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Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
NPDES Permits Unit, OWW-130
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101
Attn: Lindsey Guzzo

Re: Dive Survey Waiver Request - NPDES Permit # AK-G-52-0480

Inlet Fish Producers, Inc. requests a waiver for the dive survey component of the seafloor monitoring requirement in the NPDES permit. The request is based on these factors:

1. The outfall discharges into the Kenai River at approximately river mile 2.5;
2. The current and the turbidity caused by the glacial silt in the water column make the survey impossible; and
3. During the winter off season, the Kenai River freezes over where the outfall discharges. The scouring action of the ice on the river bottom during the Spring breakup insures that there can be no accumulation of the processing wastes from one season to the next.

The combination of all these factors make it impossible and unnecessary to do the annual dive survey. We have learned from ADEC that the waiver request is only the first step. In order for us to be in compliance with the NPDES permit we need a written waiver from EPA. We have submitted a copy of this waiver request to ADEC/Katie McKerney and have requested their approval of the waiver.

If you require any further information, please call Laura Herr at (907) 283-9275 and she will forward the request to me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Vincent L. Goddard

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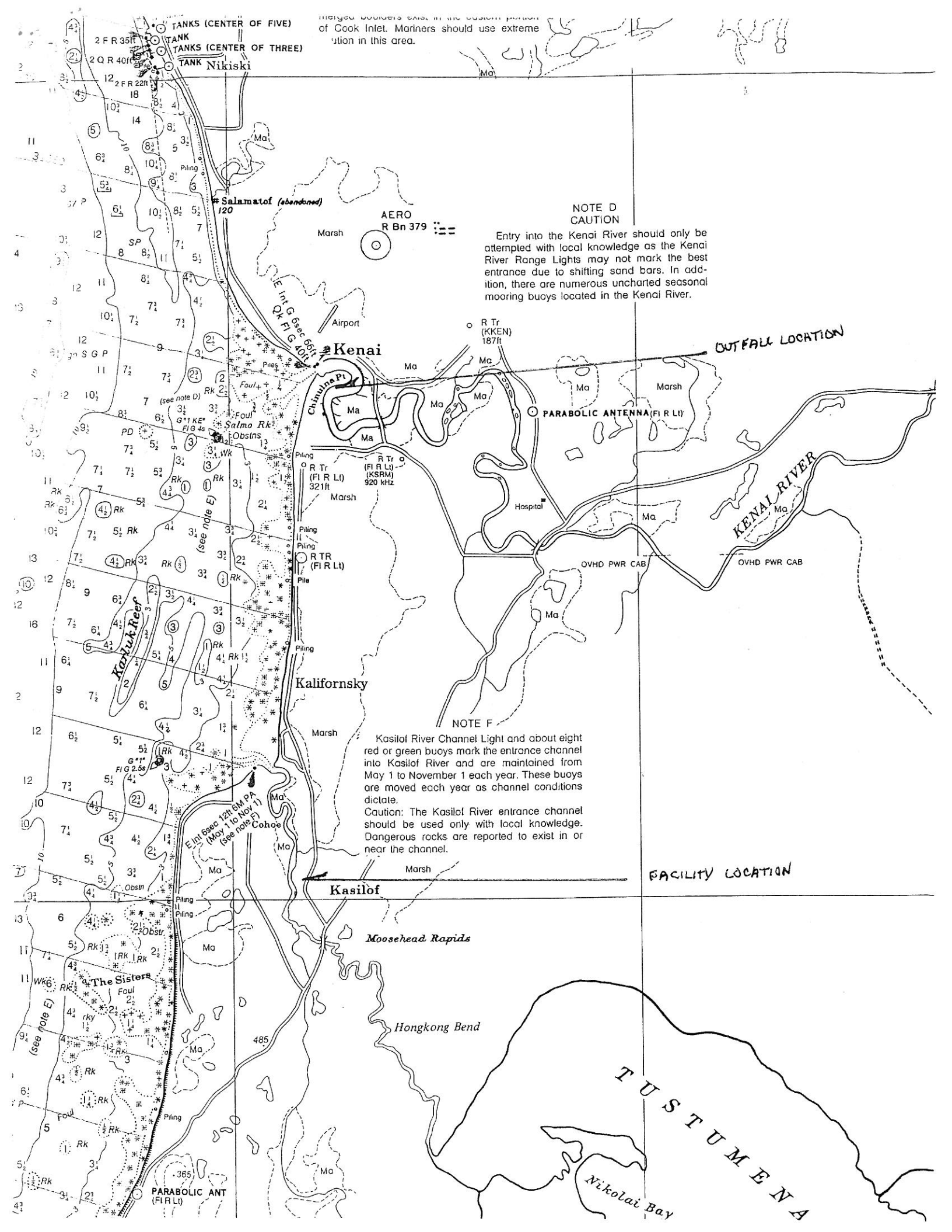
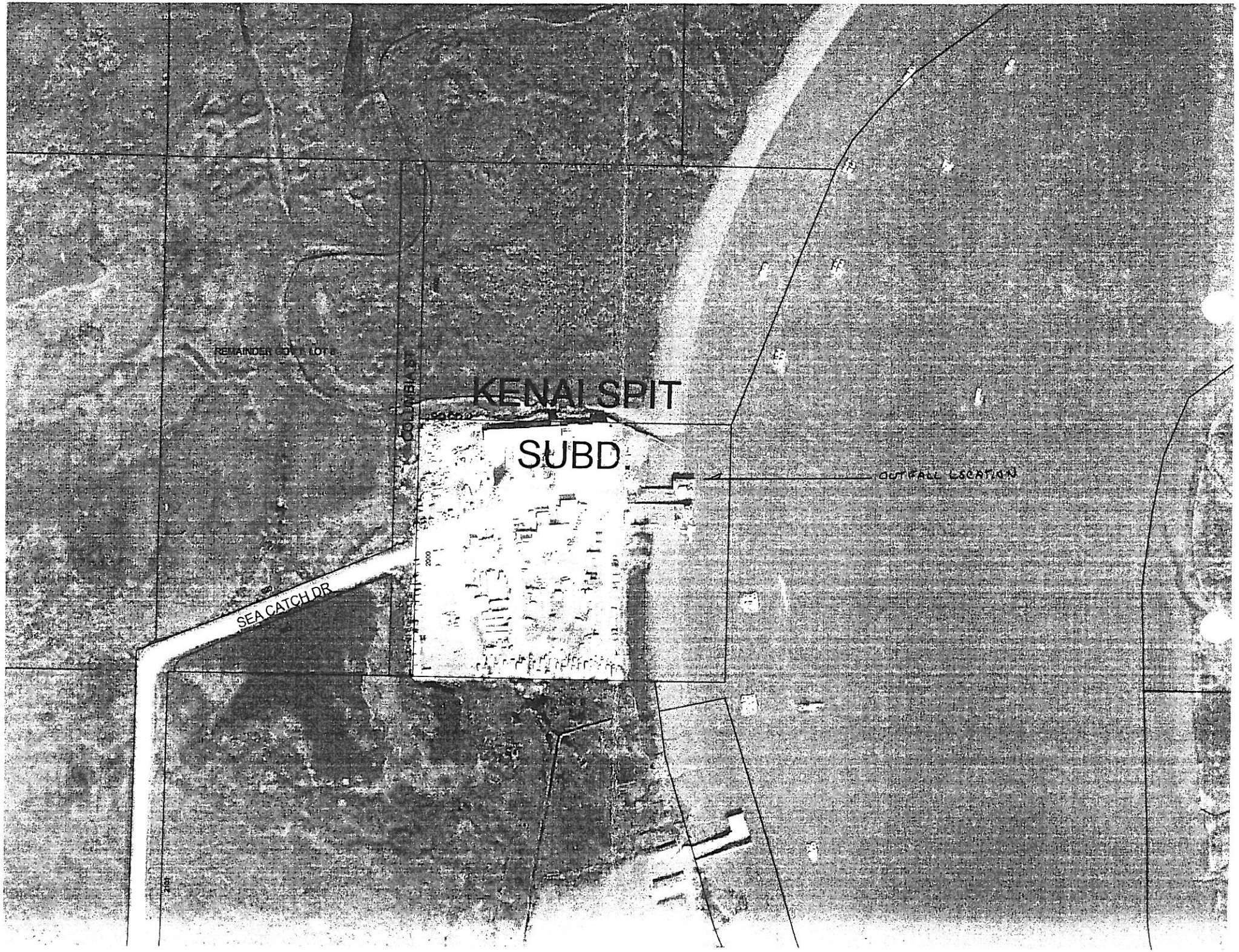
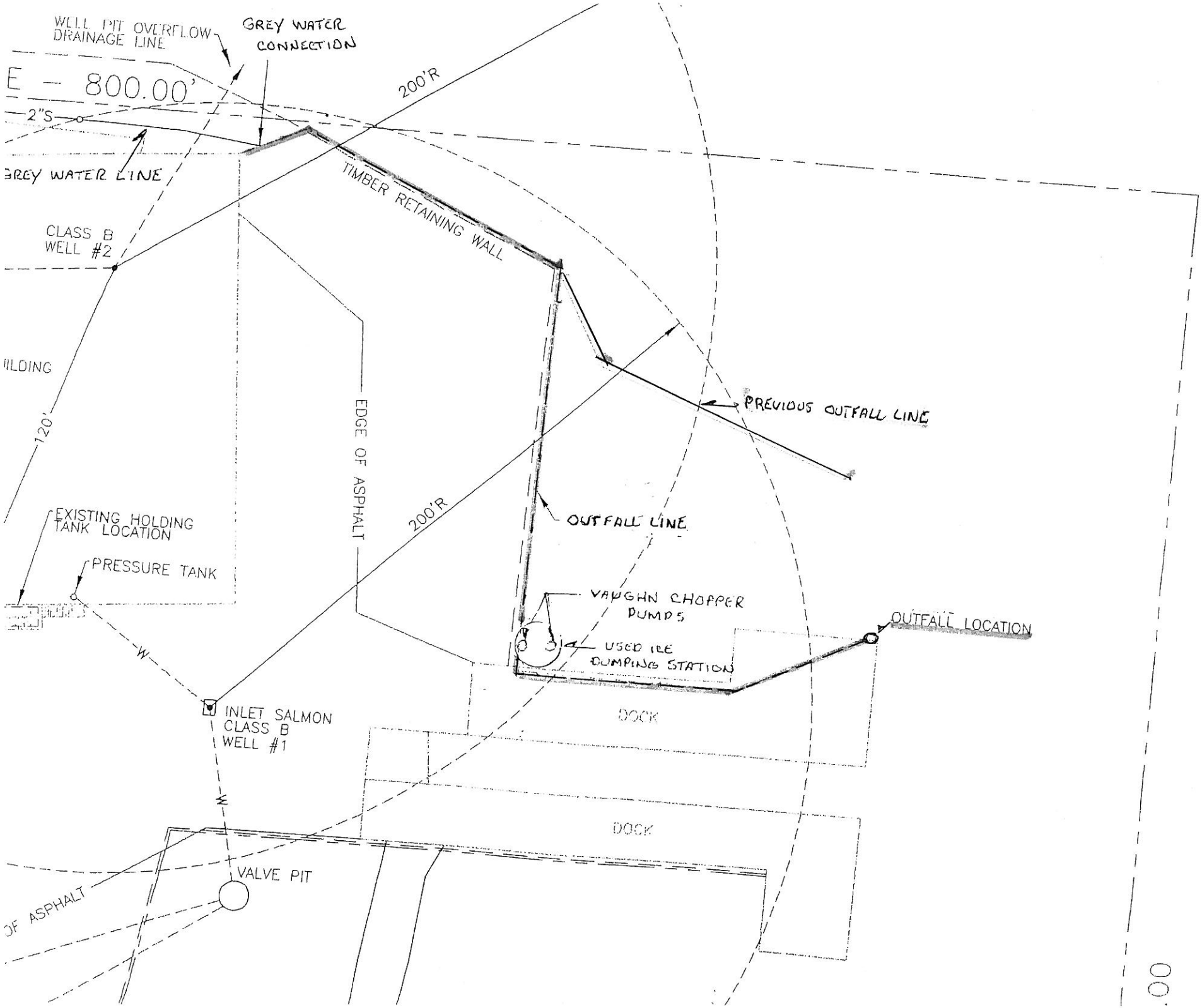
President
Inlet Fish Producers, Inc.


TANKS (CENTER OF FIVE)
TANK
TANKS (CENTER OF THREE)
TANK
Nikiski
Salamatof (abandoned)
AERO
R Bn 379
Marsh
Airport
Kenai
Chinulna Pt
R Tr (KKEN) 187ft
OUTFALL LOCATION
PARABOLIC ANTENNA (Fl R Lt)
Salmo Rk
R Tr (Fl R Lt) 321ft
R Tr (Fl R Lt) (KSRM) 920 kHz
Hospital
KENAI RIVER
OVHD PWR CAB
R TR (Fl R Lt)
Karluk Reef
Kalifornsky
Cohoe
Kasilof
FACILITY LOCATION
Moosehead Rapids
The Sisters
Hongkong Bend
TUSTUMENA
Nikolai Bay
PARABOLIC ANT (Fl R Lt)
NOTE D
CAUTION
Entry into the Kenai River should only be attempted with local knowledge as the Kenai River Range Lights may not mark the best entrance due to shifting sand bars. In addition, there are numerous uncharted seasonal mooring buoys located in the Kenai River.
NOTE F
Kasilof River Channel Light and about eight red or green buoys mark the entrance channel into Kasilof River and are maintained from May 1 to November 1 each year. These buoys are moved each year as channel conditions dictate.
Caution: The Kasilof River entrance channel should be used only with local knowledge. Dangerous rocks are reported to exist in or near the channel.


KENAI SPIT
SUBD
SEA CATCH DR
OUTFALL LOCATION
REMAINDER OF 1 LOT
COLUMBIA ST
2000


WELL PIT OVERFLOW DRAINAGE LINE
GREY WATER CONNECTION
E – 800.00'
2"S
GREY WATER LINE
200'R
TIMBER RETAINING WALL
CLASS B WELL #2
ILDING
120'
EDGE OF ASPHALT
PREVIOUS OUTFALL LINE
EXISTING HOLDING TANK LOCATION
PRESSURE TANK
200'R
OUTFALL LINE
VAUGHN CHOPPER PUMPS
USED ICE DUMPING STATION
OUTFALL LOCATION
W
INLET SALMON CLASS B WELL #1
DOCK
DOCK
VALVE PIT
OF ASPHALT