Public Health Implications of Marine Harmful Algal Blooms in Florida

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Fun in Florida





Potential Exposure Pathways



Direct Skin Contact



Ingestion of Food



Incidental Ingestion



Drinking Water



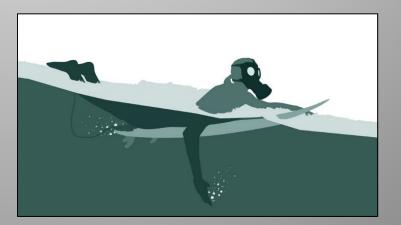
Inhalation of Aerosols



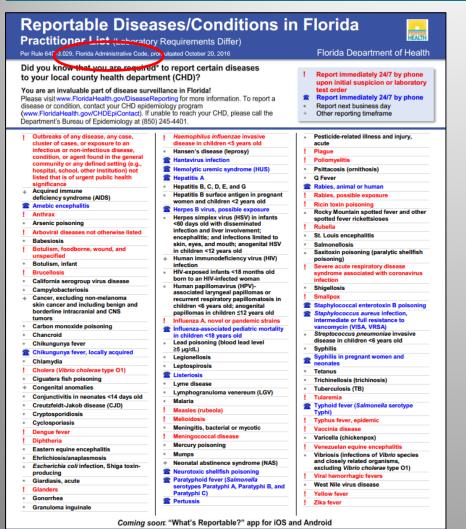
Aquatic Toxins from Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

- Microscopic organisms (mostly)
- Brevetoxins, saxitoxins, ciguatoxins, et al
- Characteristics
 - No taste or smell
 - Heat, acid stable
 - Very potent





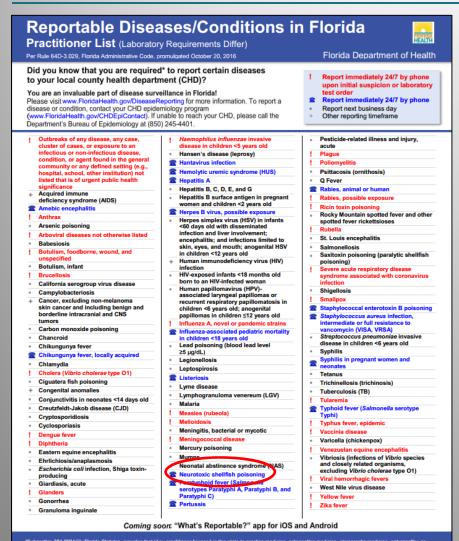




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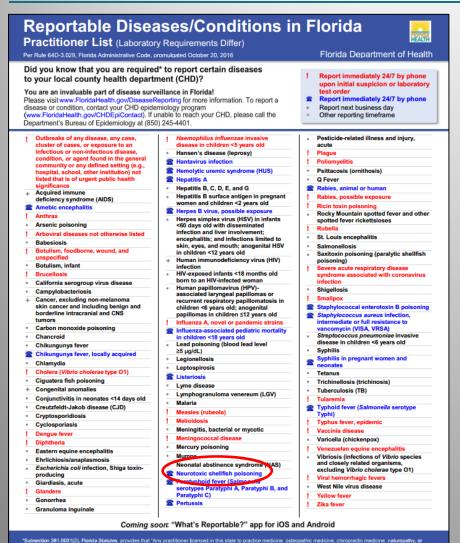
- Rule 64D-3.029, Florida Administrative Code
- Required to notify the Florida Department of Health of diseases and conditions of public health significance
- Practitioners, hospitals, medical facilities, laboratories, schools, nursing homes, state institutions, and other locations providing health services in Florida





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Regulated Shellfish Harvesting Areas



Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning

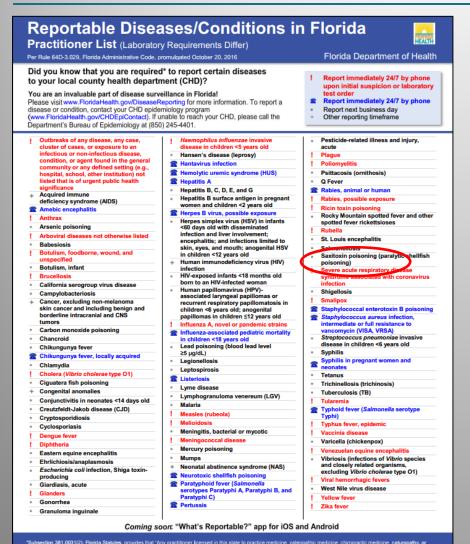
Karenia brevis Red Tide Brevetoxins



Ben Depp, National Geographic 8/8/18







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Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) Saxitoxin (*Pyrodinium bahamense*) including Puffers



Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning

Pyrodinium bahamense ✓ Saxitoxin



Contaminated Puffer Fish



PRECAUTIONARY CLOSURE STATEMENT

Date: 7/28/17

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is temporarily closing the following shellfish area at sunset on <u>Friday July 28, 2017</u> for the harvest of oysters, clams, and mussels. In this context, shellfish does not include scallops, shrimp, or crabs.

Area(s): Affected

Counties:

Brevard

Basis for action:

<u>Precautionary closure due to presence of Pyrodinium</u> <u>bahamense</u> and conditions defined in Chapter 5L-1.003 (8), <u>Florida Administrative Code and The Biotoxin Contigency</u> <u>Plan.</u>

#7812/7822 Body B Zones 1 and 2 Shellfish Harvest Areas

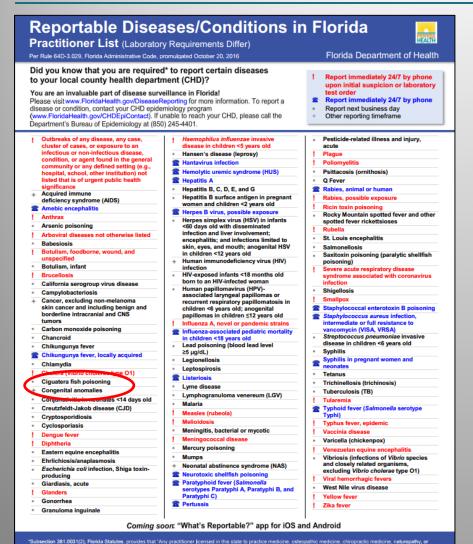


Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning

"Bioluminescence"







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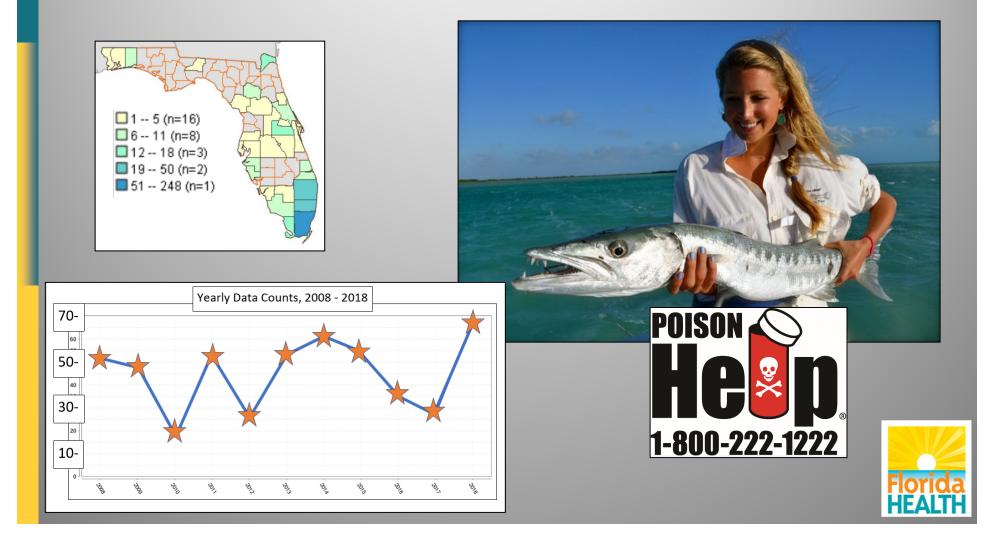
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Ciguatera Fish Poisoning Ciguatoxins (*Gambierdiscus toxicus*)



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Ciguatera Fish Poisoning



Ciguatera Fish Poisoning

The New York Times

Fish Poisoning More Common Than Believed Fish Toxin Cited as Cause of Poisonings in '10 and '11



Ciguatera fish poisoning - New York City, 2010-2011.





Review

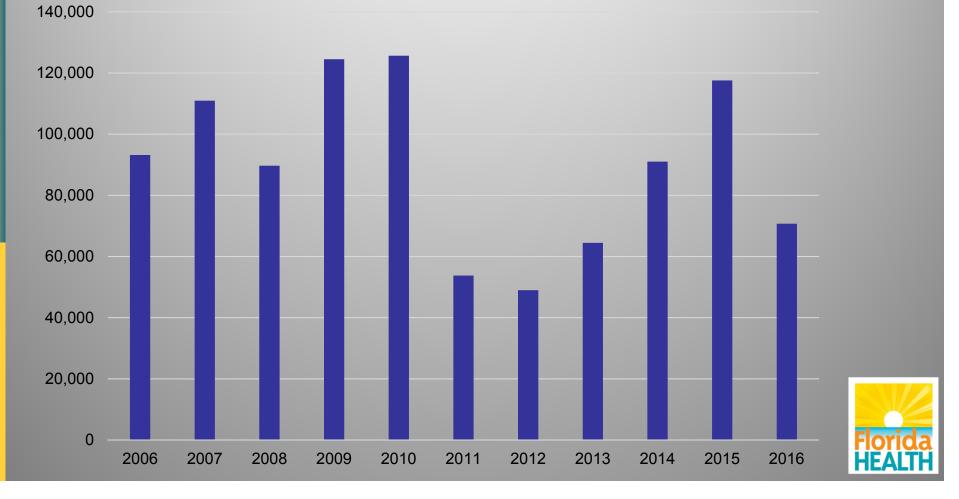
An Updated Review of Ciguatera Fish Poisoning: Clinical, Epidemiological, Environmental, and Public Health Management

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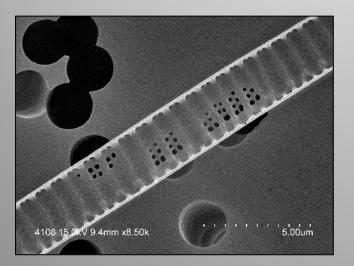


MDP

 Commercial Barracuda Landings in Florida (Pounds)



- Pseudo-nitzschia
 - ✓ Domoic Acid (DA)
 - ✓ Amnesiac Shellfish Poisoning







Pseudo-nitzschia

PRECAUTIONARY CLOSURE STATEMENT

Date: Friday April 12, 2019

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is temporarily closing the following shellfish area at sunset on <u>Fridav April 12, 2019</u> for the harvest of oysters, clams, and mussels. In this context, shellfish does not include scallops, shrimp, or crabs.

Area(s): Affected Counties:	<u>Leases R</u>	wer Tampa Bav Shellfish Har emain Open) and Hillsborough	vest Area (AUZ and		
Basis for action:	PRECAUTIONARY CLOSURE STATEMENT Date: Thursday May 9th 2019				
	The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is temporarily closing the following shellfish area at sunset on <u>Thursday May 9th 2019</u> for the harvest of oysters, clams, and mussels. In this context, shellfish does not include scallops, shrimp, or crabs.				
	Area(s):): #5602 Lemon Bay Shellfish Harvest Area			
	Affected Counties:				
	Basis for action:	PRECAUTIONARY CLOSURE STATEMENT			
		Date: 5/11/19			
		The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is temporarily closing the following shellfish area(s) at sunset on <u>Saturday May 11, 2019</u> for the harvest of oysters, clams, and mussels. In this context, shellfish does not include scallops, shrimp, or crabs.			
		Area(s): <u>#1401 St. Joe Bav Approved Shellfish Harvest Area</u>			
		Affected Counties	Gulf		
Basis for		Basis for action:	<u>Precautionary closure due to presence of <i>Pseudo-nitzschia</i> and conditions defined in Chapter 5L-1.003 (8), Florida Administrative Code and The Biotoxin Contigency Plan.</u>		





Pseudo-nitzschia







Pseudo-nitzschia

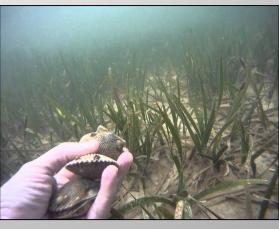






Shellfish harvesting









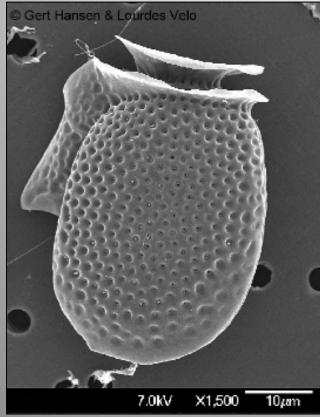


Local Economies



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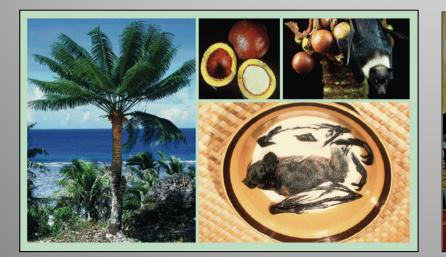




- *Dinophysis*
 - ✓ Domoic Acid (DA)
 - ✓ Amnesiac Shellfish Poisoning
 - ✓ Found in Gulf of Mexico
 - ✓ Not documented in Florida



- Diverse taxa of cyanobacteria
 - ✓ Beta-methylamino-L-alanine (BMAA)
 - ✓ Neuro-degenerative Diseases?

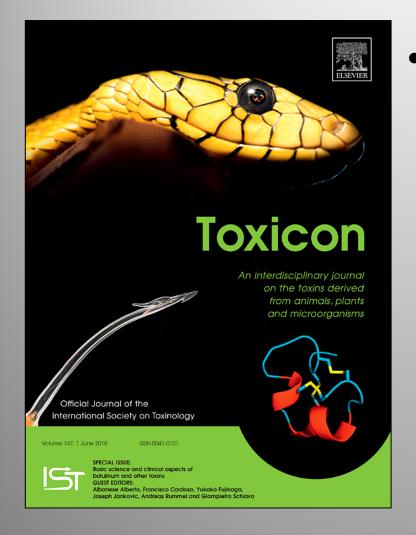


Guam



"Chamorro" people



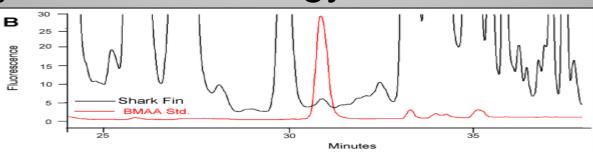


Detection of cyanobacterial neurotoxin β -Nmethylamino-lalanine within shellfish in the diet of an ALS patient in Florida; Banack et al. 2014.07.018



• BMAA

- ✓ Little consensus of its ubiquitous occurrence
- Uncertainty on concentrations reported
- Problems with replication of study findings
- Analytical methodology variable



✓ Chernoff et al: A Critical Review Journal of Tox. And Env. Health 2017



Zoanthids ✓ Palytoxin: *Limu-make-o-Hana* ✓ "The toxic seaweed of Hana "





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