

# Alaskan Seafood Processing Effluent Guidelines



Tribal Informational Webinar

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# Tribal Informational Webinar Agenda

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# Purpose of the Webinar

The purpose of this informational webinar is to:

- Provide information concerning the Alaskan Seafood Processing Effluent Guidelines Rulemaking
- Hold discussions and respond to questions regarding this action

# Action EPA is Considering

- Effluent Limitations Guidelines and standards (ELGs) are federal, technology-based requirements on pollutant discharges to waters of the United States that must be incorporated into discharge permits. They reflect the capability of technologies to reduce pollutants in discharges. Permits must also include water quality-based limitations.
- The existing ELGs for on-shore seafood processing facilities require solids to be ½ inch or smaller in any dimension prior to discharge.
- EPA is considering establishing limitations on oil and grease and total suspended solids based on screening solids prior to near-shore wastewater discharge.

# Potentially Affected Locations

On-shore seafood processing facilities in:

- Anchorage
- Cordova
- Juneau
- Ketchikan
- Petersburg
- Kenai Peninsula
- Sitka
- Dutch Harbor

# How Tribes Can Inform this Action

- Has your tribe experienced environmental or human health impacts as a result of seafood processing operations?
- Does your tribe own or are your members employed by on-shore seafood processing facilities?
- Would your tribe be impacted by the action under consideration?
- Is there other information your tribe would like to share with EPA related to seafood processing facilities in these locations?

# Tribal Consultation

- Your tribe may request government-to-government consultation with EPA on this action.
- **You have until February 24, 2016 to request consultation.**

# How to Request Tribal Consultation

- You can request to meet with EPA in person and/or via teleconference.
  - Contact Meghan Hessenauer before February 24, 2016 to schedule a consultation meeting.
- You can also provide us with comments now and/or in writing.
  - EPA will consider any comments you provide now or submit to us in writing after the webinar. We will add both oral and written comments to our record for consideration.
  - Email [Hessenauer.Meghan@epa.gov](mailto:Hessenauer.Meghan@epa.gov) before February 24, 2016 with your consultation comments.

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