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April 2, 2021

Northwest Shellfish Company, Inc
Attn: Linda Schaffel
6812 Munson Rd SW
Olympia, WA 98512

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200701376**,
Northwest Shellfish Bass Lease, Thurston County, Washington

Dear Linda Schaffel:

On January 8, 2021, 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 farms this beach with geoduck and manila clams. No site preparation of substrate is used. Juvenile geoducks will be planted in the substrate by hand between the subtidal property boundary (-3 ft) and +3 ft MLLW. Four-inch diameter PVC tubes (approximately 10.75 inch length) will be manually placed in the substrate at a depth of about 7 inches and a density of one tube per square foot. About three geoduck "seed," are then placed in each tube and the individual tube is netted for protection from predators. The nets are held in place by a rubber band. After approximately 12-24 months, the tubes and nets are removed. The tubes are then reused during the next rotation.

Northwest Shellfish will frequently patrol the site and adjacent beach to help ensure no related materials such as nets, tubes, or rubber bands escape the project site. Harvest will be hydraulically using a high volume, low pressure water hose. Individual geoducks are manually removed from the beach and packed for transportation. Harvest may be during low tide or by divers. Following harvest, the area will be replanted with geoducks for another cycle. Northwest Shellfish Company, Inc. does not intend to plant anymore Manila clams. However, continued maintenance and harvest will involve anti-predator cover nets over entire 14'x20' bed. Net is staked down with rebar. Clams remain under nets for approximately 2- 4 years. Harvest is by clam rake. Clams are grown between +3 and +5 MLLW.

Site may be accessed from 5507 Countryside uplands or by boat. All activities are always below +5 ft MLLW. The number of employees varies by activity but may be from 1 to 12 people, with an average of 4. There will be no motor vehicles used on the beach. All equipment remaining on the beach is marked with company contact information. There is no eelgrass present or adjacent. No pesticides are used. Activities occurring at night will be supported by individuals wearing headlamps.

The project site is located in Eld Inlet on marine tidelands. The approximate project coordinates are 47.110407 N. lat/-122.93778 W long. The project site is located on tidelands adjacent to 5417 Countryside Beach Rd, Olympia, Thurston County, Washington.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision, please contact Loreé Randall at loree.randall@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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Sincerely,



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