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Dear Brine Shrimp Harvester:

A sampling run on the south arm of Great Salt Lake was conducted on January 8, 2018. The enumeration and analysis have been completed. All presented values are per liter of lake water.

Cysts:	9.07
Nauplii:	0.02
Juveniles:	0.00
Males:	0.00
Total Females:	0.00
Females:	0.00
Females with eggs/naups:	0.00
Females with cysts:	0.00

The cumulative harvest poundage totals through harvest day January 9, 2018 are:

Lake:	19,806,035
Shore:	14,330,098
Salt Ponds:	57,488
Total:	<u>34,193,621</u>

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 on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 5:20 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 19, 2018. 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 11th. Weekly harvest reports will also be required at the normal time.



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

Sincerely,

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