UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

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Reply To
Attn Of: **OW-130**

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Gordon Williams, President
Ward Cove Packing Company
88 East Hamlin Street
Seattle, WA 98105

Re: NPDES Permit No. **AK-G52-0001,** Notice of Coverage and Authorization to Discharge

Dear Mr. Williams:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received and reviewed your Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the NPDES Permit AK-G52-0000, the general permit for Alaskan seafood processing facilities. This permit was issued and became effective on July 27, 2001. Your unique identifier under this general permit is provided above and on the enclosed title page of the permit. Please use this designated number in any correspondence with or reporting to EPA and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC).

The permit includes an **effluent treatment requirement** of grinding solid seafood processing wastes to one-half inch in all dimensions before discharge, an **effluent limit** of 10 million pounds of seafood processing waste residues per calendar year, a **prohibition on the discharge of petroleum**, hydrocarbons, oil and grease, and a narrative limit on the violation of Alaska Water Quality Standards (see Part II). The permit requires that you develop and implement a **best management practices plan** that controls and reduces pollutant discharges at your site (see Part VI.A). The permit requires that you submit an **annual report** on seafood processing activity, discharges, noncompliance and process changes (see Part VI.B). The permit requires that you conduct **periodic monitoring of the sea surface, seashore, and seafloor** in accordance with your type of facility (see Parts VI.C and D).

We authorize your discharge to a depth of less than -60 ft MLLW in consideration of the strong currents in Tongass Narrows. However, we encourage you to evaluate the feasibility of extending your outfall line to discharge deeper than -60 ft MLLW and raising the end of your outfall line so as to discharge at least four feet above the sea floor. Both of these should reduce the negative impacts of your discharge of processing waste residues on the bottom

Any report of noncompliance with permit requirements is to be reported by telephone to EPA at (206) 553-1846 and ADEC at (907) 269-7565. A copy of the enclosed title page and this authorization letter together with the entire general NPDES permit no. AK-G52-0000 must be kept at both your operations site and your business office. If you have any questions, please call Burney Hill at (206) 553-1761 or Christina Osborn at (206) 553-6318.

Sincerely,

HB Hill for

Robert R. Robichaud
Manager, NPDES Permits Unit