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May 20, 2021

Puget Beach Shellfish  
Attn: Timothy Salo  
6818 Puget Beach Road NE  
Olympia, WA 98516

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200701165**,  
Puget Beach Shellfish – Berndt, Salo and Johnson, Thurston County, Washington

Dear Timothy Salo:

On May 6, 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 continue to cultivate geoduck, oysters, and clams. Geoduck will be commercially farmed on a 3.5-acre area between +3.0ft Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) and - 4.5 MLLW for extreme low tide, with 2.7 acres of planted geoduck at a time. Oysters and Manila clams will be cultivated, mostly for non-commercial harvest, on a 0.5-acre area between +5.0ft Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) and +3.0ft MLLW, with 0.1 acres of planted shellfish at a time. There will be 1.2 acres left fallow. There is no eelgrass at the farm site. Access to the project are will be by boat or from the upland.

Oysters and Manila clams are grown in 20-30 mesh grow bags directly on the beach. They are seeded and harvest by hand. Juvenile geoduck are planted in 4"-wide x 10"-long PVC tubes which are pushed into the substrate about 6-8" deep. Tubes are spaced about 12" apart, and about 250,000 geoducks are planted within the entire project area. Canopy nets will be used to cover the tubes over an area of about 35' x 35'. After 2 years, the tubes and nets are removed and are moved to another part of the project area for new planting.

Geoduck harvest 7 years after they are planted, and this practice is done by a third party contractor (Seattle Shellfish) on an annual basis. Geoducks are harvested by divers at high tide using a 1"-wide saltwater hose which liquefies the substrate as geoducks are the pulled out from a depth of 3-4 ft. The harvesting activity leaves small indents in the substrate that typically go away after a few weeks.

The project site is located on tidelands within Nisqually Reach, on parcel numbers 1195430100, 1195430101, and 1195430102, adjacent to 6818 Puget Beach Road NE, near Olympia, Thurston

County, Washington; Section 15, Township 19 North, Range 1 West; WRIA 13, Deschutes Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Puget Beach Shellfish’s determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington’s CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology’s consistency decision, please contact Teresa Pucylowski at [teressa.pucylowski@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:teressa.pucylowski@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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