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*FEB 05 2015*

The Honorable Jeromy Sullivan  
Chairman  
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  
31912 Little Boston Road NE  
Kingston, Washington 98346

Dear Chairman Sullivan:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would like to invite your tribal government to initiate consultation with our Agency regarding the issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Tribal Marine Net Pen Enhancement Facilities within the State of Washington (WAG132000). This new permit will cover tribally operated enhancement net pens in marine waters.

The EPA is planning to public notice the draft NPDES General Permit. Enclosed are preliminary drafts of the permit and fact sheet which explain the conditions in the permit for your review prior to the public comment period.

The EPA has coordinated with and sought early input from the tribes in developing the draft permit. The EPA appreciates the opportunity to work with Abby Welch of your staff on this effort. The coordination effort included two meetings held at the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission on June 25, 2013, and December 4, 2013, to seek input and share draft permit conditions.

The EPA staff contact for this permitting action is Barbara Ross. You can reach her at (206) 553-1985 or [ross.barbara@epa.gov](mailto:ross.barbara@epa.gov). The EPA would appreciate a response to this tribal consultation invitation no later than March 6, 2015. In your response, please include a designated tribal official for my staff to work with in the planning for tribal consultation. If your tribe has a policy regarding consultation with the EPA, please include that, as well. If your tribe does not wish to request tribal consultation, there will still be opportunities to be involved and provide comments now or during the EPA's public comment period.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 553-1855, if you or your tribal government have any questions or concerns regarding this letter. I look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Daniel D. Opalski, Director  
Office of Water and Watersheds

Enclosures

cc: Abby Welch, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (via electronic transmission)  
Alan Moomaw, EPA Tribal Coordinator (via electronic transmission)



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The Honorable Charles "Guy" Miller  
Chairman  
Skokomish Tribe  
80 North Tribal Center Road  
Shelton, Washington 98584

Dear Chairman Miller:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would like to invite your tribal government to initiate consultation with our Agency regarding the issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Tribal Marine Net Pen Enhancement Facilities within the State of Washington (WAG132000). This new permit will cover tribally operated enhancement net pens in marine waters.

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The Honorable David Lopeman  
Chairman  
Squaxin Island Tribe  
10 Southeast Squaxin Lane  
Shelton, Washington 98584

Dear Chairman Lopeman:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would like to invite your tribal government to initiate consultation with our Agency regarding the issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Tribal Marine Net Pen Enhancement Facilities within the State of Washington (WAG132000). This new permit will cover tribally operated enhancement net pens in marine waters.

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The EPA has coordinated with and sought early input from the tribes in developing the draft permit. The EPA appreciates the opportunity to work with Jeff Dickison of your staff on this effort. We especially thank Jeff, Andy Whitener and Erica Marbet for meeting with us and sharing information about the Squaxin Island Net Pens on October 21, 2014. The coordination effort also included two meetings held at the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission on June 25, 2013, and December 4, 2013, to seek input and share draft permit conditions.

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- cc: Jeff Dickison, Squaxin Island Tribe (via electronic transmission)  
Andy Whitener, Squaxin Island Tribe (via electronic transmission)  
Erica Marbet, Squaxin Island Tribe (via electronic transmission)  
Alan Moomaw, EPA Tribal Coordinator (via electronic transmission)



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The Honorable Leonard Forsman  
Chairman  
Suquamish Tribe  
PO Box 498  
Suquamish, Washington 98392

Dear Chairman Forsman:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would like to invite your tribal government to initiate consultation with our Agency regarding the issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Tribal Marine Net Pen Enhancement Facilities within the State of Washington (WAG132000). This new permit will cover tribally operated enhancement net pens in marine waters.

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The EPA has coordinated with and sought early input from the tribes in developing the draft permit. The EPA appreciates the opportunity to work with Jay Zischke and Mike Huff of your staff on this effort. We especially appreciate Jay and Mike for taking the EPA staff on an informative tour of the Suquamish Net Pens. The coordination effort also included two meetings held at the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission on June 25, 2013, and December 4, 2013, to seek input and share draft permit conditions.

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Mike Huff, Suquamish Tribe (via electronic transmission)  
Alan Moomaw, EPA Tribal Coordinator (via electronic transmission)