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**Brief Description of Test**

Shellfish growing water samples are analyzed using the A1-M method. Salinity of the water samples is also analyzed.

**Possible Results**

Fecal coliform MPN/100 milliliters

**Reference Range**

N/A

**Specimen Type**

Water sample

**Specimen Container(s):**

Clean, sterile, disposable bottle

**Minimum volume accepted:**

75 milliliters

**Collection Instructions**

Shellfish growing water samples are collected in clean, sterile, disposable bottles. Samples must be immediately cooled by placing on ice in an insulated container.

**Storage and Transport Instructions**

Store and transport in clean insulated container. Submitters are encouraged to hold the samples at or below 10ºC during transport. However, the lab may accept samples above 10ºC.

**Causes for Rejection**

Sample >30 hours old; No sample ID; Sample information form not complete.

**Limitations of the Procedure**

Improper mixing of sample will allow for underestimating of the bacteria density of the sample.

**Interfering Substances**

N/A

**References**


Complete a Lab form 46. The name of the collector, date and time of collection and location of where sample was taken must be noted.

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