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March 26, 2021

Taylor Shellfish Farms  
ATTN: Erin Ewald  
130 SE Lynch Road  
Shelton, WA 98584

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200701252**,  
Taylor Shellfish Hammersley Cape Horn, Mason County, Washington

Dear Erin Ewald:

On May 19, 2020, the Department of Ecology received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. November 6, 2020, Ecology and Taylor Shellfish Farms agreed to stay the CZM request to allow time for Taylor Shellfish to obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification. February 25, 2021, Taylor Shellfish and Ecology agreed to extend the stay again. The current stay expires on April 1, 2021.

This determination is for the proposed project to commercially cultivate up to 9 acres of oysters and geoducks between +3.0 foot (ft.) and -4.5 ft. Extreme Low tidal elevations on parcel numbers 220204180550, 220204180541 and 220204180540. Access to tidelands is by boat.

The cultivation of oysters for commercial production are grown in bags, near bottom, and on-bottom as both singles and clusters. Harvest takes place manually by hand during low tide and oysters are placed into tubs for pick up and transfer. Bags are harvested by pulling and emptying oysters onto barges for transfer. Bags are reused and hatchery seed is used. No gravelling or (“frosting”) is proposed for this site.

Geoduck cultivation will entail placing nursery tubes, approximately 9” in length, manually into lower intertidal substrate at a density of approximately one tube per square foot. Three to four geoduck seed are placed in tubes. The tubes may be covered with canopy netting secured with rebar or individual net coverings.

After approximately 12-15 months, the tubes are removed and the area is re-netted with canopy netting. The net is removed once it has been determined the geoduck are able to evade predation and the beach is left undisturbed until harvest. Harvest occurs by hand using a low-pressure water pump with an attached wand that loosen the sediment around the geoducks for removal by hand. Harvest activity will occur approximately 5-7 years after planting.

The project site is located on tidelands within Hammersley Cape Horn on parcel numbers 220204180550, 220204180541 and 220204180540 near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 2 West; WRIA 14, Kennedy-Goldsborough Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Taylor Shellfish Farms determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision, please contact Jennifer Riedmayer at [Jennifer.Riedmayer@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Riedmayer@ecy.wa.gov).

### **YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL**

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

### **ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION**

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<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

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Sincerely,



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