STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

P.O. Box 115526
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-5526

Permit No. **CF-26-035**

Expires: **12/31/2026**

AQUATIC RESOURCE PERMIT
(For Scientific/Collection/Transport Purposes)

This permit authorizes: **Kari Lanphier**
(whose signature is required on page 3 for permit validation)
of
Southeast Alaska Tribal Ocean Research Network
2008 Halibut Point Rd, Sitka, AK 99835
(719)244-3852 **kari.lanphier@seator.org**

to conduct the following activities from **January 22, 2026** to **December 31, 2026** in accordance with AS 16.05.930 and AS 16.05.340(b), and 5 AAC 41.600.

Purpose: To collect shellfish for marine biotoxin monitoring. Results are posted to create awareness for recreational and subsistence user groups.

Location: Coastal waters of Alaska. See **Stipulations** section.

Species: See **Species List** on page 3. *Not all species or locations will be sampled weekly*. Blue mussels will be sampled the most frequently and other species as toxin levels rise.

Method of Collection: Hand collection, clam fork or shovel.

Disposition: Clams will be transported live to the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Environmental Research Laboratory for biotoxin testing. Samples will be disposed of as directed. See **Stipulations** section.

A COLLECTION REPORT IS DUE January 31, 2027 and a **COMPLETION REPORT IS DUE June 30, 2027**. See **Stipulations** section for more information. Data from such reports are considered public information. Reports must be submitted to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, PO Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, attention Permit Coordinator (907-465-4724; dfg.fmpd.permitcoordinator@alaska.gov). A report is required whether or not collecting activities were undertaken.

GENERAL CONDITIONS, EXCEPTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

1. This permit must be carried by person(s) specified during approved activities who shall show it on request to persons authorized to enforce Alaska's fish and game laws. This permit is nontransferable and will be revoked or renewal denied by the Commissioner of Fish and Game if the permittee violates any of its conditions, exceptions or restrictions. No redelegation of authority may be allowed under this permit unless specifically noted.
2. No specimens taken under authority hereof may be sold, bartered, traded or consumed. All specimens must be deposited in a public museum or a public scientific or educational institution unless otherwise stated herein. Subpermittees shall not retain possession of live animals or other specimens.
3. The permittee shall keep records of all activities conducted under authority of this permit, available for inspection at all reasonable hours upon request of any authorized state enforcement officer.
4. Permits will not be renewed until detailed reports, as specified in the Stipulation section, have been received by the department.
5. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED HEREIN, THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE the exportation of specimens or the taking of specimens in areas otherwise closed to hunting and fishing; without appropriate licenses required by state regulations; during closed seasons; or in any manner, by any means, at any time not permitted by those regulations.

Forrest Bowers 1/22/2026
Deputy Director
Division of Commercial Fisheries

Authorized Personnel: The following personnel may participate in collecting activities under terms of this permit:

All subsistence shellfish harvesters in Alaska and staff of the following Tribes and organizations: Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Kodiak Area Native Association, Organized Village of Kasaan, Craig Tribal Association, Hoonah Indian Association, Skagway Traditional Council, Petersburg Indian Association, Wrangell Cooperative Association, Organized Village of Kake, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Klawock Cooperative Association, Hydaburg Cooperative Association, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, Chilkoot Indian Association, Ketchikan Indian Community, Alaska Harmful Algal Bloom Network, Metlakatla Indian Community

Employees and volunteers under the direct supervision of, and in the presence of, one of the authorized personnel listed above may participate in collecting activities under terms of this permit.

Stipulations:

1. **Prior** to commencement of any collection activity, the Division of Commercial Fisheries biologist of the appropriate area must be notified as to the location of operations, gear to be used, and number of specimens to be collected. Area management biologists have the authority to specify methods for collecting, as well as limiting the collections of any species, and the number of specimens collected by time and area. Please call the **Permit Coordinator** (907-465-4724) if there is a question about who to contact.

   Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Homer – **Ethan Ford** (907)235-8191, ethan.ford@alaska.gov
   Juneau – **Scott Forbes** – (907)465-4206, scott.forbes@alaska.gov
   Sitka – **Aaron Dupuis** – (907)747-6688, aaron.dupuis@alaska.gov
   Ketchikan – **Bo Meredith** (907)225-5195, bo.meredith@alaska.gov
   Petersburg – **Katie Taylor** - (907)772-3801, kathryn.taylor@alaska.gov
   Haines/Skagway – **Nicole Zeiser** - (907)766-2830 – nicole.zeiser@alaska.gov
   Yakutat – **Rick Hoffman** – (907)784-3255, rick.hoffman@alaska.gov
   Kodiak, Aleutians – **Birch Foster** – (907)486-1873, kevin.schaberg@alaska.gov
   North of Bristol Bay, Arctic – **Bonnie Borba** – (907)459-7260, bonnie.borba@alaska.gov

2. Permits will indicate the number of specimens that may be taken by species and life stage. Sampling or collecting activities must stop when the maximum allowable number of specimens is obtained. All live fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants collected in excess of the number specified on the permit must be released immediately and unharmed at the capture location, unless otherwise specified in the permit. All unintended mortalities must be recorded and returned to capture site waters.

3. Up to 2 individuals of each unknown species may be killed and saved for later identification.

4. Specimens collected under the authority of this permit are ONLY to be used for the purposes outlined in this permit.

5. Destroyed specimens must be double-bagged and placed in a sanitary landfill.

6. **Razor clams are not permitted to be collected on Cook Inlet eastside beaches closed to razor clam harvest.** Other species may be collected in these areas.

7. **Collections of razor clams are not permitted in Sitka Sound.**

8. **Collections of mussels are not permitted in Skagway.**

9. If evidence of chronic sea star wasting disease is encountered, please report the finding at the University of California, Santa Cruz website, http://www.seastarwasting.org. Please leave organisms undisturbed.

10. Upon disposition, destroyed specimens must be double-bagged and placed in sanitary landfill.

11. A copy of this permit, including any amendments, must be made available at all field collection sites and project sites for inspection upon request by a representative of the department or a law enforcement officer.

12. Issuance of this permit does not absolve the permittee from compliance in full with any and all other applicable federal, state, or local laws regulations, or ordinances.

13. **A report of collecting activities, referencing this aquatic resource permit, must be submitted within 30 days after the expiration of this permit.** This report must summarize the number of **all** specimens, including bycatch, captured by

date, location, species, size (weight and length where appropriate), age (where appropriate), numbers, and the fate of those specimens. A report is required whether or not collecting activities were undertaken.

14. **A report of research activities, referencing this aquatic resource permit, must be submitted within 6 months after the expiration of this permit.** This report should present the research conducted in a format similar to a scientific paper including the following: introduction (objective of the study plan and hypothesis), methods, and results. The report is ad-hoc and intended to show that the specimens were used in a scientific method and allows for the evaluation of potential cumulative effects from multiple projects in the same area, but is not intended to be a full peer-reviewed scientific paper. A report is required whether or not research activities were undertaken.

15. Failure to comply with the conditions of this permit will result in the loss of future permitting privileges.

16. PERMIT VALIDATION requires permittee's signature agreeing to abide by permit conditions before beginning collecting activities:

Kari Lanphier

Signature of Permittee

ecc: Birch Foster, Jay Baumer, Ethan Ford, Scott Forbes, Aaron Dupuis, Bo Meredith, Katie Taylor, Nicole Zeiser, Richard Hoffman, Matt Catterson, Bonnie Borba, Kevin Clark, Brendan Scanlon, Ted Meyers
CF Division Files
Alaska Wildlife Troopers – Statewide

Species List

Common Name	**Scientific Name**	**Number***
Butter clam	*Saxidomas gigantea*	8
Littleneck clam	*Prototheca staminea*	20
Blue mussel	*Mytilus edulis*	50
Cockle clam	*Clinocardium nuttali*	12
Surf clam	*Mactromeris polynyma*	12
Eastern softshell	*Mya arenaria*	12
Horse clam	*Tresus capax*	3
Macoma clam	*Macoma nasuta and brota*	20
Geoduck clam	*Panopea abrupta*	3
Pacific oyster**	*Magallana gigas*	15
Razor clam	*Siliqua patula*	5
Rock scallop	*Crassadoma gigantea*	10
Pink scallop	*Chlamys rubida*	10
Weathervane scallop	*Patinopecten caurinus*	10

*Number is approximate number of clams needed for one sample submission for testing. Not all species will be tested on a weekly basis.
** Oysters will be collected from aquatic farm sites.

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AQUATIC RESOURCE PERMIT
Amendment #1

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Aquatic Resource Permit CF-26-035 is amended as follows:

1) **Removes** the following under **Stipulations:**
   8. Collections of mussels are not permitted in Skagway.

This amendment was requested by Kari Lanphier in an email on February 5, 2026.

All other terms and conditions specified in the Aquatic Resource Permit remain in effect. A signed copy of this amendment must be attached to a signed copy of the original permit.

Forrest Bowers 4/7/2026
Deputy Director
Division of Commercial Fisheries

PERMIT AMENDMENT VALIDATION requires permittee's signature agreeing to abide by conditions of this permit amendment:

Kari Lanphier
Signature of Permittee

ecc: Nicole Zeiser, Matt Catterson
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