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May 13, 2021

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

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202001085**,  
Taylor Shellfish Willapa DNR Lease, Pacific County, Washington

Dear Erin Ewald:

On April 15, 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 31 acres of oysters and 196 acres of oyster seed catch between +5.0 foot (ft.) and -4.0 ft. Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) tidal elevation on parcel numbers 20-B09450, 20-B09534, 20-B12373, 20-B12374, 20-B12375, 20-B12381, 20-B12546, and 20-B12709. Access to tidelands is by boat.

The northern parcels of this site are used for bottom culture oysters. The cultivation of oysters for commercial production are grown on-bottom as both singles and clusters. The oysters are dredged harvested and are loaded into tubs on to the boat and then conveyed to trucks for processing at Taylor facilities.

The southern parcels of this location are used as catch areas to collect Pacific oyster seeds for transfer and grow out onto other tidelands managed by Taylor Shellfish Farms. Approximately 1200- 5500 yards of aged and washed oyster shell is placed into the Naselle channel of the Willapa Bay annually. The shell will be placed in an area where even at low tide, it remains underwater at a depth of 8 to 10 feet. Once it is determined that oyster seed has set onto the shell, the shell is mechanically removed from the channel and taken to other tidelands for grow out.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay, on parcel number 20-B09450, 20-B09534, 20-B12373, 20-B12374, 20-B12375, 20-B12381, 20-B12546, and 20-B12709, near Nemah, Pacific County, Washington; Section 9, 10, 11, 15, and 16, Township 11 and 12 North, Range 10 and 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 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](mailto: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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<b>Department of Ecology</b> 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  
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