Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production NPDES Regulations

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Clean Water Act §402

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
 - Authorizes EPA to issue permits for the discharge of pollutants into waters of the US
 - Pollutants in discharges from CAAP facilities:
 - Excess Feed
 - Carcasses
 - Drugs
 - Cleaning Chemicals
 - Allows States to administer NPDES permits for discharges to waters within their jurisdiction

Clean Water Act §403 & 502

- Water bodies covered by a NPDES Permit
 - Territorial Seas (State Jurisdiction)
 - 12 miles off the coast of a particular State
 - Contiguous Zone (US Jurisdiction)
 - 24 miles off the coast of a particular Nation
 - 12 miles beyond the Territorial Sea
 - EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone)
 - Up to 200 miles off the coast of the US
 - The coastal nation has sole exploitation rights over all natural resources within the EEZ of that country
 - CWA authorizes EPA to permit CAAP facilities in the EEZ

International waters Continental shelf Exclusive Economic Zone (200 nautical miles) Contiguous zone (12 nautical miles) 200 nautical miles Territorial waters (12 nautical miles) Internal waters Baseline Land

NPDES CAAP Permitting Program

- > 45 States Authorized
 - These States can administer NPDES program permits for CAAP.
- 5 States Not Authorized
 - Can only administer State CAAP permits
 - Permits may be under another program authority (State Department of Agriculture)
 - CAAP facilities within unauthorized State waters would receive EPA (Regional) issued permits