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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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April 2, 2021

Willapa Bay Shellfish Company
Attn: Warren Cowell
Post Office Box 43
Ocean Park, WA 98640

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200701484**,
Willapa Bay Shellfish - Clam Beds, Pacific County Washington

Dear Warren Cowell:

On October 5, 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 Willapa Bay Shellfish - Clam Beds. This project proposes to continue to farm manila clams on privately owned tidelands. The project will expand an existing, previously permitted commercial shellfish aquaculture operation from 15 acres to 28.2 acres. The proposed project includes an additional 13.2-acre parcel (tax parcel 79004001102), previously cultivated for clams by others without a Department of Army (DA) permit. The applicant will cultivate Manila clams on-bottom, including seeding and harvest by hand, between tidal elevations +1.5 and +3.0 feet. Harvest will occur on a 2-4 year rotation depending on size, growth, density and natural recruitment. The applicant will apply up to 50 cubic yards of gravel annually to maintain up to a 1-inch thick layer of gravel on the substrate ("frosting"). Shell may also be added to the clam beds. Clam nets will not be deployed.

This project is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay Washington in Pacific County.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision, please contact Marco Pinchot at marco.pinchot@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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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
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Sincerely,



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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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