



PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF AN
ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES)
GENERAL PERMIT
TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

A modified Draft Permit, Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

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Draft Permit Public Notice Period:

Public Notice Start Date: December 13, 2023

Public Notice Expiration Date: January 24, 2024

Permit No.: AKG521000 Modification #2

Permit Name: Onshore Seafood Processors in Alaska Wastewater Discharge General Permit

Proposed Permit Coverage:

Permit Coverage: DEC proposes to issue an APDES general permit modification #2 to the AKG521000 Onshore Seafood General Permit. The permit was first issued October 29, 2021, and went into effect June 1, 2022, with minor modification #1 going into effect on March 1, 2023. The proposed permit modification #2 establishes a 10-piece threshold for evaluating compliance with the 0.5 inch or smaller in any dimension seafood waste size limitation in the permit.

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to **modify** the general permit for the conditions described above.

Public Comments:

Only the pages affected by the modification of the permit described in the Fact Sheet and the draft 'permit' are open for public comment.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft permit must be submitted within 40 days of the issuance of this public notice. Any person desiring to comment on the permit may submit comments electronically via the DEC public notice site (preferred) at <https://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com?id=Ts5MUcAZD>.

Alternatively, you may direct written comments and requests to the attention of the DEC contact/permit writer at the email address or postal address identified above.

All comments should include the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern that are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address, and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reason in DEC's discretion.

DEC will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC's final decision.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING**January 24, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. [AKDT]****Administrative Record:**

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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If you would like to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact **Jackie Ebert**.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>

To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, follow the link below to join the APDES email list.

<http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/dec-apdes>

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