SOUTHERN PLAINS FISHERS' AND SHELLFISH GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

Shellfish Still Dying After the Storm Water Cleared: Samples Sent for Testing

PO-KAYA, Day 36 after Hurricane Yolanda

Since Day 24, our members have found dead oysters, mussels and clams on the beds at Lampar, and since Day 30 at Po-Kaya.

At first we believed the storms were to blame. But the water has now cleared after the second storm, and the shellfish are still dying. They are dying on beds the storm water did not reach. When our members opened dying shellfish, they found fine dark grit in the gills and gut. None of us has seen this after a storm before.

We do not know the cause. To find out, today two of our members took samples of shellfish, water and sediment from three beds at Po-Kaya to the Aquaculture and Water-Quality Laboratory of the Cornuchuan Plains Agricultural University at Shiromi. We have agreed that the University may share its results with whoever needs them.

Until we know more, we ask all members:

- Do not harvest or eat shellfish from beds where deaths are found.
- Report all deaths to the Association office in Po-Kaya.

“We are not blaming anyone,” said Tavi Orrun, the Association’s secretary. “We want to know what is killing our beds.”

Association Office, Po-Kaya