



**Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Water  
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program**

**Small Suction Dredge General Permit – AKG375000  
Discharge Registration – Frequently Asked Questions**

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Suction dredges with intake diameters less than or equal to six inches and horsepower less than or equal to 18 (fresh water) or 23 (marine water) or highbankers (aka powers sluices) that discharge to waters of the U.S. must obtain a discharge authorization under the Small Suction Dredge Placer Miners General Permit (AKG375000), or similar permit, from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

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**What has changed?** DEC reissued the Small Suction Dredge General Permit on February 8, 2018. Overall, the permit requirements have not changed; however, dischargers must now complete an annual online registration and pay a \$25 annual fee. Fees for DEC discharge permits became effective on October 22, 2016 (18 AAC 72).

**How is the registration completed?**

- Step 1. Navigate to the registration page at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/oasys/>.
- Step 2. Click on the large “MyAlaska” button.



- Step 3. Follow the link to create a new account or enter your username & password.
- Step 4. After logging in click on the Mining tab and Registration link.
- Step 5. Fill in the Registration questionnaire and make the payment online with a credit/debit card or checking account.

**Are separate registrations required for each waterbody and piece of equipment?** One registration can cover multiple waterbodies, dredges, and highbankers. However, only one piece of equipment may operate at a time per registration.

**Can a friend or family member operate under my registration?** Yes. Although, the person who submitted the registration will assume responsibility for permit compliance.

**Is an ADF&G Fish Habitat Permit required for the registration?** The DEC registration can be completed first, but any necessary ADF&G permits must be obtained before discharging.

**How can I obtain coordinates for the dredge location?** Location coordinates can be obtained during registration by clicking on the approximate operation area within the web map. The coordinates will auto-populate the latitude & longitude cells.

**What if I have limited internet capabilities?** To keep future permit costs to a minimum, DEC strongly encourages online submittals whenever possible. Operators lacking internet capabilities can contact DEC or visit an office location to discuss options for submitting a hardcopy form.

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