



ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT FACT SHEET – DRAFT
MINOR MODIFICATION
Permit Number: AK0053490
Trident Seafoods – Saint Paul Facility

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Public Comment Period Start Date: **December 8, 2025**
Public Comment Period Expiration Date: **January 7, 2026**
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Proposed modification of an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) permit for
TRIDENT SEAFOODS CORPORATION

For wastewater discharges from
Trident Seafoods – Saint Paul Facility
1027 Harbor Road
Saint Paul, AK 99660

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department or DEC) issued an APDES individual permit (permit) to Trident Seafoods – Saint Paul facility (Trident Saint Paul or the facility) effective January 1, 2025. The permit authorizes and sets conditions on the discharge of pollutants from this facility to waters of the United States. In order to ensure protection of water quality and human health, the permit places limits on the types and amounts of pollutants that can be discharged from the facility and outlines best management practices to which the facility must adhere.

DEC is proposing to modify the permit by adding Part 1.1.2.2 to authorize the discharge of crab rearing waste and wastewater. The planned rearing operations do not meet the thresholds in 40 CFR Part 122 to be considered a concentrated aquatic animal production (CAAP) facility, so the effluent limitation guidelines (ELGs) in 40 CFR Part 451 do not apply. The facility will conduct small-scale king crab rearing, and the resulting waste and wastewater will be discharged through Outfall 001A. The operation will consist of larvae tanks and brood tanks, and effluent seawater will be circulated through a filtration and heat recovery system. The hatchlings will be fed various foods of marine origin. Feeding during the peak month (June) will total 0.75 pounds/day, and the maximum crab yield is expected to be 22 pounds annually. Discharge flow rates will peak at 50 gallons per minute (gpm) or 0.072 million gallons per day (mgd). Water will be heated to 8 °C and filtered through 25-micrometer (µm) mesh. No pharmaceuticals are proposed to be used. Tanks will be drained and cleaned each week, and the bleach used will be neutralized with sodium thiosulfate. Discharges will remain within pH 6.5 – 8.5 SU. The existing permit limitations and conditions are protective of the state's water quality standards.

This fact sheet includes:

- The above general discussion of the proposed permit modification, and
- Information on public comment, public hearing, and appeal procedures.

Public Comment

Persons wishing to comment on or request a public hearing for the draft permit may do so in writing by the expiration date of the public comment period.

Commenters are requested to submit a concise statement on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comments are based. Commenters are encouraged to cite specific permit requirements or conditions in their submittals.

A request for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address, and telephone number. The Department will hold a public hearing whenever the Department finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. The Department 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 the Department's discretion. A public hearing will be held at the closest practicable location to the site of the operation. If the Department holds a public hearing, the Director will appoint a designee to preside at the hearing. The public may also submit written testimony in lieu of or in addition to providing oral testimony at the hearing. A hearing will be tape recorded. If there is sufficient public interest in a hearing, the comment period will be extended to allow time to public notice the hearing. Details about the time and location of the hearing will be provided in a separate notice.

All comments and requests for public hearings must be in writing and should be submitted to the Department at the technical contact address or email identified above (see also the public comments section of the attached public notice). Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public comment period.

After the close of the public comment period and after a public hearing, if applicable, the Department will review the comments received on the draft permit. The Department will respond to the comments received in a Response to Comments document that will be made available to the public. If no substantive comments are received, the tentative conditions in the draft permit will become the proposed final permit.

The proposed final permit will be made publicly available for a five-day applicant review. The applicant may waive this review period. After the close of the proposed final permit review period, the Department will make a final decision regarding permit issuance. A final permit will become effective 30 days after the Department's decision, in accordance with the state's appeals process at 18 AAC 15.185 – 15.340.

The Department will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and the Response to Comments document to anyone who provided comments during the public comment period or who requested to be notified of the Department's final decision.

Informal Review and Adjudicatory Hearing

A person authorized under a provision of 18 AAC 15 may request an informal review of a contested decision by the Division Director in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185 and/or an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195 – 18 AAC 15.340. See DEC's "Appeal a DEC Decision" web page <https://dec.alaska.gov/commish/review-guidance/> for access to the required forms and guidance on the appeal process. Please provide a courtesy copy of the adjudicatory hearing request in an electronic format to the parties required to be served under 18 AAC 15.200. Requests must be submitted no later than the deadline specified in 18 AAC 15.

Documents are Available

The permit, fact sheet, application, and related documents can be obtained by visiting or contacting DEC between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the addresses below. The permit, fact sheet, and other information are located on the Department's Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program website: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>.

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