

Notice of Application for Water Quality Variance – Kuluk Bay, Golden Harvest Alaska Seafood Facility

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received Golden Harvest Alaska Seafood's complete application for a short-term Water Quality Variance (WQV) for the aeration of deposited seafood waste material in Kuluk Bay. The proposed activity includes aeration of deposited seafood processing waste in an approximately 4-acre area of seafloor adjacent to the Golden Harvest Alaska Seafood facility in Adak. DEC proposes to issue and has prepared a draft Short-term Water Quality Variance (WQV) for review, under Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) 18 AAC 70.200.

Applicant: Golden Harvest Alaska Seafood, 2219 Rimland Dr, Bellingham, WA 98228

Location: Seafloor deposits from the Golden Harvest Alaska Seafood facility at 100 Seawall Rd, Adak, AK 99546

Activity: Golden Harvest Alaska Seafood is proposing to aerate seafood processing waste deposits in an approximately 4-acre area in Kuluk Bay, surrounding the terminus of the facility's current seafood processing outfall and other historic outfall terminus locations.

Application: June 5, 2019.

DEC Preliminary Review: Based on review of the application, DEC is proposing to issue a Short-term WQV.

Available Information: Copies of DEC's draft WQV are available at DEC's Anchorage office, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501; (907) 269-6285.

The administrative record for this permit is available for review at DEC's Anchorage office. The draft WQV, Decision Document, and Golden Harvest Alaska Seafood's application materials may also be accessed from the Department's Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program website: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/public-notices>

Public Comment Period Start Date: June 17, 2019

Public Comment Period Expiration Date: July 18, 2019

Opportunity for Public Participation: Persons wishing to comment on the draft short-term water quality variance (WQV) for this activity may do so in writing by **5 p.m., July 18, 2019**, the expiration date of the public comment period. Written comments will be included in the record if received by close of the comment period. Consistent with 18 AAC 15.060(b), the Department will hold a public hearing for a short-term variance from Water Quality Standards if it determines good cause exists. In accordance with 18 AAC 15.060(c), a hearing will be held no sooner than 15 days, nor more than 30 days, following publication of the notice of public hearing.

DEC will issue a final decision to issue the WQV after the close of the public comment period. DEC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Theresa Zimmerman at (907) 465-6171 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 15 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Please direct written statements or requests relevant to the application or draft WQV to Anne Weaver, DEC – WDAP, 555 Cordova St, Anchorage, AK 99501, by fax to (907) 269-3487, or e-mail to Anne.Weaver@alaska.gov. Comments must be received by close of public comment at 5 p.m. on July 18, 2019.