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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. **200701370**,  
Northwest Shellfish Coulter Lease Farm, near Olympia, 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 Northwest Shellfish Company, Inc.'s proposal to continue to operate a geoduck aquaculture farm, plus the maintenance and harvest of remaining manila clams on the site. Geoducks: No site preparation of substrate is used. Juvenile geoducks will be planted in the substrate by hand between the subtidal property boundary -3 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. Entry to the farm may be from uplands or by boat. Harvest may be during low tide or by divers. Following harvest, the area will be replanted with geoducks for another cycle. Manila Clams: Northwest Shellfish Company does not intend to plant anymore Manila clams. Maintenance and harvest involves 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.

The project site is located on tidelands within Eld Inlet adjacent to 5327 Countryside Beach Road, near Olympia, parcel number 42900000400, Thurston County, Washington. The approximate project coordinates are 47.109698 N lat. / -122.93765 W long.

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 Loree Randall at [loreerandall@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:loreerandall@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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<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Sincerely,



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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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