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February 23, 2016

Mr. Robert Torres
North Pacific Seafoods, Inc.
329 Katlian Street
Sitka, AK 99835

DEC File No. WPC: 1525.54.002

Re: North Pacific Seafoods Sitka Plant, F/V Hula Girl, APDES Permit No. AKG523057, Notice of Coverage and Authorization to Discharge

Dear Mr. Torres:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has completed its review of the Notice of Intent for North Pacific Seafoods Sitka Plant F/V Hula Girl Offshore Processing Vessel and is issuing authorization AKG523057.

The AKG523000 general permit is scheduled to expire June 30, 2016, and DEC intends to reissue the general permit by that date. In accordance with AKG523000, Section 4.3.5 (Duty to Reapply), your February 1, 2016 NOI application package fulfills the obligation to reapply at least 90 days (April 1, 2016) prior to the expiration date of the permit.

Should the AKG523000 general permit not be re-issued prior to expiration, your complete and timely application package qualifies you for administrative extension of your APDES authorization until a new permit is issued. You should expect to receive further written communication from DEC regarding your AKG523000 permit status closer to the permit expiration date.

North Pacific Seafoods Sitka Plant is authorized to discharge seafood waste using the F/V Hula Girl in-transit vessel at the following sites (as requested in the February 1, 2016 Notice of Intent):

Site Name	Shape of Area of Discharge	Seafood processing waste discharge location name (Receiving Water Name or Operational Area Designation)	Latitude	Longitude
Eastern Channel Mark 001	An approximate 1.3 nautical mile line connecting Mark 001 to Mark 002	Sitka Sound-Eastern Channel	57.014206	-135.340554
Eastern Channel Mark 002	An approximate 1.3 nautical mile line connecting Mark 001 to Mark 002	Sitka Sound-Eastern Channel	57.022444	-135.304801

Permit ID: 12398.2
Facility ID: 709.3

Eastern Channel Mark 003	An approximate 1.2 nautical mile line connecting Mark 002 to Mark 003	Sitka Sound-Eastern Channel	57.023294	-135.269173

If you have questions about the issuance of this authorization, please contact Jackie Ebert at jackie.ebert@alaska.gov or 907-465-5336.

If you have questions regarding compliance with any permit or authorization requirement, please contact Kristi Asplund at kristi.asplund@alaska.gov or 907-465-5308 for southeast locations, or Darren Stewart at darren.stewart@alaska.gov or 907-269-7550 for all other locations.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Crapps
Section Manager
Domestic & Industrial Utilities
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Enclosure: Authorization AKG523057
AKG523057 Notice of Intent

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Authorization to Discharge

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) FOR ALASKA OFFSHORE SEAFOOD PROCESSORS.

FACILITY ASSIGNED AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: AKG523057

DEC File Number: 1525.54.002

***GENERAL PERMIT NUMBER:* AKG523000**
See this General Permit for all permit requirements.

The following facility is authorized to discharge in accordance with the terms of the APDES General Permit AKG523000 and any site specific requirements listed in this authorization.

The authorization effective date is **February 19, 2016.**

The authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, **June 30, 2016**.

The permittee must reapply for an authorization on or before **April 1, 2016** if the permittee intends to continue operations and discharges from the facility. This authorization demonstrates that the applicant has fulfilled the obligation to reapply for permit coverage at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of the permit and that their application has been found timely and complete.

SECTION 1 – RESPONSIBLE PARTY INFORMATION

Issued to:	North Pacific Seafoods Sitka Plant

SECTION 2 – FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility Name:	North Pacific Seafoods Sitka Plant F/V Hula Girl Offshore Processing Vessel
Authorized Discharge Locations:	As designated on the Notice of Intent (NOI) dated 2/1/2016.
APDES Permit Category:	Seafood Processing
Category(ies) of Processor:	Mobile transport vessel discharging seafood processing waste while in transit in waters between 0.5 nm and 3.0 nm from shore at MLLW or baseline.

Latitude: As designated on the NOI	Longitude: As designated on the NOI

Permit ID: 12398.2
Facility ID: 709.3

SECTION 3 – REGULATED DISCHARGE INFORMATION – EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
Effluent Limitations	
Effluent Compliance Point:	At the point of discharge in the receiving water.
Amount of Seafood Waste Discharge Limitation:	An operator shall not discharge an amount (by weight) of seafood processing waste on a daily or annual basis which exceeds the: amount for each single location and area of operation as projected on the Notice of Intent.
Monitoring Requirements	
Effluent Monitoring begins January 2013 and continues until permit coverage expires.	
Effluent Monitoring Point:	Sample port prior to the discharge entering the receiving water.
See Tables 2, 3, 4, and 5 of permit AKG523000 for monitoring requirements.	

SECTION 4 – RECEIVING AREA INFORMATION-RECEIVING WATER			
Receiving Area Name:	As designated on the NOI		
Latitude:	As designated on the NOI	Longitude:	As designated on the NOI
Monitoring Requirements: See Permit Part 5.1.4 for Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements			
Mixing Zone Authorization			
Mixing Zone Compliance Point:	All Alaska Water Quality Standards shall be met at the boundary of each authorized mixing zone at each single discharge location or area of operation.		
Mixing Zone Authorization:	The discharge is assigned a mixing zone at each authorized discharge location listed in the NOI.		
Mixing Zone Description:	The mixing zone size for each discharge location or area of operation listed in the NOI is a circle with a 100 foot radius centered at the outfall pipe or discharge pipe terminus extending vertically up to the surface and down to the seafloor.		
Water quality criteria that may be exceeded within each mixing zone:	Dissolved gas, oil and grease, pH, temperature, color, turbidity, residues, fecal coliform bacteria, total residual chlorine and enterococci bacteria.		

SECTION 5 – SITE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
(Any additional requirements to those already listed in the general permit)

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The two dedicated phone numbers are to be used for verbal notification within 24 hours of an incident of non-compliance. The required written follow-up notification can be provided via fax, email, or U.S. Postal Service.

Toll Free Nationwide: 1-877-569-4114
Anchorage or International: 1-907-269-4114
The Compliance fax number is: 1-907-269-4604
Emails can be sent to: dec-wqreporting@alaska.gov

Mailing Address is:
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Attn: Compliance and Enforcement Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

SECTION 6 – CERTIFICATION/SIGNATURE

Earl L. Crapps	February 23, 2016
Signature	Date
	Section Manager Domestic & Industrial Utilities
Earl L. Crapps	
Printed Name	Title

SECTION 7 – ATTACHMENTS

The following AKG523000 Offshore Seafood Processor reporting forms are available electronically by clicking on the icons immediately following the form title.

AKG523000 Offshore Seafood Annual Report Form
AKG523000 Offshore Seafood Survey Form
AKG523000 Annual Report Attachment
Attachment B Grinder Log Form
Attachment C Sea Surface Log Form
Attachment D-2 Seafloor Transect Form
Attachment F BMP Certification Form