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June 21, 2021

Goose Point Oyster Company  
Attn: Kathleen Nisbet Moncy  
7081 Niawiakum State Hwy 101  
Bay Center, WA 98527

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **201200608**,  
Goose Point Oyster Rhoades Lease, Pacific County, Washington

Dear Kathleen Nisbet Moncy:

On May 27, 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 commercially cultivate up to 12-acres of on-bottom Pacific oysters on privately-owned tidelands from -1.0 feet to +0.5 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) tidal elevations. The proposed project is located 1,582 feet waterward from the approximate Mean High Water (MHW) shoreline and extends a maximum of 1,582 feet waterward of the approximate MHW shoreline. No permanent corner markers will be used. Access to the site will be by boat from the Tokeland Marina or the Bay Center Processing Facility vessel staging area. The project area is comprised of eelgrass cover ranging from dense to dense patches to sparse to bare. Both *Z. marina* and *Z. japonica* are present.

The planting, maintenance and cultivation of on-bottom Pacific Oysters will include the following: on-bottom oysters will be evenly scattered onto the substrate at high tide from the deck of an oyster scow. After the oysters are planted they will require very little maintenance. The grow-out period of the oysters is 2-3 years. Harvest takes place during daylight tide hours over a period of 4-8 weeks. Oysters are harvested by hand at low tide into tubs by crews of 7-10 people. Tubs are then retrieved by dredge at high tide the same day. The duration of low tide harvest is up to 4 hours. To complete harvest on high tide is an additional 2-3 hours.

Dredge harvest of oysters takes place on a periodic basis of about every 3 years. Annual dredge acres do not exceed 2 acres. Dredging occurs on high-mid tide and is done by skimming the surface of the substrate to minimize turbidity. Dredge harvest lasts approximately 4 hours at a time and occurs intermittently for harvest of mature oysters.

There is a single-oysters nursery on 5 acres of the project area above 0' MLLW and consists of an off-bottom rack and cage system which is planted and harvested by hand. Racks range from

21" high to 4' high and run west to east. Spacing between rows is 3' with rows spaced 20' to allow for vessel maintenance at the site at high water.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay, on parcel numbers 79001001087 and 79001001092, near Bay Center, Pacific County, Washington; Section 4, Township 13 North; Range 10 West; WRIA 24, Willapa Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Goose 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 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:

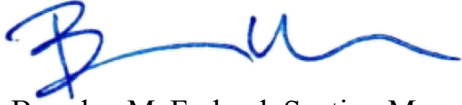
- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

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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