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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. **202001186**,  
Taylor Shellfish Samish Management Area 2, Skagit County, Washington

Dear Erin Ewald:

On April 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 the proposed project to commercially cultivate up to 400 acres of oysters, clams and geoducks between +3.0 foot (ft.) and -3.0 ft. tidal elevation on parcel numbers P47685, P47935, P47967, P48467, P61573, P120919, P61569, P61586, P47067, P61563, P61560, P47070, P47071, P61565, P61582, P61580, P61581, P61579, P61644, P61642, and P61605. Access to tidelands is by boat and upland from Taylor owned property off Chuckanut Drive, or off of Blue Heron Road in Bow or launched out of Blau Oyster Co. off of Blue Heron Road in Bow.

The cultivation of oysters for commercial production are grown in bags, near bottom, and on-bottom 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.

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.

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 18-24 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 Samish Bay, on parcel numbers P47685, P47935, P47967, P48467, P61573, P120919, P61569, P61586, P47067, P61563, P61560, P47070, P47071, P61565, P61582, P61580, P61581, P61579, P61644, P61642, and P61605, near Bow, Skagit County, Washington; Section 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 36, Township 35 and 36 North, Range 2 and 3 East; WRIA 3, Low Skagit-Samish 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.

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Sincerely,



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