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May 18, 2021

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

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **201400315**,
Taylor Shellfish Leenstra Tidelands Lease, Pierce County, Washington

Dear Erin Ewald:

On April 29, 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 1.5 acres of geoducks between +2.0 foot (ft.) and -3.0 ft. Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) tidal elevation on parcel number 0020253021. Access to tidelands is by boat.

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 Drayton Passage, on parcel number 0020253021, adjacent to 7913 Yeazell Road SW, near Longbranch, Pierce County, Washington; Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 1 West; WRIA 15, Kitsap 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.

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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