ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT FACT SHEET – DRAFT MODIFICATION
Permit Number: AK0037303
Trident Seafoods – Akutan Facility

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
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Public Comment Period Start Date: **March 3, 2026**
Public Comment Period Expiration Date: **April 2, 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 – Akutan Facility
73 Trident Way
Akutan, AK 99553

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department or DEC) issued an APDES individual permit (permit) to Trident Seafoods – Akutan facility (Trident Akutan or the facility) effective October 1, 2023. 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 updating permit Table 3 to increase the daily maximum flow from Outfall 002A to 1.0 million gallons per day (mgd) from 0.37 mgd and updating permit Table 4 to increase the daily maximum flow from Outfall 002B to 0.6 mgd from 0.5 mgd. The temperature limit for Outfall 002A will decrease to 19.0 ˚C instead of 28.0 ˚C, and the temperature limit for Outfall 002B will decrease to 16.1 ˚C instead of 23.7 ˚C. The Department also proposes changing the Outfall 002A mixing zone in permit Part 1.6.4 to a 4-foot radius instead of a 6.6-foot radius and changing the Outfall 002B mixing zone in permit Part 1.6.5 to a 3-foot radius instead of a 6.0-foot radius. Since obtaining the permit in 2023, Trident has begun measuring flow and temperature from Outfall 002A and Outfall 002B instead of estimating, and the new flow and temperature limits and corresponding mixing zone sizes reflect the updated data and new associated modeling.

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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