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

May 1, 2000

Reply To
Attn Of: OW-133

CERTIFIED MAIL -- RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Bill Abbott, Port Director/Harbormaster
City of Homer Port/Harbor
4350 Homer Spit Road
Homer, Alaska 99603

Re: Port and Harbor of Homer - Fish Waste Grinder near Fish Dock
Seafood General Permit No. AK-G52-0518

Dear Mr. Abbott:

We have received your Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) AK-G52-0000, the statewide general permit for seafood processors in Alaska. This permit became effect on August 4, 1995, and expires August 4, 2000.

Your request for coverage under the Seafood General Permit has been granted and your unique identifier under this permit is AK-G52-0518 Please use this designated number in any correspondence with EPA.

A new permit is being prepared for reissuance and EPA has requested all permittees wishing to continue coverage to submit a new NOI by June 4, 2000; however, you will not need to submit a new NOI unless there is a change in operation. We will use this NOI to authorize the discharge under the permit to be issued in August 2000.

We have received a copy of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's approval of the grinding facility located in the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area. We will assume that this approval will be continued upon the reissuance of the new permit.

Enclosed is a title page which shows your company name and designated coverage number. The permit and title page as well as a copy of this letter must be kept on site where the grinder is located.

Part V.C explains the requirements for shorebased operations under the permit. The sea surface and shoreline monitoring program is an important requirement for shorebased facilities. A dive survey will be required during the first year of coverage under the 2000 permit.

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The annual report is due by January 31 each year of operation. You will find a form in the permit to assist you in completing the annual report.

Please review the permit section on the Best Management Practices (BMP) plan in Part VI.A. For your grinding facility, the BMP plan would mainly address methods to keep the wastes from being washed into the harbor and other housekeeping items. A letter of certification that the BMP plan has been developed and implemented is due to EPA by November 30, 2000.

Any report of noncompliance with permit requirements -- such as the breakdown of the grinder -- is to be reported within 24-hours by telephone to (206) 553-1846 (see Part VII.C on page 31 of the permit).

If you have any questions about the statewide general seafood permit, please feel free to call me in Seattle at (206) 553-1760.

Sincerely,

Florence K. Carroll

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Compliance Officer

Enclosures: Title Page and Permit