

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing

Of

Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2015-0009

For

**Cold Water Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Facility
Discharges to Surface Waters**

General NPDES No. CAG131015

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2015-0009 for Cold Water Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Facility (hatchery) Discharges to Surface Waters. Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2015-0009 is a general permit which will require enrollment of several existing hatcheries and allows enrollment of any proposed future hatcheries discharging to inland surface waters. Order No. R1-2015-0009 imposes effluent limitations and monitoring for discharges of waste from enrolled facilities and is consistent with applicable total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) assigned to water bodies in the North Coast Region.

This item was open for public comment between May 14, 2015, and June 26, 2015. In response to written request from California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the public comment period is extended to July 17, 2015.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed permit is scheduled for October 8, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., in Santa Rosa, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the Regional Water Board offices, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider adoption of the Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2015-0009.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be submitted to northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov and received by the Regional Water

Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on July 17, 2015. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Dischargers or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at this hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board no later than July 17, 2015. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of his or her intended testimony. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Permittees may be limited to 3 minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The tentative Order, related documents, and comments, received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/ or in our offices located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. Comments concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, should be submitted to northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m., on July 17, 2015.

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer

June 26, 2015