



RED TIDE

RED TIDE FACTS:

- In Florida, red tide is caused by a naturally occurring microscopic alga (a plant-like microorganism) called *Karenia brevis* or *K. brevis*.
- *K. brevis* produces a toxin that can kill fish and cause respiratory problems in humans. People with chronic respiratory problems should avoid red tide areas.
- Red tide algal blooms can change rapidly, staying in one place for months or just a few days or weeks.
- All seafood from restaurants and hotels is monitored and is safe to eat.
- Red tide symptoms include coughing, sneezing, and watery eyes.

Red tide questions/health concerns?

Call the Florida Poison Control
Information Center at:

1-800-222-1222

Health Info: *www.floridahealth.gov*

Report Fish Kills (FWC): 1-800-636-0511

Red Tide Info & Status Reports:

www.myfwc.com/redtide

Red Tide Facts: *www.start1.org*

Current Beach Conditions:

www.mote.org/beaches

or call 941-BEACHES (232-2437)

