

## 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. 200901132, TSF Himlie 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 0.5 acre of oysters and clams between +5.0 foot (ft.) and -3.0 ft. Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) tidal elevation on parcel number 320165100047. Access to tidelands is by boat.

The cultivation of oysters for commercial production are grown in bags, near bottom, and onbottom as both singles and clusters. Harvest takes place manually by hand during low tide and oysters are placed into tubs for pick up and transfer. Bags are harvested by pulling and emptying oysters onto barges for transfer. Bags are reused and hatchery seed is used. No gravelling or ("frosting") is proposed for this location.

Clam seed is broadcasted by hand into the intertidal area. Some areas are netted, and some are not. Harvest takes place manually by hand at low tide by using rakes to loosen the sediment and clams are collected. The grower may also use a mechanical clam digger, which is powered by a small engine that propels a blade to loosen the soil and collect clams. The clams are collected by a rake under the machine that gathers them onto a conveyor belt and placed in a tub for sorting by staff. Once the clams are harvest they are placed into sacks for pick up by boat. Littleneck and butter clams may be harvested incidentally when seeded clams are harvested.

The project site is located on tidelands within Oakland Bay, on parcel number 320165100047, adjacent to 2110 E State Route 3, near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 3 West; WRIA 14, Kennedy-Goldsborough Watershed.

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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.

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

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Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
<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,

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager Environmental Review and Transportation Section Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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