NOTICE OF INTENDED REGULATORY ACTION AMENDMENT OF GENERAL VPDES PERMIT REGULATION FOR SEAFOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES (9 VAC 25-115-10 et seq.)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with \$39-6.14:4.1 C 12 and 9-6.14:7.1 of the Code of Virginia that the State Water Control Board is considering amending a regulation entitled: General VPDES Permit for Seafood Processing Facilities (9 VAC 25-115-10 et seq.). This rulemaking is proposed in order to reissue the existing general permit which expires on July 24, 2001. The general permit will establish limitations and monitoring requirements for discharges of wastewater from seafood processing facilities. As with an individual VPDES permit, the effluent limits in the general permit will be set to protect the quality of the waters receiving the discharges. A technical advisory committee will be formed to assist in the development of the regulation. The primary function of the committee will be to develop recommendations to the Board for the content of the reissued general permit through a process of negotiation and consensus. Persons who desire to be on the committee should notify the agency contact person in writing by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2000 and provide your name, address, telephone number and the organization you represent (if any). Notification of the composition of the technical advisory committee will be sent to all applicants. Following publication of the draft general permit regulation in the Virginia Register, the Board will hold at least one public hearing to provide opportunity for public comment.

Statutory Authority: 3362.1-44.15(5), 62.1-44.15(10) and 62.1-44.15(14) of the Code of Virginia.

Public comments are solicited on the intended regulatory action. Comments may be submitted until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2000 to the agency contact person below.

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