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

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Reply To
Attn Of: OW-130

Jim Yonker, Manager
Ocean Beauty Seafoods, Inc.
P.O. Box 70739
Seattle, WA 98109

Re: NPDES Permit No. **AK-G52-0402**, Notice of Coverage and Authorization to Discharge

Dear Mr. Yonker:

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). Additionally, ascertain that you have submitted a copy of your NOI to 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).

You have requested a waiver to discharge at a discharge depth of less than -60 ft MLLW due to the discharge location of a shallow coastal shelf with high tidal range and strong currents. You have reported that the facility has been on-location for decades and that there is no significant accumulation of a waste pile. With this basis and with concurrence from ADEC, EPA grants your request for a waiver to discharge at a depth of less than -60 ft MLLW.

We remind you that the permit requires compliance of Alaska Water Quality Standards outside of the authorized mixing zone and zone of deposit and direct your attention to the criteria that there shall be no residues in the water column or on the seafloor. In view of past complaints from local gillnet fishermen whose beneficial use of these waters has been compromised by past owners and operators of your permitted facility, the standard for residues is particularly relevant.

Any report of noncompliance with permit requirements is to be reported by telephone to EPA at (206) 553-1846 and Katy McKerney of ADEC at (907) 465-5302. 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,

H Burney Hill for

Robert R. Robichaud
Manager, NPDES Permits Unit

Attachment

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NPDES Permit No. AK-G52-0402

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
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AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM FOR

Ocean Beauty Seafoods, Inc.
Nikiski 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.

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).