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DEC urges recall for Santa's Smokehouse Cajun-Style Smoked Keta Salmon

(Fairbanks, AK) – The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has requested that Interior Alaska Fish Processors, Inc., Fairbanks, AK, initiate a recall of certain Santa's Smokehouse brand "Cajun-Style Smoked Keta Salmon." These products tested positive for Listeria monocytogenes during routine sampling.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism that can cause serious infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. It can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. Healthy individuals may suffer short-term symptoms such as fever, headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain, or diarrhea.

The requested recall targets .55 lb vacuum sealed packages of Santa's Smokehouse Cajun-Style Smoked Keta Salmon labeled "Batch 245," sold at the company's retail store in Fairbanks between August 27 and November 6, 2010. Approximately 40 pounds of the product was produced. Of that, DEC has detained 16 lbs. Some 24 lbs. have been sold. No other Santa's Smokehouse brands are affected.

To date, no complaints or instances of illness have been reported relating to consumption of this product. DEC continues to work with the producer to identify the source of contamination and to prevent future incidents.

Consumers with questions about the affected product or refunds may contact Interior Alaska Fish Processors, Inc. at 907-456-3885, or at 2400 Davis Road, Fairbanks, AK

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