

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

Permit No. WA0029262

Applicant: Penn Cove Shellfish
Samish Bay Plant
11272 Blue Herron Road
Bow, Skagit County

Penn Cove Shellfish has reapplied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with the provisions of [Chapter 90.48 RCW](#) Revised Code of Washington, [Chapter 173-220 WAC](#) Washington Administrative Code and the Federal Clean Water Act.

The wastewater, following treatment, must meet the requirements of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations for a permit to be issued. Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would allow the discharge of screened and settled process wastewater and washwater into Samish Bay.

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit, fact sheet and related documents may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Ecology) website: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/DocumentSearch.aspx> by entering permit number WA0029262. These documents are also available at Ecology’s Northwest Regional Office, by appointment only, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, weekdays. To schedule an appointment to view copies, call 206-594-0000, or email nwropublicrequest@ecy.wa.gov.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

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Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary.

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