



DNREC Virtual Public Hearing

North Fish USA, Inc. Request for a Standard Coastal Zone Act Permit (CZA-447P)

Docket No.: 2025-P-CCE-0012

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Introduction

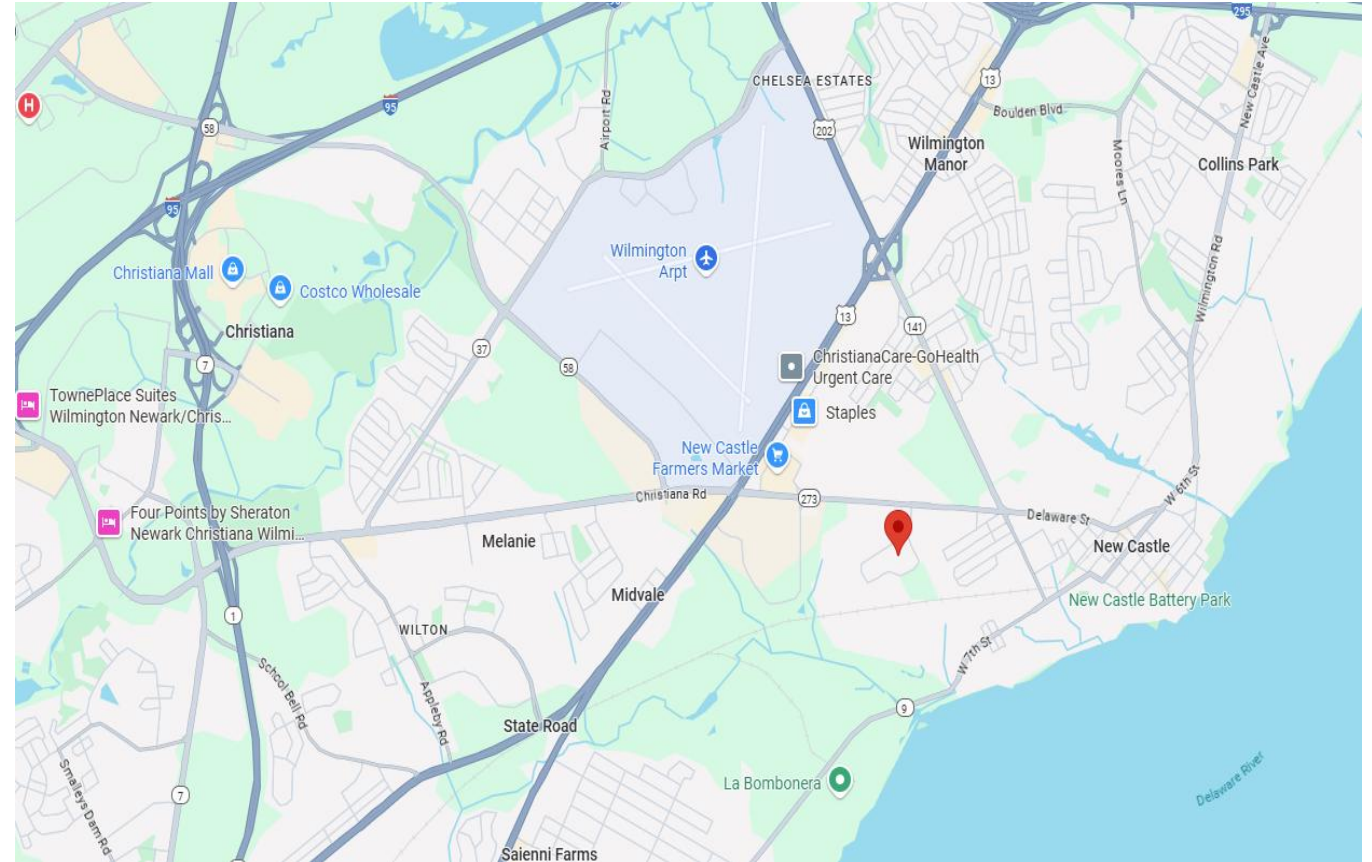


- The Coastal Zone Act regulates new and existing manufacturing, heavy industry, and bulk product transfer activities within the state's designated coastal zone through a permitting system.
- The state coastal zone defined in 7 Del. C. §7002(i) generally runs the length of the state along the Delaware River, C&D Canal, Delaware Bay, Inland Bays, and Atlantic Ocean.

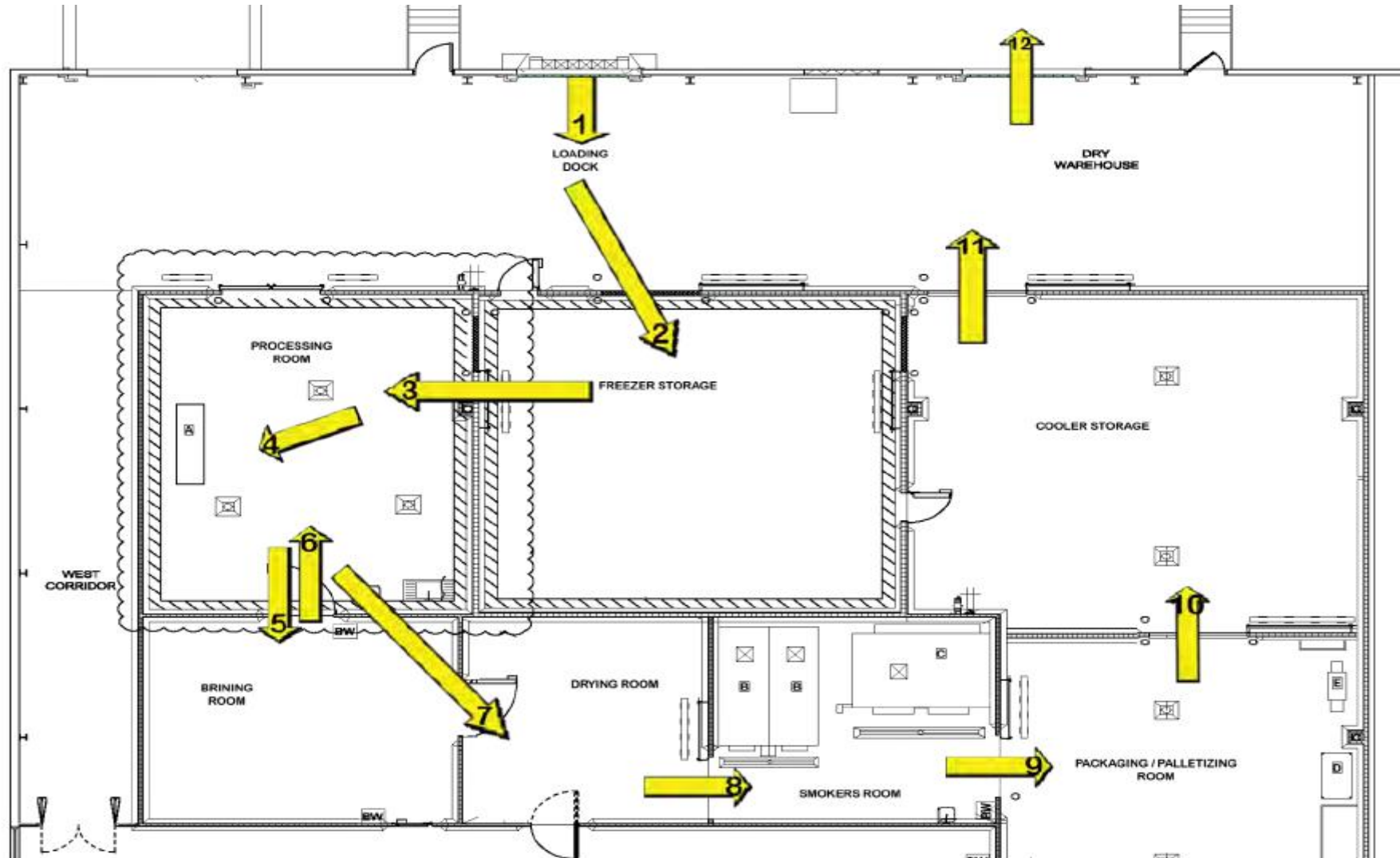


Background

- North Fish USA, Inc. (“North Fish”) proposes to manufacture smoked fish in 200 Centerpoint Boulevard, New Castle, Delaware.
- Manufacturing in the Coastal Zone requires a Standard Coastal Zone Act Permit.



Proposed Smoked Fish Production Process



Permit Review

- Coordination regarding administrative completeness.
- Coordination with other sections within the Department.
- More information was requested regarding emission calculations and proposed offsets.
- North Fish submitted a final application on July 14, 2025.
- Secretary declared the application administratively complete on July 27, 2025.

Permit Review

- The application was noticed and made available for public comment on August 1, 2025, in/on:
 - The News Journal
 - Daily State News
 - DNREC website (English and Spanish)
 - New Castle and Route 9 Public Libraries
 - Direct email to Coastal Zone Act Email Listserv
- The hearing was added to the Delaware Public Meeting Calendar on July 29, 2025.

Impacts

- Potential pollution includes particulate matter (PM) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs).
- Pollutant analysis was done for both peak and typical operating conditions.
- Emissions would fluctuate during the year and would increase near holidays.

Particulate Matter Emissions

Pollutant	New Total Emissions	
	<i>Lbs/day</i>	<i>Tons/year</i>
Typical PM _{2.5}	0.8215	0.128154
Typical VOCs	0.33	0.05148
Peak PM _{2.5}	1.643	0.256308
Peak VOCs	0.66	0.10296

Impacts

- Potential odor impacts.
- Wastewater and stormwater would not change.
- No increase in impervious surface is proposed.
- No hazardous waste permit is required.



Pollutant Mitigation

- PM and VOCs generated by the production of the smoked fish would be mitigated using a wet scrubber.
- The wet scrubber decreases the total PM emissions by approximately 69% and VOC emissions by approximately 85%.
- North Fish submitted an odor control plan to address potential obnoxious odors.

Pollutant Offset

- A total of 0.359268 tons per year of emissions will need to be offset.
- North fish is proposing an to offset the PM and VOC emissions by planting a mix of 4 to 5-year-old native black cherry, loblolly pine, and scarlet oak.
- PM trapping and VOC removal.
- North Fish's application states that trees being planted would remove up to 0.48 tons per year of CO₂.

Proposed Offset

PM_{2.5} Emissions (tons/year)	VOC Emissions (tons/year)	Total Emissions (tons/year)	CO₂ Offset (tons/year)	Offset Ratio
0.256308	0.10296	0.359268	0.48	1.33:1

Proposed Planting Plan

Legend

- Deciduous Trees
- ▲ Pine Trees

200 Centerpoint



Public Hearing

- The purpose of this public hearing is to solicit public comment on the permit application submitted by North Fish.
- No decision on the permit application will be made tonight.
- The public comment period is open through September 5, 2025.
- The DNREC Secretary will make a decision once the record has been closed and reviewed.

List of DNREC Exhibits

- Exhibit 1: North Fish application for a Standard Coastal Zone Act Permit (July 14, 2025)
- Exhibit 2: Secretary's Assessment Report (July 27, 2025)
- Exhibit 3: Notice of the hearing as published in the News Journal (August 1, 2025)
- Exhibit 4: Notice of the hearing as published in the Delaware State News (August 1, 2025)
- Exhibit 5: Notice of the hearing as published in English on the DNREC website (August 1, 2025)
- Exhibit 6: Notice of the hearing as published in Spanish on the DNREC website (August 1, 2025)
- Exhibit 7: Public hearing event page as published on the DNREC Calendar of Events (July 28, 2025)
- Exhibit 8: Notice of the hearing as emailed to subscribers to the Coastal Zone Act Program e-mail list (August 1, 2025)
- Exhibit 9: Notice of the hearing as published on the state Public Meeting Calendar (July 29, 2025)
- Exhibit 10: CZA-447P DNREC Public Hearing Presentation



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A copy of the Court Reporter's full, verbatim transcript will be posted on this hearing's webpage
as soon as it becomes available.

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