

**Notification** 0028  
**To be covered under the General NPDES Permit AK-G70-0000 for**  
**Log Transfer Facilities in Alaska**  
 (see Part V of the permit)

Submission of this document constitutes a request that certain discharges into waters of the United States resulting from the operation of the log transfer facility identified herein be authorized under General NPDES Permit AK-G70-0000.

Previously Assigned NPDES Permit No. (if applicable):

NPDES Permit No. AK-G70-0 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (to be assigned by EPA)

**Landowner Information**

Landowner Name: USDA Forest Service Alaska Region Tongass National Forest

Address: 648 Mission Street, Federal Building  
 Ketchikan, AK 99901

Phone: (907) 228-6200

FAX: (907) 228-6292

Representative: THOMAS PUCHLERZ

**Operator Information**

Company Name: Pacific Log & Lumber, LTD

Address: P.O. Box 5138  
 Ketchikan, AK 99901

Phone: (907) 247-6731

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Representative: Frank Age and Steve Seley

**Facility Information**

Section 404 Permit No., Facility Name on Permit, and Issuance Date: 071-OYD-2-750228, Rowan Bay, 08/22/1972

Waterway Name: Chatham Strait 60

Facility Name: Rowan Bay

Address: Sec. 17, T.60S., R.71E., C.R.M.

Phone: N/A

FAX: N/A

Latitude/Longitude: 56°40'04" N/ 134°15'24" W

Distance/Direction to nearest town/city: 50.7 miles W of Petersburg, AK; 24.4 miles SW of Kake, AK.

Attachments:  Nautical Chart     Vicinity Map     Plan Drawing     Elevation/Cross Section View

**Description of operations:** Facility is designed to have log bundles placed onto barges by lifting equipment (Yarder or Crane) lifting log bundles brought to the terminal bulkhead by front-end loader or yarder from the 10 acre sort yard adjacent to the facility, then placing bundles onto a barge tied up alongside the bulkhead. Log bundles would be brought to the sort/storage yard by truck, then sorted and stored at the sort/storage yard until being transferred to water or barge.

Direct loading of barges from this LTF is considered good to excellent, but is limited to barges loaded by specialized lifting equipment positioned near the bulkhead face (crane or yarder), or to barges equipped with self-loading equipment. In both cases, bundles are brought to the bulkhead by front-end loader or stacker, and then lifted onto the barge by the lifting equipment.

**Demonstration that operations constitute important or social or economic development in the area and that a zone of deposit is necessary to accommodate operation of the LTF:** The purpose and need for the operation of the LTF is to implement the direction in the Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan, to seek to meet market demand as prescribed in the Tongass Timber Reform Act (1990), to contribute to providing a sustained volume of wood to meet local and national demand, and to provide local and regional employment opportunities.

The movement of logs from uplands to the water creates bark deposition at all log transfer facilities. The extent of the deposit is determined by the amount of timber volume crossing the facility, the frequency of projects utilizing the site, the tidal characteristics immediately adjacent to the LTF, and the methods utilized in transferring logs.

**Describe known existing uses of the receiving water where the LTF is located, and demonstrate that those uses will be fully protected by the proposed operation of the LTF:**

Recreational use, sightseeing, hunting and other upland activities occur in this area. This area is also used as an anchorage for fishing and smaller vessels during big storms.

None of the waterway uses identified above should be hindered by the continued operation and use of the LTF. All reasonable practices will be implemented to avoid the discharge of bark, wood debris, and other pollutants to the receiving waters, and to contain the discharge to the smallest area that is practicable and is consistent with the safe and orderly operation of the LTF.

### Facility Classification

Category:  
 Shore-based  
 Off-shore

Method of Log Transfer: Cellular Sheet Pile barge bulkhead.

Use Description (Type I, II, III, IV or V): III

### Production Data

Expected facility lifespan: 40 to 50 years, with periodic maintenance.

Projected Months of Operation: April through October

Volume to be transferred (board feet, Scribner scale)

Maximum over life of permit: 60 mmbf

Average per year: 12 mmbf

Maximum per year: 20 mmbf

Approximate volume of timber (mmbf) previously transferred over the facility, if known: 539.3 mmbf

### Receiving Water Information

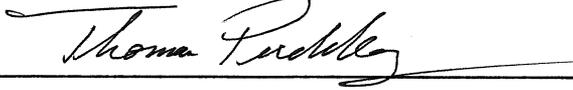
#### ATTACHMENTS (for Type I-IV shore-based LTFs)

Bark monitoring surveys not previously submitted to EPA

### Signature and Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations

Signature of Principal Corporate or Executive Officer/General Proprietor



Printed Name

Jacqueline Myers

Title/Company

Acting Regional Forester/ USDA Forest Service Alaska Region

Date

2/21/2001

Submit this Notice of Intent to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 10  
1200 Sixth Avenue, OW-130  
Seattle, Washington 98101  
Attn: LTF Reporting

Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Air and Water Quality  
410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 105  
Juneau, AK 99801  
Attention: LTF Reporting

Qualified applicants will be authorized to discharge under this general NPDES permit upon receipt of written authorization from EPA.