



US Army Corps  
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Alaska District

# Public Notice of Application for Permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: July 21, 2006  
EXPIRATION DATE: August 7, 2006  
REFERENCE NUMBER: POA-2006-1035  
GENERAL NUMBER: GP 1991-7-P

### \*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE REVISION\*\*\*

On June 7, 2006, the Alaska District Corps of Engineers published a Public Notice for Department of the Army (DA) permit number **GP 1991-7-P, Statewide**, for the re-issuance of the Aquatic Farm Structures Within the State of Alaska, general permit.

It was brought to our attention that the notice had unclear statements and this revision adds information to clarify the new GP and extends the comment period.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), already has a "statewide" program for Aquatic Farms. The state's aquatic farm approval process is extensive, requiring three different review phases and authorizations prior to the Corps of Engineers being able to implement the general permit. The Corps of Engineers is expanding the general permit to match the ADNR's statewide program and minimize further evaluation of the proposed aquatic farms.

The State of Alaska has had a statewide Aquatic Farming Program since 1988, for further information please go to the ADNR web site at [www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/aquatic](http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/aquatic).

The original public notice referenced a 300-foot distance set back from any creek, stream or river outlet. The actual set back distance would be determined during the state's review process but shall be no closer than 300 feet.

The original permit references the use of long lines. Long lines is a term used by both fin-fish harvesters and aquatic farmers. For aquatic oyster farmers it is a set of buoys along a line which connects a series of baskets. These lines may be singular or placed in sets.

We have received requests to extend the comment period time. Per regulations in 33 CFR 325.2(d)(2)(iv) it has been determined to extend the public notice an additional thirty days to August 7, 2006.

All other information contained in the previous notice remains the same. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who is or may be interested. Please contact Mr. John Klutz at (907) 753-2712 toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at john.r.klutz@poa02.usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

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