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May 27, 2021

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

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202100231**,  
Taylor Shellfish Western Oyster Tidelands Lease, Pierce County, Washington

Dear Erin Ewald:

On May 12, 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 175 acres of oysters and clams between +5.0 foot (ft.) and -4.5 ft. Extreme Low tidal elevations on parcel numbers 0122132009, 0122141027, 0122141005, 0122141028, 0122133031, 0122133029, 0122133078, 012231065, 0122231067, 0122231071, 0122242054, 0122242016, 0122242009, 0122231041, 0122231047, 0122231048, 0122231020, and 7860000170. Access to tidelands is through a locked gate on private upland property adjacent to the farm and located on the east side of the Purdy (SR 302) bridge at 6721 Tyee Drive NW, Gig Harbor.

The cultivation of oysters for commercial production are grown in bags, near bottom, and on-bottom as both singles and clusters. Harvest takes place manually by hand during low tide and oysters are placed into tubs for pick up and transfer. Bags are harvested by pulling and emptying oysters onto barges for transfer. Bags are reused and hatchery seed is used. Dredge harvest is proposed for this location in areas that are outside of established eelgrass beds.

Clam seed is broadcasted by hand into the intertidal area. Some areas are netted, and some are not. Harvest takes place manually by hand at low tide by using rakes to loosen the sediment and clams are collected. Once the clams are harvest they are placed into sacks for pick up by boat. Littleneck and butter clams may be harvested incidentally when seeded clams are harvested.

The project site is located on tidelands within Burley Lagoon, on parcel numbers 0122132009, 0122141027, 0122141005, 0122141028, 0122133031, 0122133029, 0122133078, 012231065, 0122231067, 0122231071, 0122242054, 0122242016, 0122242009, 0122231041, 0122231047, 0122231048, 0122231020, and 7860000170, near Gig Harbor, Pierce County, Washington; Section 13, 14, 23, and 24, Township 22 North, Range 1 East; 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](mailto: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.

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Sincerely,



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