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June 25, 2026

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Yoshida Foods International, LLC
c/o HL Oregon, LLC, Registered Agent
1125 NW Couch St., Ste 550
Portland, OR 97209

Re: Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order
Case No. WQ/I-NWR-2026-546

This letter is to inform you that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued you a civil penalty of \$12,000 for discharging wastewater from your food processing operation into a stream that drains to the Columbia Slough. The cause of the unauthorized discharge was reported to be a failed plastic coupling associated with Yoshida's wastewater pretreatment system.

DEQ issued this penalty because discharging waste to waters of the state without a permit interferes with beneficial uses of Oregon's waters. Food processing wastewater contains nutrients and other pollutants that have the potential to impair water quality. Unauthorized discharges can harm aquatic life and disrupt ecosystems.

You may pay the civil penalty as follows:

Pay online with e-check (ACH) or Credit Card. Go to Your DEQ Online here:

<https://ydo.oregon.gov>. Select Register Account or Login, then select Pay Invoices/Fees on your account dashboard. Enter the Invoice number and Account ID included on the attached payment slip. Note: US Bank charges a 2.3% convenience charge for credit card transactions. ACH payments have no additional charges.

Pay by check or money order: Make checks payable to "Department of Environmental Quality" and mail to the address on the enclosed payment slip. Please make sure to include the payment slip with your check or money order and note the case number on your check.

If you wish to appeal this matter, DEQ must receive a request for a hearing within 20 calendar days from your receipt of this letter. The hearing request must be in writing. Send your request to DEQ Office of Compliance and Enforcement:

Via mail – 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232

Via email – DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov

Via fax – 503-229-6762

Once DEQ receives your request, we will arrange to meet with you to discuss this matter. If DEQ does not receive a timely written hearing request, the penalty will become due.

The attached Notice further details DEQ's reasons for issuing the penalty and provides further instructions for appealing the penalty. Please review and refer to it when discussing this case with DEQ.

DEQ may allow you to resolve part of your penalty through the completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). SEPs are environmental improvement projects that you sponsor instead of paying a penalty. Further information is available by calling the number below or at <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/SEP.aspx>.

DEQ's rules are available at <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/Statutes.aspx> or by calling the number below.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Bachman at 503-229-5950 or toll free in Oregon at 800-452-4011, extension 5950.

Sincerely,



Erin Saylor, Manager
Office of Compliance and Enforcement

Enclosures

cc: Randall Bailey, DEQ NWR
Tiffany Yelton-Bram, DEQ NWR
Accounting, DEQ

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF:)
YOSHIDA FOODS INTERNATIONAL, LLC) NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTY
an Oregon limited liability company,) ASSESSMENT AND ORDER
Respondent.) CASE NO. WQ/I-NWR-2026-546

I. AUTHORITY

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issues this Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order (Notice) pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468.100, ORS 468.126 through 468.140, ORS Chapter 183 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340, Divisions 011 and 012.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all relevant times, Respondent operated a food processing facility at 8440 NW Alderwood Road in Portland, Oregon.
2. ORS 468B.050(1)(a) prohibits the discharge of any wastes to waters of the state without a permit authorizing such discharge.
3. At all relevant times, Respondent did not have a permit issued by DEQ pursuant to ORS 468B.050 authorizing the discharge of wastewater to waters of the state.
4. On January 2, 2026, Respondent discharged wastewater generated from its food processing operations to an unnamed tributary of the Columbia Slough.

III. CONCLUSIONS

1. Respondent violated ORS 468B.050(1) by discharging wastewater from its food processing operation to a water of the state, as described in Section II above. Food processing wastewater is a waste, as defined in ORS 468B.005(9). The unnamed tributary of the Columbia Slough to which Respondent discharged is a water of the state pursuant to ORS 468B.005(10). This is a Class I violation, according to OAR 340-012-0055(1)(c). DEQ hereby assesses a \$12,000 civil penalty for this violation.

IV. ORDER TO PAY CIVIL PENALTY

Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS, Respondent is hereby ORDERED TO:

1. Pay a total civil penalty of \$12,000. The determination of the civil penalty is attached as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated as part of this Notice.

If you do not file a request for hearing as set forth in Section V below, please pay the penalty as follows:

Pay online with e-check (ACH) or credit card. Go to Your DEQ Online here: <https://ydo.oregon.gov>. Select Register Account or Login, then select Pay Invoices/Fees on your account dashboard. Enter the reference number and Account ID included on the attached payment slip. Note: US Bank charges a 2.3% convenience charge for credit card transactions. ACH payments have no additional charges, or

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V. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You have a right to a contested case hearing on this Notice, if you request one in writing. DEQ must receive your request for hearing **within 20 calendar days** from the date you receive this Notice. If you have any affirmative defenses or wish to dispute any allegations of fact in this Notice or attached exhibit, you must do so in your request for hearing, as factual matters not denied will be considered admitted, and failure to raise a defense will be a waiver of the defense. (See OAR 340-011-0530 for further information about requests for hearing.) You must send your request to: **DEQ, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232**, fax it to **503-229-6762** or email it to DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov. An administrative law judge employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings will conduct the hearing, according to ORS Chapter 183, OAR Chapter 340, Division 011 and OAR 137-003-0501 to 0700. You have a right to be represented by an attorney at the hearing; however you are not required to be. If you are an individual, you may represent yourself. If you are a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated association, trust or government body, you must be represented by an attorney or a duly authorized representative, as set forth in OAR 137-003-0555.

1 Active duty Service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service
2 Members Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 1-800-
3 452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571, or the nearest United States Armed
4 Forces Legal Assistance Office through <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>. The Oregon Military
5 Department does not have a toll free telephone number.

6 If you fail to file a timely request for hearing, the Notice will become a final order by default
7 without further action by DEQ, as per OAR 340-011-0535(1). If you do request a hearing but later
8 withdraw your request, fail to attend the hearing or notify DEQ that you will not be attending the
9 hearing, DEQ will issue a final order by default pursuant to OAR 340-011-0535(3). DEQ designates
10 the relevant portions of its files, including information submitted by you, as the record for purposes of
11 proving a prima facie case.

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6/25/2024


Erin Saylor, Manager
Office of Compliance and Enforcement

EXHIBIT 1

FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF RESPONDENT'S CIVIL PENALTY PURSUANT TO OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULE (OAR) 340-012-0045

VIOLATION NO. 1 Discharging waste to waters of the state without a permit authorizing such discharge in violation of ORS 468B.050(1)(a).

CLASSIFICATION: This is a Class I violation pursuant to OAR 340-012-0055(1)(c).

MAGNITUDE: The magnitude of the violation is moderate pursuant to OAR 340-012-0130(1), as there is no selected magnitude specified in OAR 340-012-0135 applicable to this violation, and the information reasonably available to DEQ does not indicate a minor or major magnitude.

CIVIL PENALTY FORMULA: The formula for determining the amount of penalty of each violation is: $BP + [(0.1 \times BP) \times (P + H + O + M + C)] + EB$

"BP" is the base penalty, which is \$6,000 for a Class I, moderate magnitude violation in the matrix listed in OAR 340-012-0140(2)(b)(A)(ii) and applicable pursuant to OAR 340-012-0140(2)(a)(D) because Respondent violated 468B.050(1)(c) and does not have a wastewater disposal permit.

"P" is whether Respondent has any prior significant actions, as defined in OAR 340-012-0030(19), in the same media as the violation at issue that occurred at a facility owned or operated by the same Respondent and receives a value of 6 according to OAR 340-012-0145(2)(a). Respondent has prior significant actions consisting of five Class 1 violations as established in Case Nos. WQ/I-NWR-2018-208 and WQ/I-NWR-2023-053.

"H" is Respondent's history of correcting prior significant actions and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(3)(c) because there is insufficient information on which to base a finding under paragraphs (3)(a) or (b).

"O" is whether the violation was repeated or ongoing and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(4)(a) because there was only one occurrence of the violation.

"M" is the mental state of the Respondent and receives a value of 4 according to OAR 340-012-0145(5)(c) because Respondent's conduct was negligent. Respondent knew or should have known that it cannot discharge wastewater to waters of the state without a permit as it has previously been penalized for unpermitted discharges. By failing to take the actions necessary to prevent the unpermitted discharges, Respondent failed to take reasonable care to avoid the foreseeable risk of committing the violation.

"C" is Respondent's efforts to correct or mitigate the violation and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(6)(f) because the violation or the effects of the violation could not be corrected or minimized.

"EB" is the approximate dollar value of the benefit gained, and the costs avoided or delayed as a result of the Respondent's noncompliance. It is designed to "level the playing field" by taking away any economic advantage the entity gained and to deter potential violators from deciding it is cheaper to violate and pay the penalty than to pay the costs of compliance. In this case, "EB" receives a value of \$0 as DEQ has insufficient information on which to base another finding.

PENALTY CALCULATION: $\text{Penalty} = \text{BP} + [(0.1 \times \text{BP}) \times (\text{P} + \text{H} + \text{O} + \text{M} + \text{C})] + \text{EB}$
= \$6,000 + [(0.1 x \$6,000) x (6 + 0 + 0 + 4 + 0)] + \$0
= \$6,000 + (\$600 x 10) + \$0
= \$6,000 + \$6,000 + \$0
= \$12,000

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State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Phone: 503-229-5437
Fax: 503-229-5850

CIVIL PENALTY - ORS 468.135(2)

DATE:	June 25, 2026
RESPONSE DATE*:	September 3, 2026
TOTAL PENALTY:	\$12,000.00

Account Name:	YOSHIDA REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS II <YOSHIDA FOODS INTERNATIONAL> <111234>		
Account Type:	Vendor/Organization/Company	Reference Number:	CPGFD2600121
SubSystem ID:	179338	FIMS Acct. ID:	4633

Penalty Summary

Penalty Amount	Interest	Adjustment	Amount Paid	Total Penalty
\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00

*This is the date the penalty is due if you do not exercise your right to appeal the attached order. Payment of this penalty is subject to the exercise of your options or right to appeal as described in the enclosed enforcement documents.

To Pay Online with ACH or Credit Card Visit <https://ydo.oregon.gov> and select 'Register Account'

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PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT



REFERENCE NO.	CPGFD2600121		
PAYCODE:	00401 7400 10040 74001 0500 000000 00		
FEE PROGRAM ID:	950	RESPONSE DATE:	September 3, 2026
FIMS ACCT. ID:	4633	TOTAL PENALTY DUE:	\$12000.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Department of Environmental Quality

DEQ FINANCIAL SERVICES - LBX4244
PO BOX 4244
PORTLAND OR 97208-4244

☐ Check this box if updated address information has been provided on the back of the form.

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CIVIL PENALTY - ORS 468.135(2)

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Penalty Detail

Transaction Date	Description	Amount
6/24/2026	2026-546 WQ-I-NWR-2026-546	\$12,000.00

SFMS Agencies Use:

Trans Code	Treasury Fund	SFMS	Index	PCA (5)	Agency Object	Project #	Phase
723	00401	7400	10040	74001	0500	00000	00

Address Changes

Please visit <https://ydo.oregon.gov> to update your mailing address online or provide the following information:

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served DEQ Case No. WQ/I-NWR-2026-546 upon:

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Yoshida Foods International, LLC c/o HL Oregon LLC, Registered Agent 1125 NW Couch St. Ste 550 Portland, OR 97209	
PS Form 3800, January 2023 PSN 7530-02-000-9047 See Reverse for Instructions	

By mailing a true copy of the above by placing it in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid at the DEQ/DAS mail services in Portland, Oregon on June 25, 2026

Isaac Griffith

Isaac Griffith, Case Coordinator

Office of Compliance & Enforcement

Department of Environmental Quality