

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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May 12, 2021

Taylor Shellfish Farms ATTN: Erin Ewald 130 SE Lynch Road Shelton, WA 98584

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202000943**, Taylor Shellfish Boots Tidelands Lease, Mason County, Washington

Dear Erin Ewald:

On April 12, 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 commercially cultivate up to 1 acre of geoducks between +3.0 foot (ft.) and -4.5 ft. Extreme Low tidal elevation on parcel numbers 120077590051 and 120077590052. Access to tidelands is by boat and occasionally upland from adjacent access point.

Geoduck cultivation will entail placing nursery tubes, approximately 9" in length, manually into lower intertidal substrate at a density of approximately one tube per square foot. Three to four geoduck seed are placed in tubes. The tubes may be covered with canopy netting secured with rebar or individual net coverings.

After approximately 12-15 months, the tubes are removed and the area is re-netted with canopy netting. The net is removed once it has been determined the geoduck are able to evade predation and the beach is left undisturbed until harvest. Harvest occurs by hand using a low-pressure water pump with an attached wand that loosen the sediment around the geoducks for removal by hand. Harvest activity will occur approximately 5-7 years after planting.

The project site is located on tidelands within Case Inlet, on parcel numbers 120077590051 and 120077590052, adjacent to 231 E. Buffington Court, near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 7, Township 20 North, Range 1 West; WRIA 14, Kennedy-Goldsborough Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Taylor Shellfish Farms determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP. Taylor Shellfish Boots Tidelands Lease Corps No. 202000943, Aquatics No. 139482 May 12, 2021 Page 2 of 3

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision, please contact Jennifer Riedmayer at Jennifer.Riedmayer@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

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology	Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk	Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE	PO Box 47608
Lacey, WA 98503	Olympia, WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board	Pollution Control Hearings Board
1111 Israel RD SW	PO Box 40903
STE 301	Olympia, WA 98504-0903
Tumwater, WA 98501	

Sincerely,

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager Environmental Review and Transportation Section Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program Taylor Shellfish Boots Tidelands Lease Corps No. 202000943, Aquatics No. 139482 May 12, 2021 Page 3 of 3

e-cc: Aquaculture-Reinforcement-Team@usace.army.mil Colin Greenan, Corps of Engineers Laura Hendricks, Coalition To Protect Puget Sound Habitat Amy van Saun, Center for Food Safety Jennifer Riedmayer, Ecology Loreé Randall, Ecology ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov – Aquatics No. 139482