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### **Big Blue Fisheries Vacuum Packaged Smoked Products Recalled for Possible Botulism Contamination**

(JUNEAU, AK) – Big Blue Fisheries has issued a recall for all lots and codes of all vacuum packaged smoked products because of possible *Clostridium botulinum* contamination. Customers are warned not to consume the product even if it looks and smells unspoiled. 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.

Affected products were sold in vacuum packed plastic packages with labels located on the front that include the Pack Date and AK#604.

| <b>Product Description</b>             | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Pack Date</b>            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 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 Filet | 1lb to 2.5lbs |                             |

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| Variety Smoke Pack | 1.5lbs |  |
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Alaska DEC has confirmed these products were available in Alaska. To date, no illnesses or reactions have been reported in Alaska or elsewhere.

Consumers who have purchased affected Big Blue Fisheries smoked 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.

For more information on this recall, visit:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm370510.htm>

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website:

<http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.html>.

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

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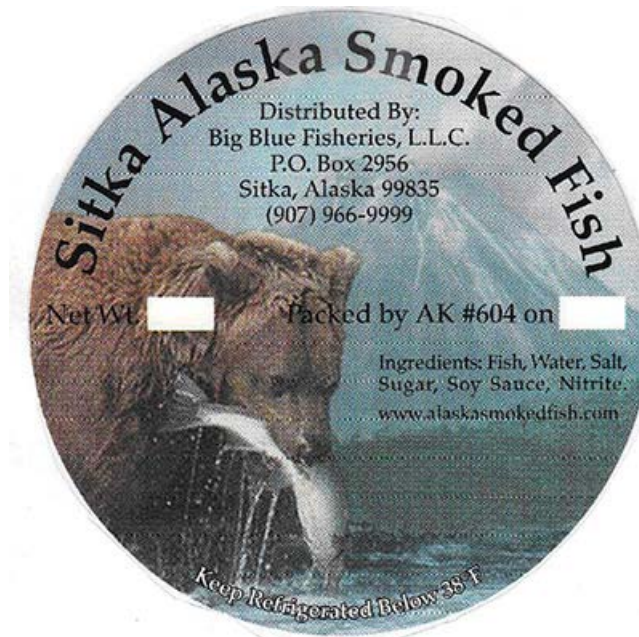
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