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Dear Brine Shrimp Harvester:

Sampling runs on the South Arm of the Great Salt Lake were conducted on January 9th and 10th, 2012. Enumeration and analysis of the samples are complete and indicate the following values, presented in number per liter of lake water:

Cysts:	13.90
Nauplii:	0.03
Juveniles:	0.00
Males:	0.00
Total Females:	0.00
Females:	0.00
Females with eggs/naups:	0.00
Females with cysts:	0.00

Accordingly, we are exercising the first seven day timeout of this harvest season pursuant to Rule R657-52-12(1)(c). The brine shrimp harvesting season in the South Arm (both lake and beach) will suspend Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 5:22 p.m. MST (official sunset). All other aspects of the rule will remain in effect. Harvest will be permitted on the North Arm of the lake during this closure period (both lake and beach).

During the closure period, we will continue to sample and determine if there are sufficient quantities of cysts to resume harvest. If the season resumes, it will open at noon on Friday, January 20, 2012. The decision will be based upon resource conservation. We will be in contact with the harvesting companies toward the end of the closure period regarding our decision.

Daily harvest reports during the timeout will not be required except for harvest occurring in the salt ponds and on the North Arm. Daily harvest reports will still be required for January 12th. Weekly harvest reports will also be required at the normal time.



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The cumulative harvest poundage totals through harvest day January 10, 2012 are listed below.

Lake:	11,487,201
Shore:	5,782,280
Salt Ponds:	173,650
Total:	<hr/> 17,443,131

Thank you for your support of our work here at The Great Salt Lake Ecosystem Program.

Sincerely,

John Luft
Great Salt Lake Ecosystem Program Manager