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Governor

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State Health Commissioner

DATE: October 1, 2013
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: 
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Big Blue Fisheries LLC Recall [Food]

AFFECTED

PRODUCT: All Smoked Products From All Lots and Codes (Listed Below) Due to Products May Not Have Been Properly Cooked and Potential Contamination with Clostridium botulinum

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; 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.

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.

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax or e-mail. Detailed store information is not available at this time. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-3213.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company



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To promote and provide essential public health services.

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

Contact:
 Consumer:
 907-966-9999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - 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.

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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	½lb 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	1lb to 2.5lbs	

Filet		
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.

For sample of recalled products label, see images below:

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[RSS Feed for FDA Recalls Information² \[what's this?³\]](#)

[Photo: Product Labels⁴](#)

Recalled Product Photos Are Also Available on FDA's [Flickr Photostream⁵](#).

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BIG BLUE FISHERIES, LLC

216-B Smith St. Sitka, Alaska 99835 (907)-966-9999
Order online @ alaskasmokedfish.com

Hickory Smoked Black Cod

Ingredients: Wild Alaskan Black Cod, Water, Sugar, Salt, & Soy Sauce

NET WT ___ lb

PACK DATE 05/26/13

AK 604

KEEP REFRIGERATED BELOW 38° F

BIG BLUE FISHERIES, LLC

216-B Smith St. Sitka, Alaska 99835 (907)-966-9999
Order online @ alaskasmokedfish.com

Hickory Smoked Coho Salmon

Ingredients: Wild Alaskan Salmon, Water, Sugar, Salt, & Soy Sauce

NET WT ___ lb

PACK DATE 06/26/13

AK 604

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BIG BLUE FISHERIES, LLC

216-B Smith St. Sitka, Alaska 99835 (907)-966-9999

Order online @ alaskasmokedfish.com

Pepper Smoked Coho Salmon

Ingredients: Wild Alaskan Salmon, Water, Sugar, Salt,
Soy Sauce, & Pepper

NET WT _____ lb

PACK DATE 06/26/13

AK 604

KEEP REFRIGERATED BELOW 38° F

BIG BLUE FISHERIES, LLC

216-B Smith St. Sitka, Alaska 99835 (907)-966-9999

Order online @ alaskasmokedfish.com

Teriyaki Smoked Coho Salmon

Ingredients: Wild Alaskan Salmon, Water,
Sugar, Salt, & Soy Sauce

NET WT _____ lb

PACK DATE 06/23/13

AK 604

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BIG BLUE FISHERIES, LLC

216-B Smith St. Sitka, Alaska 99835 (907)-966-9999

Order online @ alaskasmokedfish.com

Pepper Smoked King Salmon

Ingredients: Wild Alaskan Salmon, Water, Sugar, Salt,
Soy Sauce, & Pepper

NET WT _____ lb

PACK DATE 06/26/13

AK 604

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BIG BLUE FISHERIES, LLC

216-B Smith St. Sitka, Alaska 99835 (907)-966-9999

Order online @ alaskasmokedfish.com

Smoked King Salmon Bellies

Ingredients: Wild Alaskan Salmon, Water,
Sugar, Salt, & Soy Sauce

NET WT _____ lb

PACK DATE 06/26/13

AK 604

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Hickory Smoked King Salmon

Ingredients: Wild Alaskan Salmon, Water,
Sugar, Salt, & Soy Sauce

NET WT _____ lb

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Order online @ alaskasmokedfish.com

Teriyaki Smoked King Salmon

Ingredients: Wild Alaskan Salmon, Water,
Sugar, Salt, & Soy Sauce

NET WT _____ lb

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Sitka Alaska Smoked Fish

Distributed By:
Big Blue Fisheries, L.L.C.
P.O. Box 2956
Sitka, Alaska 99835
(907) 966-9999

Net Wt.

Packed by AK #604 on



Ingredients: Fish, Water, Salt,
Sugar, Soy Sauce, Nitrite.
www.alaskasmokedfish.com

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