

**Department of Environmental Conservation  
Response to Comments**

**For**

**Seafood Processors Operating Onshore Facilities in  
Kodiak, Alaska General Permit  
APDES Permit No. AKG528000**

**Public Noticed  
March 15, 2026 – April 15, 2026**

April 28, 2026



Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program  
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# 1.0 Introduction

## 1.1 Summary of Facility / Permit

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC or the Department) proposes to reissue an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) general permit to onshore seafood processing facilities located in Kodiak, Alaska that discharge seafood processing waste and wastewater to waters of the U.S. The permit authorizes discharges to several receiving waters, including Kodiak Harbor, St. Paul Harbor, Gibson Cove, Near Island Channel, Women's Bay, and Woody Island Channel. The permit is the reissuance of AKG528000, previously issued on September 30, 2020.

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 facilities, outlines best management practices (BMPs) to which the facilities must adhere, and requires effluent and receiving water monitoring. Applicants may also request mixing zones for each outfall.

## 1.2 Opportunities for Public Participation

DEC proposes to reissue an APDES wastewater discharge general permit, *Seafood Processors Operating Onshore Facilities in Kodiak, Alaska General Permit*. 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: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/pip/>
- notified potentially affected tribes and local governments that the Department would be working on this permit via letter, fax, and/or email on February 19, 2026
- posted a preliminary draft of the permit online for a 10-day applicant review February 24, 2026 and notified tribes, local government(s), and other agencies
- formally published public notice of the draft permit on March 15, 2026 in the Anchorage Daily News and posted the public notice on the Department's public notice web page
- posted the proposed final permit online for a 5-day applicant review on April 17, 2026
- sent email notifications via the APDES Program list serv when the preliminary draft, draft, and proposed final permits were available for review

The Department did not receive any public comments on the draft permit and supporting documents. The Department requested comment from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Department did not receive comments from any government agencies.

## 1.3 Final Permit

The final permit was adopted by the Department on April 28, 2026.