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March 23, 2021

Minor edit, see below.

Wiegardt and Sons, Inc.  
Attn: Ken Wiegardt  
PO Box 309  
Ocean Park, WA 98640

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202000508**,  
Wiegardt Willapa Bay Shellfish Farm, Pacific County, Washington

Dear Ken Wiegardt:

March 22, 2021

On ~~June 3, 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 operation on 106 acres of bottom Manila clam culture, 156 acres of on bottom oyster culture, and 50 acres suspended oyster flip bag culture. Manila clams are produced through natural recruitment. Harvest occurs by hand at low tide. Harvest will occur every 2 to 4 years depending on clam density and growth. Clam beds are maintained by a light frosting of gravel that is washed twice by the supplier. Frosting will occur every 3 to 5 years.

On bottom oysters are produced through both natural recruitment and hatchery produced seed. For natural recruitment the bed will be lightly frosted with clean oyster shell that has been aged for a minimum of 90 days. Frosting will occur when there is oyster larvae present in the water column and mature oysters have been previously removed from the bed. Frosting typically happens in July/August. Frosting with oyster shell will occur every 3 to 5 years. Hatchery produced seed is planted after the mature oysters have been removed. Oysters are harvested every 2 to 5 years depending on oyster density and growth. All oyster harvest is done at low tide by hand.

Suspended oyster flip bags consist of longlines that are 120 feet long with anchor lines at either end and supporting posts every 6 feet. Each row is spaced 6 feet apart. One block consists of up to 25 rows. Blocks are spaced a minimum of 50 feet from each other. The anchor lines consist of to ½" nylon ropes with a 4"x4"x1/4" piece of plastic sunk 2 feet into the ground. The anchor lines are used to maintain line tension. The supporting posts are made of schedule 80, 1 ¼" PVC. Lines between the posts are ¼" Samson Amsteel. Longlines can be 1 foot to 4 feet in elevation above the ground. Longlines hold bags with floats. The bags are made from ¼" and 3/8"

VEXAR mesh and are approximately 2 feet by 3 feet. Bags are attached to the line using plastic zip-ties. Bags attached to the longlines have a small crab float attached to them opposite of the attachment to the long line. Floats are attached to the bag using thin polypropylene line and plastic clips. Monthly visits along with visits after high wind events are made to check condition of oysters and gear. Harvest is done by removing the bags from the longlines and sorting/washing/packing the oysters at an upland location.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay on parcel numbers 79004000077, 79004000097, 79004003004, 79004003005, 79004000051, 79004003073, 79004000006, 79004003075, 79004003076, 79004000091, 79004000074, 79004001075, 79004000004, and 11110355325 adjacent to 21420 Sandridge Road, Ocean Park, WA 98640, Pacific County, Washington; Section 3 and 10, Township 11N, Range 11W; WRIA 24, Willapa Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Wiegardt and Sons, Inc. 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](mailto: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:

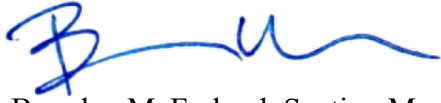
- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

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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Sincerely,



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