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April 7, 2021

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

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202000603**,  
Wiegardt Shellfish Farm - Mill Channel Farm, Pacific County, Washington

Dear Ken Wiegardt:

On March 22, 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 continue operation 17 acres of bottom Manila clam culture, 26 acres of on bottom oyster culture, and 12 acres on bottom oyster pipe culture. Manila clams are produced through natural recruitment. Manila clam harvest occurs by hand at low tide 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.

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. Oyster harvest will either be done by dredge at high tide or by hand at low tide.

On bottom pipe oyster culture consists of 2 foot long ½ in diameter schedule 40 thin wall PVC pipe. These pipes are stuck into the ground approximately 6 inches deep. Pipes are spaced three feet apart in rows. Each row is 100 feet long. Rows are 2 feet apart with a 4 foot gap between every 4 rows. Oysters naturally recruit (attach) to the pipes. Harvest will be done by hand at low tide. The pipe will be removed from the ground, the oysters will be broken off the pipe into a harvest tub and the pipe will be put back into the ground. Harvest will occur every 3 to 5 years.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay on parcel numbers 79004000003, 79004000089, 79004000092, 79004000110, 12113455499, and 79004000001, adjacent to 23824

Sandridge Road, near Ocean Park, Pacific County, Washington; Section 27, 34, and 3, Township 12N and 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.'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](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.

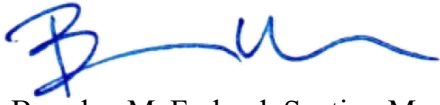
You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

### **ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION**

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Sincerely,



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