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March 29, 2021

Willapa Fish & Oyster Co.
Attn: Eric Petit
P.O. Box 542
South Bend, WA 98586

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202001061**,
Willapa Fish & Oyster Ongoing Aquaculture Consolidated, Pacific County, Washington

Dear Eric Petit:

On December 15, 2020, the Department of Ecology received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project.

This determination is for the proposed project to continue to cultivate 139 acres of Pacific oysters within the intertidal zone between the -0.5ft to +1.0ft Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) tidal elevations. Oysters will be grown using on-bottom methods, with no additional materials, or on longlines. Patches of native eelgrass are found throughout the project site. All access to the site will be by boat.

On-bottom oysters will be hand-planted either directly onto the substrate as single-seed oysters or scattered from a boat deck at high tide as cultch. Harvest occurs approximately every 2-3 years and takes place either by hand at low tide (into tubs that are retrieved from a boat at high tide) or by mechanical dredge harvest at high tide. The dredge method involves skimming the substrate on which the oysters rest with dredge baskets attached to dredge arms on the vessel at slow speeds. Once they reach maturity, oysters may also be transplanted to "fattening beds" to ready them for harvest.

Oysters are also seeded onto longlines ranging from 150 to 350-ft in length, with each row spaced 4-ft apart. Each longline is secured to multiple 1-ft high pipes spaced 3-ft apart over a total of 25 acres. Longline oysters are harvested after 2-3 years, and are collected by hand. Oysters are harvested at low tide and placed into tubs, which are recovered by boat at high tide the same day. Care is taken to remove all lines from the site and from the oysters, and the lines are disposed of in an upland waste facility.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay, on parcel number 79001000186, near Bay Center, Pacific County, Washington; Township 14 North, Range 10 West; WRIA 24, Willapa Watershed

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination please contact Teresa Pucylowski at teressa.pucylowski@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

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Sincerely,



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