the boxes before being posted to Cefas, Weymouth Laboratory, Barrack Road, The Nothe, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8UB (for purposes of Royal Mail Special Delivery, we have been assigned the postcode DT4 8BF)
- 7 Any queries or problems should be referred to:-

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