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PENOBSCOT RIVER SAFE TO SWIM IN AGAIN!

TESTS SHOW NO CYANOBACTERIA TOXINS PRESENT

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WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

You have probably seen the many newspaper articles that have come out in the papers recently about the swimming advisory we posted for Penobscot Nation community members. It was the belief of the Water Resources Program, supported by the Director of DNR, that the best approach was to be very proactive about keeping people as safe as possible. We wanted the advisory in place until we could get samples analyzed and have the results in hand. First we had to get a taxonomic identification/confirmation of which species were present. It was found that samples collected during the bloom contained different species of *Anabaena* who are known to produce toxins. This supported our desire to know definitively, so we ordered the tests for two different types of toxins possibly present.

THANKFULLY NO CYANOBACTERIA TOXINS WERE DETECTED!

LIFTING THE ADVISORY

PIN Water Resources staff took some follow-up samples at points along the river where high concentrations of cyanobacteria were seen and places where people typically swim. We analyzed these samples in our lab using some test kits purchased from a company in Maine. These also showed that there were no toxins present at any location. We feel comfortable lifting the advisory at this time.

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