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July 26, 2012

Mr. Reese Huhta
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420 L Street Suite 310
Anchorage, AK 99501

DEC File:630.54.001

Re: **Norton Sound Seafood Products Unalakleet Plant, APDES Permit No. AKG520508, Notice of Coverage and Authorization to Discharge**

Dear Mr. Huhta:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received and reviewed your updated June 25, 2012 Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by APDES Permit AKG520000, the general permit for Alaskan seafood processing facilities. This permit was issued and became effective on July 27, 2001. On October 31, 2008, the administratively extended permit transferred to DEC authority. Your unique identifier under this permit is provided above and on the enclosed title page of the permit. Please use this designated number and associated DEC File number in any correspondence with or reporting to DEC.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation is authorized to discharge seafood waste as specified in the June 25, 2012 Notice of Intent. The seafood processing waste discharged shall meet all the requirements as set out in the AKG520000 general permit including Part V. C. Shorebased Seafood Processors.

The department has both an informal review process and a formal administrative appeal process for final APDES permit decisions. An informal review request must be delivered with 15 days after receiving the department's decision to the Director of Water at the following address

Director of Water
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK, 99501

Interested persons can review 18 AAC 15.185 for the procedures and substantive requirements regarding a request for an informal department review. See http://www.dec.state.ak.us/commish/ReviewGuidance.htm for information regarding appeals of department decisions.

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 Permit 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 Permit Part VI.A). The permit requires that you submit an **annual report** on seafood processing activity, discharges, noncompliance, and process changes (see Permit 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 Permit Part VI.C and D).

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

Any reports of noncompliance with permit requirements shall be reported by telephone to DEC to the following location:

Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Water
Compliance and Enforcement Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Telephone Nationwide (877) 569-4114
In Anchorage Area/International (907)-269-4114
Fax (907) 269-4604
Email: dec-wqreporting@alaska.gov

A copy of the enclosed title page, this authorization, and the APDES permit AKG520000 shall be kept at both the facility and at your business office.

An adjudicatory hearing request must be delivered to the Commissioner of the Department within 30 days of the permit decision or a decision issued under the informal review process, whichever is later. An adjudicatory hearing will be conducted by an administrative law judge in the Office of Administrative Hearings within the Department of Administration. A written request for an adjudicatory hearing shall be delivered to the Commissioner at the following address

Commissioner
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303
Juneau, AK 99811-1800

Interested persons can review 18 AAC 15.200 for the procedures and substantive requirements regarding a request for an adjudicatory hearing. See http://www.dec.state.ak.us/commish/ReviewGuidance.htm for information regarding appeals of Department decisions.

If you have questions about the issuance of this authorization, please contact Fran Roche at fran.roche@alaska.gov or 907-465-5320.

If you have questions regarding compliance with any permit or authorization requirement, please contact Honor Carpenter at honor.carpenter@alaska.gov or 907-465-5276 for southeast locations or Kara Kusche at kara.kusche@alaska.gov or 907-269-7556 for all other locations.

Sincerely,

Shawn Stokes
Program Manager
Wastewater Discharge Program

Enclosure: Authorization AKG520508

Permit ID 3516.2
Facility ID 618.2

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

Division of Water

Authorization to Discharge

AKG520508

Submit Information to:

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

On October 31, 2008, the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation assumed authority over this permit.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE
ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELMINATION SYSTEM FOR

Norton Sound Seafood Products Unalakleet Plant

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §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 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 is effective July 27, 2001

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

SIGNATURE ON FILE	December 2, 2008
Signature	Date
Sharmon M. Stambaugh	Program Manager
Printed Name	Title

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

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