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May 21, 2021

Rock Point Oyster Company
Attn: David Steele
1733 Dabob Post Office Road
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RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **201001039**,
Rock Point Oyster Company-Case Shoal 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 with Pacific oysters, Kumamoto oysters, geoduck clams and Manila clams cultivated on this project area covering a total of 44.35 acres. There are 3.65 acres of the project that lay above the +5' tidal level that are not farmed. Pacific oysters are planted on the substrate covering 37 acres inside of the spit (no name) at the 0' to +5' tidal elevations. These oysters are either cultch set or single oysters that originate from our Tarboo facility or grown in a FLUPSY and are scattered on the tideland for growth to maturity. Pacific oysters and Kumamoto oysters that are single oyster seed are also placed in grow-out bags (flip bags) hanging from longlines or placed in baskets or trays for growth to maturity covering approximately 3.5 acre today with the desire to expand to 5 acres. These oysters are cultured in a tidal range from +1' to +4' elevation. Geoduck clams were cultivated by the previous lessee (Matt Skelley) and have been expanded over the past 4 years, but no harvest has taken place. These clams are grown on deeper tideland from 0' to -2.0' covering 8 acres. Manila clams are cultivated in an area covering 6 acres where seeding occurs, yet wild clam harvest occurs across most of the same areas as the on-ground oyster culture of 37 acres from 0' to +5'. All oyster and Manila clam harvest activity will be by hand with shellfish removed at high tide by boat or by ATV following a designated pathway. Harvest will be accomplished throughout the year. Planting oysters is either spat on shell or single oysters, spread onto the tideland, or placed in bags, trays, or baskets. Geoduck harvest has not occurred at this time but will be harvested either at low tide or by dive harvest using contract harvesters.

The project site is located on tidelands within Squamish Harbor and Hood Canal, on parcel number 721-092-001 and 721-092-003, adjacent to 1823 South Point Rd, near Port Ludlow, Jefferson County, Washington; Section 9, 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 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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