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### The oysters are fine; the math was not

Public Health officials announced this morning that local oysters are safe to eat after a math error at the Humboldt County Public Health Laboratory led to a brief closure of Humboldt Bay.

"We realize this couldn't have come at a worse time, and we apologize for the upset it has caused," said Laboratory Manager Jeremy Corrigan, who attributed the miscalculation to human error.

The mistake was discovered this morning during an internal review of the test results, and the California Department of Public Health was notified immediately. The state then determined that the oysters are safe to harvest and eat.

Humboldt County First District Supervisor Rex Bohn said he'll be out on the Plaza tomorrow grilling fresh, local oysters.

Corrigan added that measures would be put in place to make sure mistakes like this one don't happen again.

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