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August 17, 2021

Amber Little, Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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Dear Amber Little:

Re: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. WA0002186 Pacific Shellfish - South Bend, LLC, noncompliance notification

Our office has completed review of your June 2021 Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). The DMR indicates your discharge did not comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements established in your permit. The following was not in compliance:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Outfall Number</u> | <u>Monitoring Parameter</u> | <u>Sample Measurement</u> | <u>Permit Requirement</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| June 2021 | 001 | Avg. Monthly Fecal Coliform | 380 #/100ml | 200 #/100ml |

Your permit requires you to report permit violations. The checked item below indicates if further notification is required regarding the above violations.

- No further action is required. You have already submitted a violation report or explained the cause of the violation in your Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). You have already complied with this requirement. **The monthly average limitation for fecal coliform was exceeded. The limit is 200 colonies/100mL and the result was 300 colonies/100mL. This exceedance was reported to Ecology (Report #707953). The peracetic acid treatment system was thoroughly inspected and appeared to be in good working order. No immediate causes for the fecal coliform exceedance were identified. Going forward, multiple fecal coliform samples will be collected and analyzed if the results of the initial sample exceed 200 colonies/100mL to average the results below the limit. One flow meter reading was unable to be collected (6/17/21) upon discovering that the sump pump was off. The cause of the sump pump turning off is unknown. It was turned back on and meter readings resumed on 6/18/21. Since it's unclear what caused the pump to turn off, there is nothing more to do since the pump is now working properly. If the problem persists, we will readdress.**
- You must submit a violation report immediately (instructions included). You have not submitted a violation report for the violation and have not explained the cause of the violation in your DMR, therefore you are in violation of your permit. You may refer to your permit for more information about submitting a violation report.

Reports which do not comply with permit limits and/or monitoring requirements are treated as violations. If this letter is incorrect or you have questions or comments, please contact Marc Pacifico, at 360-522-6883 or by e-mail at MPAC461@ECY.WA.GOV.

The effluent limits established in your permit were derived considering the treatment technology employed at your facility, receiving water quality, the environmental impacts of your discharge, and statistical reliability associated with sampling and laboratory procedures.

Compliance Assurance is the goal of the Clean Water Act's self-monitoring program. The DMR is the principle tool used to enforce the self-monitoring program. Be aware of the importance the Department of Ecology (Department) places on complete and accurate DMRs and the legal implications they have for your facility. Noncompliance with the limits, monitoring requirements, terms and/or conditions established in your permit may result in formal enforcement action by the Department.

If you have any questions about your permit or need technical assistance with your facility or for completing your monitoring reports, please contact Hiro Kusakabe, at 360-810-1340 or by e-mail at hkus461@ECY.WA.GOV.

Sincerely,



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