

Ocean Protein

Opportunity to comment

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed reissuance of Ocean Protein's State Waste Discharge Permit (SWDP).

We will accept comments by mail, fax or e-mail May 26, 2011 – June 27, 2011. You may request a public hearing to ask questions and submit verbal comments. To request a hearing, contact:

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If we determine there is significant public interest during this comment period to hold a hearing, we will:

- Extend the comment period to allow at least 30 days notice of the hearing.
- Publish the time, date and location.

Permit

The plant discharges process wastewater to Gray's Harbor Paper's sewer system. The wastewater includes:

- Tank rinse water.
- Treated stickwater (water collected from the fish after being cooked, pressed, and having non soluble protein solids and oil removed by centrifuges).

The current permit expired in September 2010. The proposed permit renews the conditions of the current permit.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Comment period

May 26, 2011 – June 27, 2011

Read the proposed permit at these locations:

Hoquiam Timberland Library
420 7th Street
Hoquiam, WA 98550

Dept of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98504

Online at
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/industry/proposed.asp>

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A SWDP permit is normally issued every 5 years. It:

- Sets limits on the kinds, amounts, and concentrations of pollutants a facility may release.
- Requires a facility to measure, test, and report its pollutants.
- Prescribes “best management practices”.
- Defines the pollution control standards applied.

Public comment allows you to:

- Tell us how well the proposed permit protects receiving water.
- Suggest fairer limits, conditions, and requirements.
- Comment on Ecology’s determination of compliance with antidegradation rules.

When the comment period ends, Ecology reviews all comments received and makes appropriate changes to the permit before issuing it.

Facility information

Ocean Protein, located at 518 22nd Avenue in Hoquiam, is the only fishmeal processing plant in Washington state. After converting the old Rayonier Vanilin plant, operations started in 2005. The plant employs up to 10 people and averages 4,000 metric tons of fishmeal, 160 metric tons of fish oil, and 80 metric tons of bone annually.