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April 21, 2021

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

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **201600990**,  
Northwest Shellfish Old Arcadia, Hammersley Inlet, Mason County, Washington

Dear Linda Schaffel:

On April 13, 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 Northwest Shellfish's proposal to continue 11,500 sq. ft. of existing geoduck cultivation. The culture area will be from -2.5 Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) to +3 ft. MLLW. Geoducks will be planted in 4" tubes at approximately one tube per square foot with netting tops secured by rubber bands. Once the geoduck seed is big enough to survive unguarded, the tubes are removed. The geoducks will be harvested between 5-8 years after planting or when deemed of a mature size. When the geoducks reach the target market size, they will be harvested by both divers and intertidal beach harvesters. Harvest will be hydraulically using a high volume, low pressure water hose. Following harvest, the area will be replanted with geoducks for another cycle.

Manila clams grow there as natural set in approx. 8,000 sq. ft. Northwest Shellfish harvests about 50% of the mature stock approximately every three years, with the other 50% harvested by the Squaxin Tribe. No cultivation or nets are used in this portion of the project. All harvesting is done by hand.

The project site is located on tidelands within Hammersley Inlet, adjacent to 130 SE Fernwood Lane, Shelton, Mason County, Washington. The approximate project coordinates are 47.20465, -123.04037.

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 [lore.randall@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:lore.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.

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Sincerely,



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