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January 18, 2022

Amy Wentworth, Director of Regulatory Affairs
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Dear Amy Wentworth:

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

Our office has completed review of your November 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:

Date	Outfall Number	Monitoring Parameter	Sample Measurement	Permit Requirement
Nov. 2021	001	Min. pH	4.7 S.U.	6.0 S.U.

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 low pH value was determined to be caused by a faulty sensor on the automatic pump that doses peracetic acid (PAA) to the wastewater to reduce fecal coliform bacteria. The pump failure resulted in higher amounts of PAA being dispersed than normal. Once discovering this, the dosing instrument was shut off and the PAA system was managed manually until a new pump can be installed by our chemical vendor, Northstar. The replacement pump was ordered and has not arrived as of the date of this letter; likely due to ongoing supply chain issues.**
- ☐ 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 Honor Carpenter, at 360-485-2701 or by e-mail at hcar461@ECY.WA.GOV.

Sincerely,



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