

**Department of Environmental Conservation
Response to Comments**

For

Port of Alaska Separate Storm Sewer System

APDES Permit No. AKS052426

Public Noticed May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020

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**Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
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1 Introduction

1.1 Summary of Facility / Permit

The Port of Alaska serves as the main port for southcentral Alaska. The commodities include: petroleum, oil and lubricants; general cargo; automobiles; pipe; drilling muds; cement; and other freight. The Port of Alaska MS4 is a system consisting of 21 catch basins and three outfalls to the tide lands of Cook Inlet and Knik Arm. Location 61.2415, -149.8854. The expected discharge consists of typical urban runoff (sediment, minor amounts of petroleum, some floatable debris). There is no estimate on the volume discharged. The Port of Alaska operates a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The storm water from the facility is proposed to be discharged to Knik Arm.

1.2 Opportunities for Public Participation

The Department of Environmental Conservation proposed to issue an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) wastewater discharge permit to the Port of Alaska MS4. To ensure public, agency, and tribal notification and opportunities for participation the Department:

- identified the permit on the annual Permit Issuance Plan posted online at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>
- notified potentially affected tribes that the Department would be working on this permit via letter, fax and/or email
- posted a preliminary draft of the permit on-line for a 10-day applicant review *March 16, 2020* and notified tribes and other agencies
- formally published public notice of the draft permit on *May 1, 2020* in *the Anchorage Daily News* and posted the public notice on the Department's public notice web page
- posted the proposed final permit on-line for a 5-day applicant review
- sent email notifications via the APDES Program List Serve when the preliminary draft, draft, and proposed final permits were available for review

The Department received no comments from interested parties on the draft permit and supporting documents. The Department also requested comment from the Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) Fish and Game (DFG), the National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

This document summarizes the comments submitted and the justification for any action taken or not taken by DEC in response to the comments.

1.3 Final Permit

The final permit was adopted by the Department on June 23, 2020. There were no changes from the public noticed permit. Significant changes are identified in the response to comments and reflected in the final fact sheet for the permit.

2 Comments on the Permit

2.1 Comment Summary

The Department received no comments on the permit.

Response:

The Department has no comment.