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DATE: October 1, 2013
TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties
RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2013-120

Big Blue Fisheries, Llc Recalls All Smoked Products From All Lots, Various Sizes, in Vacuum Packaging Because of Possible Health Risk

September 30, 2013 - Big Blue Fisheries is recalling ALL smoked products from all lots and codes, various sizes, in vacuum packages because the products may not have been properly cooked and have the potential to be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum*, a bacterium which can cause life-threatening illness or death. Consumers are warned not to use the product even if it does not look or smell spoiled. Because the products may not have been fully processed, product contamination by spoilage organisms or pathogens could lead to illness if consumed.

Botulism, a potentially fatal form of food poisoning, can cause the following symptoms: general weakness, dizziness, double-vision and trouble with speaking or swallowing. Difficulty in breathing, weakness of other muscles, abdominal distension and constipation may also be common symptoms. People experiencing these problems should seek immediate medical attention.

Big Blue Fisheries initiated a voluntary recall after Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) conducted a routine inspection and discovered that some of their products may not have been properly cooked. To date, there have been no reported illnesses or consumer complaints.

The firm's products sold under Big Blue Fisheries brand and Sitka Alaska Smoked Fish were distributed locally in Sitka, Alaska and wholesale nationwide between 09/24/11 to 09/24/13. Products were also sold from internet through the website: <http://alaskasmokedfish.com>.

Products were sold in vacuum packed plastic packages with labels located on the front that include the pack date and AK#604.

Product Description	Weight	Pack Date
Pepper Smoked King Salmon	½ lb to 1 lb	Between 9/24/11 and 9/24/13
Hickory Smoked King Salmon		
Teriyaki Smoked King Salmon		
Hickory Smoked Black Cod		
Smoked Coho Salmon Bellies		
Smoked King Salmon Bellies		
Hickory Smoked Coho Salmon		
Pepper Smoked Coho Salmon		
Teriyaki Smoked Coho Salmon		
Smoked Wild Silver (Coho) Salmon Filet	1lb to 2.5lbs	
Variety Smoke Pack	1.5lbs	

Consumers who have purchased affected Big Blue Fisheries smoked salmon products should discard or return them to the place of purchase.

Media and consumers with questions about the recall, including product returns, should contact Big Blue Fisheries, LLC 9 AM - 5 PM Alaska time Monday – Friday at (907) 966-9999.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.