

November 27, 2001

Thomas E. Kelly
Small Business Advocacy Chair
MC - 2131A
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Subject: Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Aquatic Animal Production Point Source Category.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I have received your letter dated November 2, 2001 regarding the above captioned rule, notifying us of the possibility of convening a small business advocacy review panel under §609(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

Having examined the list of suggested small entity representatives (SERs), SBA suggests the following changes to the attached list of potential SERs. See attachment.

Presently, EPA is reviewing potential SERs to ensure that there is a balance of systems, species, regions and expertise participating in the upcoming panel. We look forward to continuing to work with EPA to develop and finalize a list of SERs which adequately represents the category and helps the panel address the issues important to small businesses.

Next Steps

We understand that the agency plans to re-evaluate whether the proposals would have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. If the agency finds no such impact, a panel would not be required under SBREFA. If a panel were convened, a final panel report would be prepared.

If a panel is warranted, we ask that EPA provide, in advance of the convening of the panel, supporting materials and possibly a draft regulatory analysis and/or draft rule (see RFA §609(b)(4)), in order to allow sufficient review time by Panel members. We also strongly recommend that the agency hold several prepanel meetings as appropriate and in accordance with the most current EPA SBREFA guidance to assure that adequate and timely information and data are provided to the small entity representatives and the panel representatives.

Thank you for your continued support and advocacy of small business issues.
Please contact Austin Perez of my staff if you have any questions, 202-205-6936.

Sincerely,

Susan Walthall
Chief Counsel for Advocacy

cc: Art Fraas, OMB

List of Potential Small Entity Representatives

Species	Contact Information		
<i>Trout</i>	<p>Bryan Plemmons Casta Line Trout Farms 97 Golden Brook Lane Goshen, VA 24439 (540)997-5461 castaline@juno.com</p> <p>System: Raceway</p>	<p>Greg Bossart, farmer & head of NH AA</p> <p>New Hampshire Aquaculture Association 277 Rte 16 Ossipee, NH 03864 (603)539-6073 gregb@worldpath.net</p> <p>System: None</p>	<p>Sonny Pierce Pierce Associates Inc. PO Box 258 West Buxton, ME 04093 (207)727-5841 paitroutfarms@mix-net.net</p> <p>System: Raceway/Netpen</p>
<i>Catfish</i>	<p>Dan Butterfield Butterfield Catfish Farm 7340 Culver Rd. Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 (205)758-7155</p> <p>System: Pond/Polyculture</p>	<p>Jerry Williamson 2447 N. Lakeshore Dr Lake Village, AR 71653 (870)265-2291</p> <p>System: Levee Pond</p>	<p>Tom Foshee 527 Foshee Ranch Rd Natchitoches, LA 71457 (318)352-3927 fosheetfoshee@aol.com</p> <p>System: Levee Pond/Recirculating</p>
<i>Shellfish</i>	<p>Robert Rheault Moonstone Oysters 1121 Mooresfiels Rd. Wakefield, RI 02879 (401)783-3360 oysters@ids.net</p> <p>System: Rack and Bag</p>	<p>Jennifer Hagen Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe Shoalwater Bay Oyster Company PO Box 130 Tokeland, WA 98590 (360)875-5633 jhagen@seanet.com</p>	

		System: Rack and Bag
<i>Shrimp</i>	<p>Freshwater: Carolyn Orr Straw Ridge Farm 1545 Mundys Landing Harrodsburg, KY 40330 (859)986-9631 straw@mis.net</p> <p>System: Pond</p>	<p>Marine: Bill Cox Island Fresh Seafood 7575 Ethel Post Office Road Meggett, SC 29449 (843)889-6920 billcox@cs.com</p> <p>System: Pond</p>
<i>AK Salmon Farming</i>	<p>Ranching: Steve Reifentuhl Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture 1308 SMC Rd. Sitka, AK 99835 (907)747-6850 steve_reifentuhl@nsra.org</p> <p>System: ???</p>	<p><u>Farming:</u> Sebastian Belle Executive Director Maine Aquaculture Association (207) 622-0136</p> <p><u>System: Represents several small businesses which use Netpen systems</u></p>
<i>Alligator</i>	<p>Scott Anderson Cyprus Creek Farms PO Box 1071 Starke, FL 32091 (904)964-3339 ccfgator@mindspring.com</p> <p>System: Levee Pond</p>	
<i>Hybrid Striped Bass</i>	<p>Straight: Tony Vaught 559 Cimarron Dr Chico, CA 95973 (530)343-0405 tvaught@proaqua.com</p>	

	System: Tank/Raceway		
<i>Tilapia</i>	<p>Tom Spereano S&S Aqua Farm 8386 County Road West Plains, MO 65775 (417)256-5124 System: Tank/Hydroponic</p>	<p>Ken G. Hale, Inc. P.O. Box 494 Henderson, TX 75653 (903)657-3791 System: Recirculating</p>	<p>Rick Eager Swimming Rockfish and Shrimp Farm PO Box 369 Hollywood, SC 29449 (843) 889-2622 System: Raceway</p>
<i>Crawfish</i>	<p>Norma Jean Miller PO Box 64 Eunice, LA 70535 (337)457-4385 System: Levee Pond</p>		
<i>Ornamental</i>	<p>???: George Hood RR #2 box 167 Lower Salem, OH 45745 (740)585-2401 hoodh@marietta.edu System: ???</p>	<p>Tropical: Christopher Watts 13724 Hobson Simmons Rd Lithia, FL 83547 (813) 661-8796 813-651853 (F) wattsaquatics@aol.com System: Levee Pond/Tank</p>	
<i>General</i> (knowledge of baitfish, ornamental, catfish, carps, tilapia, shrimp, and hybrid striped bass)	<p>Dr. Carole Engle Fisheries Center University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff PO Box 4912 1200 N. University Dr. Pine Bluff, AR 71611 (870) 543-8537 cengle@uaex.edu</p>	<p>Dr. Michael Rice Department of Fisheries, Animal & Veterinary Science University of Rhode Island Kingston, RI 02881 (401)874-2943 rice@uri.edu</p>	
<i>General</i> (knowledge of salmon, trout, and fish not)	<p>Betsy Hart Executive Director National Aquaculture</p>		

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Alternative Candidates:

Catfish

Bill Cheek
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Trout

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Star Prairie Trout Farm
400 Hill Ave
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Tilapia

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Hybrid Striped Bass

Brent Blauch

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General Knowledge

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