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### **Public health advisory lifted for Tualatin River**

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The health advisory prompted by high levels of harmful algae found in the Tualatin River that was issued July 12 has been lifted by the Oregon Department of Human Services State Public Health Division. The health advisory effected portions of the river located in eastern Washington County and western Clackamas County from Jurgens Park to the confluence with the Willamette River.

Water sampling in the Tualatin River has confirmed that the bloom has diminished and there is no remaining hazard from algal toxins for recreational users of the river.

Monitoring of the river will continue. It is possible but not likely that another toxic bloom will occur on the river this season.

For local health related information contact your county health department. For additional health information, contact Ken Kauffman, DHS Environmental Health Specialist, at (971) 673-0435 or Deanna Conners, DHS toxicologist at (971) 673-0444.

Advisories and notices of lifted advisories are posted on the internet at <http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/envtox/maadvisories.shtml>.