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May 21, 2021

Rock Point Oyster Company
Attn: David Steele
1733 Dabob Post Office Road
Ouilcene, WA 98376

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200701150**,
Rock Point Oyster Company, Tarboo Bay Farm, Jefferson County, Washington

Dear David Steele:

On April 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 grow shellfish for human consumption. The project area is 220 acres, divided among 173.6 acres of harvestable tideland. Manila clam culture is in the substrate covering 173.6 acres. Clams are naturally propagated and harvested by hand. We propose to use a converted bulb harvest machine to harvest Manila clams in some areas that are flat. Pacific oysters are naturally propagated or seed planted as ground culture on 129.7 acres and rack and bag, tray, and tumble bag culture on 7.6 acres. Kumamoto oysters are seeded into a rack and bag system and tumble bag system on the same 7.6 acres. Oyster seed is produced at our upland nursery or purchased from a local seed producer. Since most shellfish on this site is natural propagation, little site preparation is used. Crews will operate at low tide whenever harvest occurs, day or night. Clams are placed into plastic mesh harvest bags and oysters are sized and placed into plastic mesh harvest bags and tied to longlines with floats for retrieval at high tide. At high tide, a 50' harvest boat travels to the floats and a davit used to pull the harvest bags onto the deck for transport to the pier where they are moved into wet storage or processed for shipping. Processing involves tagging, placing into totes, icing, and moving into cold storage. The harvest boat uses large lights during night work and special care is taken to reduce motor noise. The project area is accessed on foot from headquarters and 12'-14' boats used to cross channels at low tide. Periodically, a tracked ATV is used to access portions of the farm. Grow-out trays are used in the Kumamoto Oyster Rack area. The trays are 20" square and stacked 2' high and used to hold oysters during planting activities. Approximately 20 stacks of 4 trays remain around the rack and bag system and flip bag system.

The project site is located on tidelands within Tarboo Bay, on parcel numbers 701091004 and 701163002, adjacent to 1733 Dabob Post Office Road, near Quilcene, Jefferson County, Washington; Section 9 and 16, Township 27 North, Range 1 West; WRIA 17, Quilcene-Snow Watershed

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Rock Point Oyster Company's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision, please contact Adam Sant at adam.sant@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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