PUBLIC NOTICE
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN
ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES)
GENERAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

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**Draft Permit Public Notice Period:**
Public Notice Start Date: July 22, 2022
Public Notice Expiration Date: August 22, 2022

**Permit Number:** AKG572127

**Applicant:**
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation
Armin F Koernig Hatchery Wastewater Treatment Facility
500 First Street
Cordova, AK 99574
Sawmill Bay, Port San Juan in Prince William Sound (60.05001° N, 148.06514° W)

**Proposed Permit Coverage:**
Permit Coverage: The proposed authorization under general permit AKG572000, Small Publicly Owned Treatment Works and other Small Treatment Works Providing Secondary Treatment of Domestic Wastewater and Discharging to Surface Water, authorizes the discharge of secondary treated domestic wastewater from the Armin F. Koernig Hatchery Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) located on Sawmill Bay, Port San Juan in Prince William Sound, Alaska. Domestic wastewater treatment consists of one system and one marine outfall.

Description of Discharge: Design flow for the Armin F. Koernig Hatchery WWTF is 4,800 gallons per day (gpd), with an average monthly rate of 1,800 gpd. The main potential or expected pollutants present in the discharge are fecal coliform bacteria and enterococci bacteria.

Mixing Zone: The Outfall 001A mixing zone is defined as the area within a rectangle having a length of 0.58 meters and a width of 0.44 meters, centered on the end of the outfall pipe.

Antidegradation: For this new discharge, the required form 2G was completed and is included as an attachment to this Public Notice.
The Prince William Sound Aquaculture Association operates Armin F. Koernig Hatchery Wastewater Treatment Facility. The treated wastewater from the facility is discharged to the Sawmill Bay.

**Tentative Determination:**
DEC has tentatively determined to issue a discharge permit for the activity described above.

**Public Comments:**
Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft permit must be submitted within 30 days of the issuance of this public notice. Any person desiring to comment on the permit may submit comments electronically via the DEC public notice site (preferred) at [https://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=JReTF](https://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=JReTF). Alternatively, you may direct written comments and requests to the attention of the DEC contact/permit writer at the email address or postal address identified above.

All comments should include the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern that are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address, telephone number, and email address. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reason in DEC’s discretion.

DEC will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC final decision.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**
8/22/2022 at 11:59 p.m.

**Administrative Record:**
The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, permit application, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

- **Anchorage**, AK 99501
  - 555 Cordova Street
  - 907-269-6285

- **Fairbanks**, AK 99709
  - 610 University Avenue
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- **Juneau**, AK 99811-1800
  - PO Box 1800
  - Location: 410 Willoughby Street, Suite 303

- **Soldotna**, AK 99615
  - 43335 Kalifornsky Beach Road
  - 907-262-5210

- **Wasilla**, AK 99654
  - 1700 E Bogard Road #B, Suite #103
  - 907-376-1850

If you would like further information or to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact Amber Bennett. The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at: [http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/](http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/).
To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, subscribe to the APDES email list at http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/DEC-APDES/.

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The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation 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 Jason Burnett at 907-269-3056 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.