UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

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

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

SEP 14 2001

Greg Johnstone
507 Katlian Drive
Sitka, AK 99835

Re: NPDES Permit No. **AK-G52-0101**, Notice of Coverage and Authorization to Discharge

Dear Mr. Johnstone:

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.B and C).

We ask for your careful review of the various areas throughout the State of Alaska which are excluded from coverage by this NPDES general permit due to their characteristics as either special or impaired habitat.

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 permit must be kept at both your operations site and at your business office. If you have any questions, please call Burney Hill at (206) 553-1761 or Christina Osborn at (206) 553-6318.

Sincerely,

Burney Hill for

Robert R. Robichaud
Manager, NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosure

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NPDES Permit No. AK-G52-0101

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, OW-130
Seattle, Washington 98101

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM FOR

Seafood Producers Cooperative
Sitka seafood processing facility

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C.A. § 1251 et seq. (hereafter, CWA or the Act), the owners and operators of the seafood processing facilities that are described in Part I of this general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit are authorized to discharge seafood processing wastes and the concomitant wastes set out in Part II of this Permit to waters of the United States, except those excluded from authorization of discharge in Part III of this Permit, in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein. The discharge of wastes not specifically set out in Part II of this Permit is not authorized under this Permit.

Upon the effective date of this Permit, it is the controlling document for regulation of seafood processing wastes and other designated wastewaters in the State of Alaska discharged by authorized facilities in accordance with this Permit.

This Permit shall become effective July 27, 2001. SEP 14 2001

This Permits is effective for this facility upon its authorization on SEP 14 2001.

This Permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight July 27, 2006.

Signed this 18th day of July, 2001.

/ s / Randall F Smith
Randall F. Smith
Director
Office of Water

A COPY OF THIS PERMIT MUST BE KEPT AT THE FACILITY WHERE THE DISCHARGES OCCUR.

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, the Office of Management and Budget has approved the collection of information requested in general NPDES permit no. AK-G52-0000 (OMB Control No. 2040-0004, 2040-0086 and 2040-0110).

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NOTICE OF INTENT

TO BE COVERED UNDER NPDES GENERAL PERMIT AK-G52-0000 FOR SEAFOOD PROCESSORS IN ALASKA

See Part IV.C. of the Permit)

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Submittal of this document constitutes notice that the party identified in Section I intends to be covered by the NPDES general permit authorizing discharges from seafood processing activities in Alaska and obligates the permittee to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit. Please fill in all information.

SECTION 1 - PERMIT INFORMATION

NPDES PERMIT NO. AK-G52 - 0101 (currently or previously assigned)	ADEC Number Seafood Processor License AK - 17

SECTION 2 - OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION (Part IV.C.2)

Company Name Seafood Producers Cooperative	
Owner/Operator	
Address 507 Katlian Drive	Telephone (907) 747-5811
City/State/Zip Sitka, Ak 99835	FAX (907)747-3206
Representative	

SECTION 3 - COMPANY OR MANAGING COMPANY INFORMATION (Part IV.C.3)

Company or Managing Company	
Address	Telephone 360-733-0120
City/State/Zip Bellingham	FAX
Representative	

SECTION 4 - FACILITY OR VESSEL INFORMATION (Part IV.C.4)

Facility Name Seafood Producers Cooperative		Date of Purchase 1979
Address 507 Katlian Drive		Telephone (907)747-5811
City/State/Zip Sitka, Ak 99835		FAX
Latitude and Longitude (for shore based and nearshore) 57° 03' 17" 135° 20' 40"		
Number of annual employees 50	Number of seasonal employees 100	
Vessel name	USCG number	Date of purchase
Type of vessel (factory trawler, processor, crabber, etc.)		Length of vessel
Previous facility/vessel name(s) Seafood Producers Cold Storage, Inc.		

SECTION 5 - FACILITY CLASSIFICATION (Part IV.C.5) (Check each that apply)

	Offshore floating seafood processor: operating and discharging more than one (1) nautical mile from shore at MLLW
	Nearshore floating seafood processor: operating and discharging from one (1) to one half (0.5) nautical mile from shore at MLLW
X	Shore-based seafood processor: operating and discharging less than one half (0.5) nautical mile from shore at MLLW

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SECTION 6 - PROJECTED PRODUCTION INFORMATION (Part IV.C.6)

	Cured, salted, smoked	X	Gutted, Head & Gutted		Mince	X	Whole		Roe
	Crab: whole, pieces	X	Fillets		Canned		Other		
	Surimi, fish paste		Fish meal	X	Shelled: shrimp, scallops, clams, oysters, snails, urchins, cucumbers (circle appropriate item(s))				

Raw Product (by species, e.g., bottom fish, salmon)	Finished Product (by type, e.g., fillets, surimi, canned)	24-hour Design Capacity in lbs of processing raw product	Location water body or lat/long	Anticipated Processing -- Number of days per month											
				Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Salmon, troll	G., H&G	120,000#	Sitka	15	15	25	15	14	20	31	31	20	10	20	15
Salmon, net	G, H&G	120,000#	Sitka	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	20	15	0	0	0
Herring, Bait	Whole	170,000#	Sitka	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Herring, Roe	Whole	170,000#	Sitka	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halibut	H&G, Fillets	100,000#	Sitka	0	0	10	20	20	25	25	25	30	25	15	0
Sablefish	H&G	120,000#	Sitka	0	0	10	20	20	25	25	25	30	25	15	0
Rockfish	Whole, Fillets	100,000#	Sitka	10	10	10	20	20	25	25	25	30	25	15	10
Cucumbers	Skinned	20,000#	Sitka	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	10

920,000

SECTION 7 - RECEIVING WATER INFORMATION (Part IV.C.7)

Name(s) of waterbody(ies) receiving discharges of the facility

Sitka Channel

Name of any larger, adjacent receiving waterbody

Sitka Sound

Any areas within three (3) nautical miles which are excluded from coverage under the General Permit
(National Parks, Preserves, Wildlife Refuges; State Game Sanctuaries, State Game Refuges, State Critical Habitat areas)

None

Nearshore and Shore-based Processors submit a bathymetric map of the receiving water within one (1) nautical mile of the discharge showing discharge point(s)

SECTION 8 - DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES (Part IV.C.8)

Sanitary Wastes

	Package Treatment Plant Size: Capacity (gals/day):	X	Municipal System: City and Borough of Sitka
	USCG Approved System (MSD) Type: Capacity (gals/day): :		MSD: Date when USCG approved/certified: When installed: No of people using:

Seafood Process Wastes

	Distance of outfall from shore at MLLW: 240 ft.		No Processing Waste Discharge
	Shore-based discharge depth: 30 ft.		By-Catch ground and discharged? Yes No
	Vessel discharge depth under surface ft		Vessel through the hull discharge
	Grinder - Type/Name: Audio 801-G & Vaughn		Grinds seafood wastes to 3/8 inch:

Other Wastewaters (Check which apply)

X	Process disinfectants		Transfer water
	Cooling water		Gray water
	Boiler water		Live tank water
	Cooking water		Freshwater pressure relief water
	Refrigeration condensate		Other

Projected Maximum Quantity in lbs of Process Waste Solids which can be Discharged (add page if needed)

Specific Product Processed	DAILY Amount of Solids Discharged	ANNUAL Amount of Solids Discharged
See attached production data from 1999 as an example		

SECTION 9 - SUBMITTALS (to be attached to this NOI) (Part IV.C.9)

	Waiver Request (for seafloor survey, operating within one nautical mile of excluded areas)
X	Location Map (e.g. street map) also showing outfall location
	Seafloor Monitoring Survey
X	Bathymetric Map of Receiving Water within one nautical mile of discharge showing discharge point(s)
	Best Management Practices Plan Certification or Recertification

SECTION 10 - SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION (Part IV.C.10)

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature Principal or Partner	Title/Company Plant Manager
Print Name Craig Shoemaker	Date May 5, 2000