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May 20, 2021

Deep Blue Seafood
Attn: James Smith
4136 Meridian N
Seattle, WA 98103

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200701152**,
Deep Blue Sea LLC, Jefferson County, Washington

Dear James Smith:

On April 26, 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 clams in a 6-acre farm area on private tidelands. The geoduck cultivation area consists of 4 acres, with 2 acres of active farming and 2 acres left fallow. These 4 acres are sited between the extreme low water mark and +3.0ft mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). This farm has been in operation for 20 years. The project area is characterized as a sugar sand beach with little to no vegetation, and no eelgrass present in the planting area. Access to the project can occur from the upland, but mostly via boat.

Geoduck seed are planted in Vexar mesh tubes (12"-long by 4-6"-wide), that are then pushed into the substrate. These are extruded polyethylene tubes with holes that allow water to flow through the tube and results in a stable protection that does not get washed out with hydraulic action, decreasing the potential for lost tubes. Planting occurs 2-3 times per year as seed becomes available, and about 2-3 geoduck seed are placed in each tube. The tubes are spaced approximately 18" apart, and identifying information (name and phone number) is attached via zip tie to each tube. There are no nets or rubber bands used. Tubes are removed after seed becomes established in the substrate, or they are left in until harvest time. After 4-6 years after planting the geoduck are harvested using water pressurized wands. Harvest occurs when the tide is low enough to access the tidelands.

The project site is located on tidelands within Hood Canal, on parcel number 721194010, adjacent to 22 Groves Way, near Port Ludlow, Jefferson County, Washington; Section 19, Township 27 North, Range 1 East; WRIA 17, Quilcene-Snow Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Deep Blue Seafood'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.

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

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
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Sincerely,



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