



Report Date: March 15, 2018

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Albion Fisheries Ltd.

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Dear Albion Fisheries Ltd.:

Re: Non-compliance Advisory Letter, Permit 103864, District Lot 2974, Queen Charlotte Land District,

On February 27, 2018, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Environmental Protection Division staff conducted an office review inspection of your facility, Albion Fisheries Ltd. located at District Lot 2974, Queen Charlotte Land District, Fish Processing Plant with authorization number 103864 under the *Environmental Management Act*.

This Advisory, the alleged violations and the circumstances to which it refers will form part of the compliance history of Albion Fisheries Ltd., and will be taken into account in the event of future non-compliance.

Please note that this authorization is considered to be out of compliance until such a time as it can be confirmed to meet the authorization requirements.

Inspection Details:

Requirement Description:	2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, 2.1 Plant Effluent Piping to Municipal Sewer System 2.1: 2.1 The Permittee shall provide to the Regional Manager, Environmental Protection a written report on the status of implementation for plumbing their effluent discharges to the local municipal Sewer system as part their action Plan to Environment Canada. The status report shall be submitted quarterly starting June 1st until the project is completed. The continued authorization of effluent disposal as permitted in Section 1.2 will be reviewed quarterly.
Details/Findings:	No quarterly written reports on the status of implementation for plumbing the effluent discharges to the local municipal sewer system were submitted in late 2017 or so far in 2018. On February 26, 2018, Officer Colin Meldrum contacted Mr. Thomas Argue, Operations Supervisor at Albion Fisheries Ltd. Mr. Argue indicated that the facility has been waiting for Small Craft Harbours to complete the construction necessary for the effluent discharge to be connected to the local municipal sewer system. He stated that Phase 1 of the construction, which is the dock works, is currently taking place. Once that is completed, Phase 2, which is the construction of a new building and the necessary connection to the sewer system, will take place. He estimated that the completion of these two Phases may take three to five years.

Compliance:	Out
Actions to be taken:	Please submit quarterly reports on the status of implementation for plumbing the effluent discharges to the local municipal sewer system to the Ministry's Routine Environmental Reporting Submission Mailbox at EnvAuthorizationsReporting@gov.bc.ca.
Requirement Description:	2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, 2.2 Maintenance of Works and Emergency Procedures 2.2: 2.2 The Permittee shall inspect the pollution control works regularly and maintain them in good working order. In the event of an emergency or condition beyond the control of the Permit Holder which prevents continuing operation of the approved method of pollution control, the Permittee shall immediately notify the Regional Manager, Environmental Protection and take appropriate remedial action.
Details/Findings:	Mr. Argue indicated that pollution control works are regularly inspected and are maintained in good working order.
Compliance:	In
Actions to be taken:	
Requirement Description:	2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, 2.3 Bypasses 2.3: 2.3 The discharge of effluent which has bypassed the designated treatment works is prohibited unless approval of the Regional Manager, Environmental Protection is obtained and confirmed in writing.
Details/Findings:	Mr. Argue indicated that there have been no bypasses of the designated treatment works in 2017.
Compliance:	Not Applicable

Actions to be taken:	
Requirement Description:	3. MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, 3.1 Offal Disposal Records 3.1: The Permittee shall estimate and record the volume (m3) of fish processed per month. Offal disposal volumes, locations and times shall be recorded. The records are to be kept available for inspection at any time and are to be suitably tabulated and submitted to the Regional Manager, Environmental Protection annually within 30 days of the end of each fish process season.
Details/Findings:	No annual records of the volume of fish processed per month or offal disposal volumes, locations and times were submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) within 30 days of the end of the 2017 fish processing season.
Compliance:	Out
Actions to be taken:	Please submit suitably tabulated annual records of the volume of fish processed per month or offal disposal volumes, locations and times to the Ministry's Routine Environmental Reporting Submission Mailbox at EnvAuthorizationsReporting@gov.bc.ca.
Requirement Description:	3. MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, 3.5 Alternative Fish Offal Disposal System 3.5: The Permittee shall provide to the Regional Manager, Environmental Protection a written report on the status of implementation of an alternative finfish and shellfish offal disposal system as directed by Environment Canada. The status report shall be submitted semi annually on or before March 1st and September 1st. The continued authorization of fish offal disposal as permitted in Section 1.1 will be assessed annually.
Details/Findings:	No reports on the status of implementation of an alternative finfish and shellfish offal disposal system were submitted semi-annually on or before September 1, 2017 or March 1, 2018. Mr. Argue indicated that with the exception of periods of seven to ten days at the start and end of each processing year, all offal waste is collected and used by local farmers.
Compliance:	Out

Actions to be taken:	Please submit semi-annual reports on the status of implementation of an alternative finfish and shellfish offal disposal system to the Ministry's Routine Environmental Reporting Submission Mailbox at EnvAuthorizationsReporting@gov.bc.ca.
Requirement Description:	3. MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, 3.6 Finfish Offal Minimization Efforts 3.7: The Permittee shall provide to the Regional Manager, Environmental Protection a written report on the efforts made to minimize the amount of offal discharged from the processing facility. The report shall be submitted annually within 30 days of the start of each fish process season.
Details/Findings:	Mr. Argue indicated that measures taken to minimize the amount of offal discharged included distributing the offal to local farmers. The start of the fish processing season is not until approximately June 2018; therefore, a report on these efforts is not due until 30 days of the start and compliance with this requirement can not be determined.
Compliance:	Not Determined
Actions to be taken:	Please submit a written report on the efforts made to minimize the amount of offal discharged from the processing facility within 30 days of the start of the fish process season to the Ministry's Routine Environmental Reporting Submission Mailbox at EnvAuthorizationsReporting@gov.bc.ca.

Compliance was not assessed for Sections 1.1 or 1.2 of the Permit because those requirements were previously assessed in IR66758.

Compliance History:
2017-09-14 IR66758 - Advisory

Please submit all annual/quarterly/monthly reports and data submissions to the Ministry's Routine Environmental Reporting Submission Mailbox at EnvAuthorizationsReporting@gov.bc.ca. More information about the reporting requirements may be found at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/waste-discharge-authorization/data-and-report-submissions/routine-environmental-reporting-submission-mailbox>.

Please be advised that this inspection report may be published on the provincial government website within 7 days.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Environmental Protection Officer

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It is also important to note that this inspection record does not necessarily reflect each requirement or condition of the authorization therefore compliance is noted only for the requirements or conditions listed in the inspection record.