

**Department of Environmental Conservation
Response to Comments**

For

**Trident Seafoods – Akutan Facility
APDES Permit No. AK0037303 (Modification)**

**Public Noticed
March 3, 2026 – April 2, 2026**

April 15, 2026



1.0 Introduction

1.1 Summary of Facility / Permit

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC or the Department) proposes to modify an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) individual permit for Trident Seafoods – Akutan Facility for discharge of seafood processing waste and wastewater to waters of the U.S. The permit authorizes discharges to Akutan Harbor. The permit is the modification of AK0037303.

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, outlines best management practices (BMPs) to which the facility must adhere, and requires effluent and receiving water monitoring.

1.2 Opportunities for Public Participation

DEC proposed to modify an APDES wastewater discharge individual permit, *Trident Seafoods – Akutan Facility*. To ensure public, agency, and tribal notification and opportunities for participation, the Department:

- formally published public notice of the draft permit modification on March 3, 2026 on the Department’s public notice web page
- sent email notifications via the APDES Program Listserv when the draft permit modification was available for review

The Department received one comment, from Trident, expressing support for the draft permit modification 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 15, 2026.