

# MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

Department of Fish and Game  
Division of Commercial Fisheries

TO: Scott Kelley, Director   
Division of Commercial Fisheries

DATE: January 30, 2018

Tom Brookover, Director TB  
Division of Sport Fish

PHONE NO.: 907-465-6423

SUBJECT: Solomon Gulch Hatchery  
Permit Alteration

THRU: Sam Rabung, Chief   
Aquaculture Section

FILE NO.: PNP Hatchery Permit No. 15

FROM: Lorraine Vercessi, Coordinator   
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Attached is a Notice of Permit Alteration (NPA) for Solomon Gulch Hatchery (SGH), operated by Valdez Fisheries Development Association (VFDA) and the updated SGH Basic Management Plan to include the permit alterations. This proposed alteration is to increase the permitted capacity from 250 million to 270 million pink salmon green eggs.

This alteration was approved in 2014 as part of a permit alteration request (PAR) that resulted in two separate increments of pink salmon capacity, together increasing permitted capacity from 230 million to 270 million green eggs. The permit alteration approved the first increase in 2016, adding 20 million pink salmon green eggs to the permitted capacity. It also approved an additional increase of 20 million pink salmon green eggs to occur in 2018, once VFDA was able to demonstrate the required physical capacity.

VFDA provided a letter dated January 12, 2018 that indicated that the water and facility improvements have been completed. The letter provides details of the secured water source and incubation building expansion. The letter demonstrates the required physical capacity has been achieved and requests this permit alteration as was directed in 2014.

Attachments: 2018 SGH NPA and BMP, VFDA letter, 2014 NPA and memo, 2014 SGH PAR.



## Alaska Department of Fish and Game

### Private Nonprofit Salmon Hatchery

#### Permit No. 15

#### Notice of Permit Alteration

This notice, in conjunction with the existing private nonprofit salmon hatchery permit for Solomon Gulch Hatchery (SGH), operated by Valdez Fisheries Development Association (VFDA), increases the permitted capacity of pink salmon from 250 million to 270 million green eggs.

The permitted capacity at SGH is as follows:

- 270 million pink salmon green eggs
- 2 million coho salmon green eggs
- 300,000 Chinook salmon green eggs

Refer to Table 1 for all permitted stocks, associated release sites, and maximum numbers.

The permit holder will be required to remove unharvested hatchery-produced salmon remaining in special harvest areas should a significant number remain after fisheries have ceased.

All additional eggs taken and incubated at SGH for other hatchery facilities as a condition of this permit are provided under the recipient hatchery's permitted capacity.

The SGH Basic Management Plan (BMP) must be updated to include permit alterations. All other terms and conditions of the permit remain as stated in the existing permit and BMP for SGH and subsequent alterations.

Table 1.— Solomon Gulch Hatchery permitted species, stocks, associated release sites, and maximum numbers by life stage.

Species	Stock	Release Site	Maximum Number	Life Stage
Chinook	Cook Inlet origin <sup>1</sup>	Solomon Gulch	300,000	Green eggs
Coho	Corbin Creek	Solomon Gulch	2 million	Green eggs
		Boulder Bay	20,000	Smolt
Pink	Vlassoff/Gregorioff	Solomon Gulch	270 million	Green eggs
	Creek/Siwash Creek	Cabin Bay <sup>2</sup>	80 million	Fry

Note: Maximum numbers are specific to release site; in combination may not exceed permitted capacity.

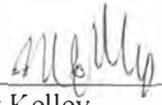
<sup>1</sup> Permitted for Cook Inlet origin stocks available from ADF&G Division of Sport Fish hatcheries.

<sup>2</sup> Requires VFDA to develop and fund a departmentally approved evaluation program to determine inseason contributions of hatchery-produced fish to common-property fisheries in Prince William Sound.

Approved: TK TB Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Tom Brookover  
Director  
Division of Sport Fish

2/16/2018  
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