

NOTICE OF REVIEW APDES Preliminary Draft Permit

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) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEC prepared a draft permit and fact sheet for a formal 30-day public review period. Public comments will be accepted during the formal 30-day review period. You can access the documents on DEC's Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program webpage at: https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater.

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Preliminary Draft Permit Review:

Start Date: March 21, 2025

End Date: April 21, 2025, 11:59 PM Alaska Daylight Time

Permit Number: AK0052566

Applicant:

Seward Association for the Advancement of Marine Science Alaska SeaLife Center 301 Railway Avenue Seward, Alaska 99664

Proposed Project and Location:

Facility Activity:

Discharge of disinfected industrial wastewater from the Alaska SeaLife Center. Discharge shall occur at a daily maximum flow rate of 8.1 million gallons per day.

Discharge Location:

The Alaska SeaLife Center discharges into Resurrection Bay at latitude: 60.0989030° North and longitude: -149.4399160 West.

<u>Description of Discharge:</u> The permitted outfall discharges disinfected industrial wastewater with an average discharge flow of 4.20 mgd. The permit requires monitoring for the following parameters: pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, fecal coliform bacteria, and enterococci bacteria.

Mixing Zones:

No mixing zones were authorized for this permit.

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

Public Comments:

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft permit must be submitted within 30 day of the issuance of this public notice. Any person desiring to comment on the permit may direct written comment 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 and telephone number. 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: 4/21/2024 at 11:59 p.m. Alaska Standard Time

Administrative Record:

The APDES preliminary draft permit, fact sheet, 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.

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If you would like to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact James DeMolina. The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at: https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/

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