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April 22, 2021

Herrold Fish and Oyster Co, Inc.  
Attn: John Herrold  
4109 State Highway 101  
Ilwaco, WA 98624

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202000787**,  
Herrold Fish and Oyster Co. Inc. - Existing Aquaculture Farm, Long Beach,  
Pacific County, Washington

Dear John Herrold:

On February 16, 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 project that proposes to continue to commercially cultivate 482.17-acres of Pacific Oysters and manila clams and to cultivate naturally occurring cockle clams on 2-acres. Traditional bottom culture methods are used for both types of shellfish. Oysters are grown using both hatchery larvae and natural sets. The farms consist of all on-bottom culture and have been in operation for about 75 years. The work involves frosting every 3-5 years, to a depth of 1-inch, for the cultivation of manila clams on one 20-acre-area. No permanent corner markers will be used. All access to the site will be by boat. The planting, maintenance and cultivation of each species will be as follows:

**Manila clams:** Manila Clams naturally set on a 20-acre area that has previously been frosted with 1-inch of crushed oyster shell and gravel. Frosting would continue every 3-5 years. Maintenance of the site for manila clams would be minimal. Manila clams would be hand harvested by workers accessing the cultivation area during appropriate tide levels. The harvest will be supplemental and intermittent over a continuous period to maintain a healthy natural population.

**Pacific Oysters:** On seed beds, frosting with oyster shells is done to catch the natural set. The shells and resulting seed are removed after the natural set occurs. Oysters will either be scattered as seed or transplanted from deck at high tide. Bed prep may include harrowing. Harvest will take place either by hand at low tide or by mechanical harvester at high tide. Harvest cycles are approximately 3-4 years.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay, on parcel number 79003000084, 79003000173, 79003000169, 790040000008, 79004000009 79005000170, 79005000112, 79005000018, 79005000096, 79005000205, 79005000124, 11100455508, 79003000149, DNR Lease # 20-012821, #20-A12364, near Long Beach, Pacific County, Washington; Section 32, 31, 26, 10, 11, 15, 14, 2, 35, 16, 5, 4, 9, 8, Township 12, 11, 13 North, Range 10,11 West; WRIA 24, Willapa Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Herrold Fish and Oyster Co, 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.

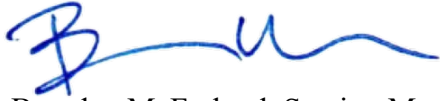
You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

## **ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION**

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Sincerely,



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