

PRESS RELEASE

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**TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,
THE SUN**

Re: Mason County Department of Health Services receives award of excellence.

At its June 25, 2003 meeting the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials presented the Mason County Department of Health Services with the "Award for Significant Contribution to Public Health" for their diligent work in finding and correcting various sources of pollution in watersheds that drain to commercial and public recreational shellfish growing areas.

Kim Zabel-Lincoln of the Environmental Health section received a certificate of recognition for her outstanding contribution to a program that represents a significant contribution to public health for pollution control in watersheds.

The Mason County Department of Health Services extends its thanks to the staff of the Washington State Department of Health Shellfish section for their contributions to our pollution control efforts. DOH provides consultation as well as direct support to Mason County's projects as part of their ongoing work in the county. A special thanks goes to the citizens of Mason County for their cooperation and efforts in pollution identification and remediation in all of the waters of the county. The Health Department couldn't do its job without support and assistance from the community.

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