

Notice of Issuance of Short-term Water Quality Variance to Unisea, Inc. – Dutch Harbor Facility for Discharges to Unalaska Bay.

Following the close of a 30-day public notice period, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has made a decision to issue a short-term Water Quality Variance (WQV) for Unisea, Inc. – Dutch Harbor facility, under Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) 18 AAC 70.200. You can access the final WQV and associated documents at DEC's Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program web page at: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>

Facility:

UNISEA, INC. – Dutch Harbor Facility, **Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 97019, Redmond, WA 98073, **Physical Address:** 88 Salmon Way, Dutch Harbor, AK 99692

Discharge Activity:

Unisea proposed the dredge removal of approximately 11,000 cubic yards of seafood processing waste deposits located on the seafloor in Unalaska Bay. Dredging is proposed near the terminus of the active seafood processing Outfalls 001 A-E and decommissioned Quad lines and Pac Pearl outfall lines, as well as dewatering the dredged seafood waste, and then transporting and discharging the material in outer Unalaska Bay.

Final Decision:

The Department did not receive written comments on the draft short-term WQV, nor was a public hearing requested. Accordingly, the conditions included in the draft short-term WQV have become the final short-term WQV conditions. This is DEC's final decision regarding the short-term WQV. The short-term WQV's effective date is the date it is issued.

The Department has a formal administrative appeal process for final decisions. A person aggrieved by the department's decision may request an adjudicatory hearing under 18 AAC 15.200. Interested persons can review 18 AAC 15.200 for the procedures and substantive requirements regarding a request for an adjudicatory hearing. See <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/commish/ReviewGuidance.htm> for information regarding appeals of Department decisions.

An adjudicatory hearing request must be delivered to the Commissioner of the Department within 30 days of the final decision. An adjudicatory hearing will be conducted by an administrative law judge in the Office of Administrative Hearings within the Department of Administration. A written request for an adjudicatory hearing shall be delivered to the Commissioner at the following address:

Commissioner Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation 410 Willoughby Street, Suite 303 Juneau AK, 99811-1800
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Documents are Available:

The application and final short-term WQV documents can be obtained by visiting or contacting DEC between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the address below, or may be

accessed from the Department's Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program website:
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>.

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