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Bill Abbott, Harbormaster
City of Homer
491 East Pioneer Avenue
Homer, AK 99603

Re: NPDES Permit No. **AK-G52-0518**, Notice of Coverage and Authorization to Discharge

Dear Mr. Abbott:

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 the current reported discharge depth of less than -60 ft MLLW due to the discharge location of a shallow tidal river. You have reported that the currents reach speeds of three knots 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.

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