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Jim Pattison Enterprises Ltd. dba Canadian Fishing Company  
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Dear Jim Pattison Enterprises Ltd. dba Canadian Fishing Company:

**Re: Non-compliance Advisory Letter, Permit 1812, Prince Rupert - Oceanside**

On February 08, 2018, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Environmental Protection Division staff conducted an inspection of your facility, Jim Pattison Enterprises Ltd. dba Canadian Fishing Company located at Prince Rupert - Oceanside - Fish Processing Facility with authorization number 1812 under the *Environmental Management Act*. Ministry staff were accompanied on site by Lori Wilson, Canadian Fishing Company, and Craig Smith, Canadian Fishing Company.

This Advisory, the alleged violations and the circumstances to which it refers will form part of the compliance history of Jim Pattison Enterprises Ltd. dba Canadian Fishing Company, 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:	<b>1. AUTHORIZED DISCHARGES, 1.1 Authorized Source</b>  1.1.1: 1.1 This section applies to the discharge of effluent from a fish-processing plant. The site reference number for this discharge is E103454. 1.1.1 The maximum authorized rate of discharge is 6000 cubic metres per day.
Details/Findings:	On February 8, 2018, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) Officers Chris Garda and Neil Bailey (Officers) conducted a planned on-site inspection of the Canadian Fishing Company (Permittee) Oceanside fish processing facility (Facility) located in Prince Rupert, BC. The purpose of the inspection was to verify compliance with permit PE-1812 (Permit) which authorizes the discharge of effluent to the marine environment from the Facility. The time period assessed within this inspection report is from May 25, 2017 to February 8, 2018, as compliance is being assessed using the most recent version of the Permit issued on May 25, 2017.  The Permittee reported effluent rates of discharge that were less than 6000 cubic metres per day within the inspection period. The highest reported effluent discharge was 559 cubic metres per day, which was reported for March, 2016. Effluent discharge is calculated based on a volume of 75 percent of the total water usage.

Compliance:	In
Actions to be taken:	No action required.
Requirement Description:	<b>1. AUTHORIZED DISCHARGES, 1.1 Authorized Source</b> 1.1.2: 1.1 This section applies to the discharge of effluent from a fish-processing plant. The site reference number for this discharge is E103454. 1.1.2 The characteristics of the discharge must be equivalent to that of typical fish processing effluent treated by 25 mesh fine screening.
Details/Findings:	The Facility was not operational at the time of the inspection so compliance with this requirement could not be determined. The Officers observed a series of five wedge wire screens with 25 mesh fine screening at the time of the inspection that are used for effluent treatment (Photo 1).
Compliance:	Not Determined
Actions to be taken:	No action required.
Requirement Description:	<b>1. AUTHORIZED DISCHARGES, 1.1 Authorized Source</b> 1.1.3: 1.1 This section applies to the discharge of effluent from a fish-processing plant. The site reference number for this discharge is E103454. 1.1.3 The discharge is authorized from Authorized Works, which are an effluent collection and conveyance system, fine screening facilities, two extended submerged outfalls, and related appurtenances approximately located as shown on the Site Plan.
Details/Findings:	The Officers observed Authorized Works of an effluent collection and conveyance system, fine screening facilities, and related appurtenances as shown in the Site Plan. The two extended submerged outfalls were identified by the Permittee during the on-site inspection.
Compliance:	In

Actions to be taken:	No action required.
Requirement Description:	<b>2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, 2.2 Bypasses</b> 2.2: The Permittee must not allow any discharge authorized by this authorization to bypass the Authorized Works, except with the prior written approval of the Director.
Details/Findings:	The Permittee informed the Officers that there were no effluent bypassed the Authorized Works within the time period of this inspection.
Compliance:	Not Applicable
Actions to be taken:	No action required.
Requirement Description:	<b>3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, 3.1 Annual Report</b> 3.1: The Permittee must record once per month on a day that is representative of normal operation the volume of waste flow in cubic metres per day and the tonnage of each fish species processed per month required under this authorization for inspection when requested by Ministry staff and submit the data for the previous year to the Director in a form satisfactory to the Director. The Permittee must make data submissions in respect of each subsequent year on or before December 31 annually. The Permittee must submit all data required to be submitted under this section by email to the Ministry's Routine Environmental Reporting Submission Mailbox (RERSM) at EnvAuthorizationsReporting@gov.bc.ca or as otherwise instructed by the Director. For guidelines on how to properly name the files and email subject lines or for more information visit the Ministry website: <a href="http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/waste-discharge-authorization/data-and-report-submissions/routine-environmental-reporting-submission-mailbox">http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/waste-discharge-authorization/data-and-report-submissions/routine-environmental-reporting-submission-mailbox</a>
Details/Findings:	The Permittee provided the annual report for 2017 on February 8, 2018 at the request of the Officers. The report showed the average daily flow of waste, which is calculated based on monthly effluent discharge values, and the total amount of fish landings per month reported in tons. The annual report did not include information identifying the fish species processed, but additional documentation was provided which showed this information for 2017.  During the on-site inspection the Permittee informed the Officers that only salmon was processed at the facility in 2017.

Compliance:	Out
Actions to be taken:	Ensure that annual reports are submitted on or before December 31, as per Permit Section 3.1, and ensure that the reports contain all information required by the Permit.

Permit PE-1812 was issued on January 22, 1987 and last amended on May 25, 2017.

**Compliance History:**

- June 25, 2013 - Notice of compliance - on-site inspection, IR10346
- April 16, 2013 - Notice of compliance - office review inspection, IR9382
- August 27, 2012 - Notice of compliance - on-site inspection, IR3990

Please submit all annual/quarterly/monthly reports and data submissions to the Ministry's Routine Environmental Reporting Submission Mailbox at [EnvAuthorizationsReporting@gov.bc.ca](mailto: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.

Below are attachments related to this inspection.

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

Yours truly,

Chris Garda  
Environmental Protection Officer

cc:

<p><b>Attachments:</b></p> <p>1) NRIS Photo Record.pdf Photo record</p>
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If you require a copy of the original permit, please contact the inspector noted on this inspection record.

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.

NRIS Photo Record

Authorization: 1812	Client Name: Canada Fishing Company
NRIS IR#: 78403	Site Inspection Photos: February 8, 2018

Photo 1 – Series of 5 wedge wire screens for effluent with 25 mesh fine screening.

